



# What We Heard Report: Your Input on Capital Investment

## Inglewood Revitalization

Neighbourhoods of Opportunity,  
Growth and Culture

Fall 2020

**SHARE** YOUR VOICE  
**SHAPE** OUR CITY

**Edmonton**

**ADVISE**

# Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of treaty Six territory and the traditional Métis Homeland of Region IV (four). We do this to create awareness that we are all treaty members, and to show recognition and respect for Indigenous Peoples and the traditional territories on which we live and work.

**A special thank you to the Community Capital Project Team members, who support the Capital Investment Process.**

## Covid-19 Context

The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted our neighbourhoods and communities across Edmonton and the world. For this project, the public health restrictions significantly impacted the engagement process to collect neighbourhood ideas and feedback. We had to work creatively with the community to seek input through the workbook.

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# 1. Neighbourhood Revitalization Program and the Capital Investment Process

The City of Edmonton's Neighbourhood Revitalization Program uses an asset and place-based community development model to identify initiatives and clarify priorities held by community members as it relates to enhancing their neighbourhood. The goal of the Neighbourhood Revitalization Program is to improve the livability of Edmonton's mature and established neighbourhoods, and mobilize community-led action. The program offers resources to support both social and physical infrastructure.

Resources to support the physical infrastructure development in Inglewood falls under the Neighbourhood Revitalization Capital Investment Plan. Capital investments may include replacing old for new infrastructure. Some examples are enhanced lighting, benches, public art, wayfinding features and park redevelopment. Investments in physical infrastructure enhance public spaces such as roadways, alleys, open spaces, and parks, to increase social connection, beautification, economic vibrancy and safety.

Neighbourhood Revitalization Capital Investment follows the City of Edmonton's Project Develop and Delivery Model (PDDM). As projects go through the strategy, concept, design, build, operation and delivery phases, the PDDM establishes set checkpoints. It is intended to ensure that all City projects have completed necessary checkpoints before being considered for the delivery phase.

## PROGRAM PRINCIPLES



## PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- + Properties are attractive and well-cared for
- + People feel safe in their homes and community
- + The local economy is thriving
- + Investment in the community is strong
- + The social fabric of the neighbourhood is strong
- + People are empowered to lead change

## COMMUNITY CAPITAL PROJECT TEAM

The Community Capital Project Team is an integral part of the Revitalization program's process for capital investment. This team will be a part of the capital investment prioritization process to make recommendations for investment within Inglewood.

# COLLABORATING WITH THE INGLEWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD AND THE CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROCESS



**2018**

Inglewood neighbourhood approved by City Council for the Neighbourhood Revitalization Program

**2019**

The Revitalization Strategy was developed to demonstrate how the neighbourhood would focus resources on their social fabric

**2020**

- + Initiation of the **Strategy Phase** of the City of Edmonton Capital Program Design and Delivery Model
- + Public Engagement activities on Capital Investments
- + Community Capital Investment Project team started curating the feedback from neighbours and businesses in the area on physical improvements to public lands to meet the neighbourhood's vision and goals for the area
- + Public engagement workbook was distributed in October to gather information about public spaces for physical improvements

**WE ARE HERE - ADVISE**

**DECEMBER 2020**

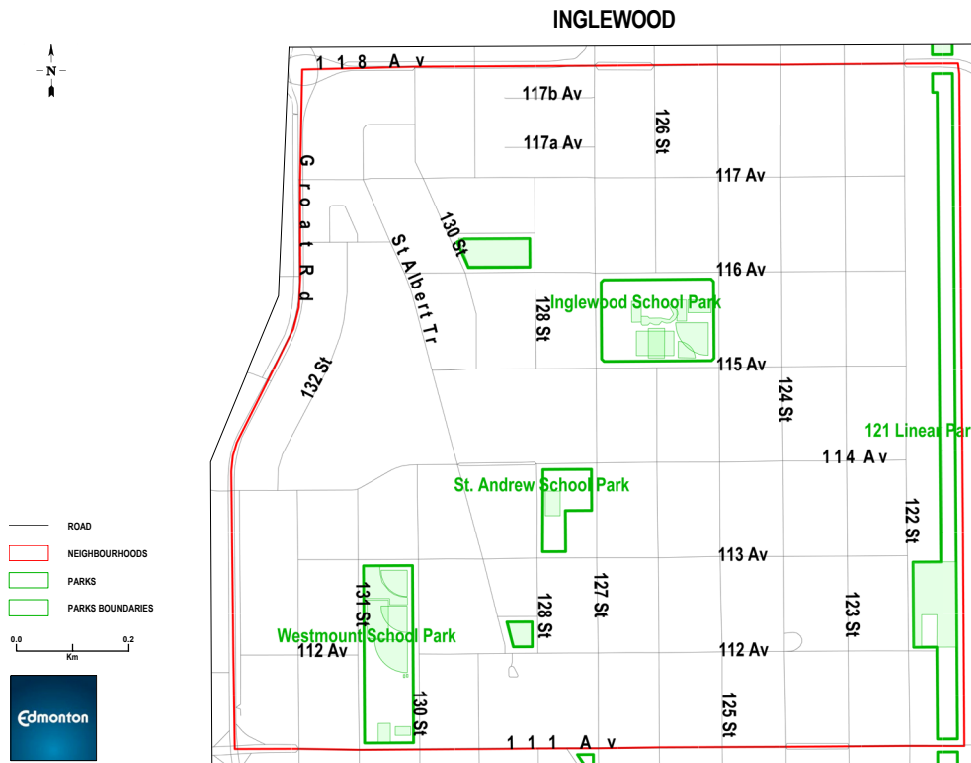
Create and distribute "What We Heard" report

## THE CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROCESS



# 2. What We Heard in Inglewood

## WHO WE HEARD FROM



Residents, businesses, non profit and other stakeholders of the Inglewood neighbourhood had the opportunity to contribute specific ideas for capital investment in a workbook in October 2020. The workbook was distributed online and made available in print as an opportunity to collect information about public spaces for physical improvements within the neighbourhood. The workbook encouraged people to think about physical improvements as they relate to the vision and goals of Inglewood's Revitalization Strategy.

The information gathered can be found in this What We Heard Report and will assist the Inglewood Revitalization Capital Team to make recommendations to the City regarding investment priorities in the Inglewood neighbourhood.

## PEOPLE WHO COMPLETED THE WORKBOOK

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If you completed the workbook in October of 2020, thank you!

## WHAT YOU TOLD US

In the workbook we heard many suggestions for improving physical infrastructure in Inglewood and we also heard about the strengths that already exist in Inglewood. Some of the strengths that can be built upon include the spaces where people naturally seem to connect in ways that support vibrancy and inclusive activity including: parks, green spaces, and playgrounds; restaurants, cafes and shops along 124 Street and 118 Avenue; and the 127 Street bike lane for different modes of active transportation.

Some of the areas for improvement that we heard include adding and enhancing amenities such as lighting and seating, enhancing art, history and wayfinding, and maintaining and enhancing trees and green space throughout the neighbourhood.

We also heard concerns expressed around road and alley surfaces, traffic calming, and crime and vacant properties.

Detailed feedback from the Inglewood neighbourhood is organized on the following pages by theme. The community goals connected to each idea are identified.

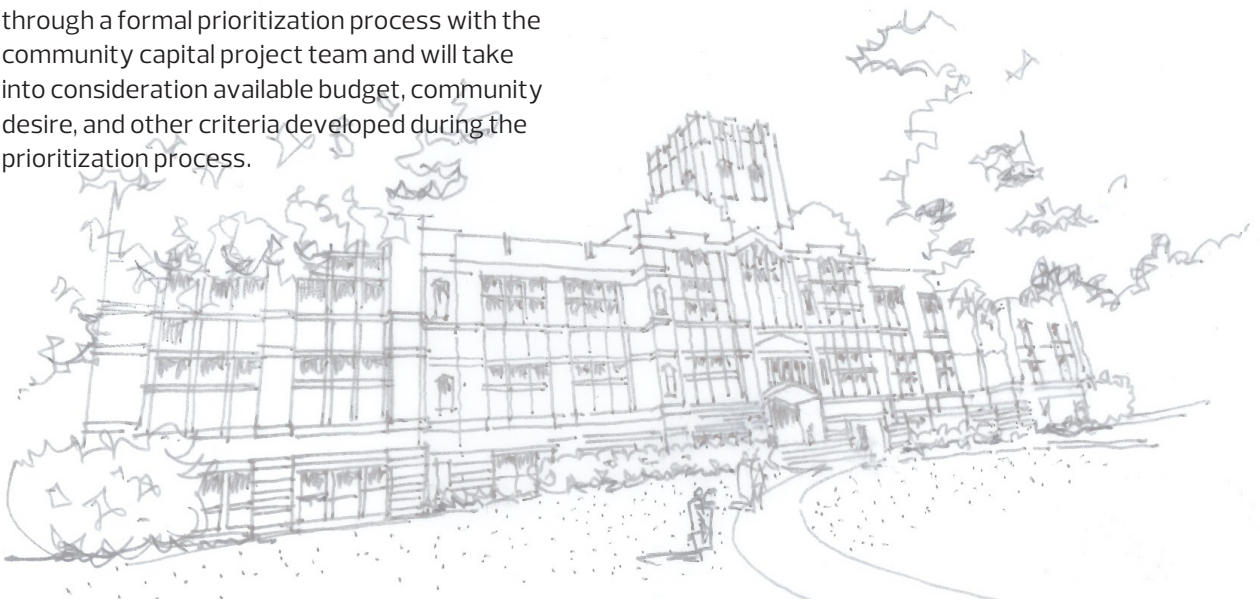
While all feedback is reviewed and considered, not all ideas will be approved and developed into a project. Recommendations will be made through a formal prioritization process with the community capital project team and will take into consideration available budget, community desire, and other criteria developed during the prioritization process.

## INGLEWOOD'S VISION

# Building connections to create a vibrant and inclusive community.

### GOALS

- 1**  More residents of Inglewood are out in the community getting involved and interacting with each other.
- 2**  Inglewood's unique character is enhanced by having attractive spaces and features.
- 3**  Businesses see Inglewood as a neighbourhood that is welcoming and where community members will support them.



## Parks and Green Spaces



AREA/THEME	IMPROVEMENT	RELATED GOALS
<b>SEATING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Create comfortable seating areas for people to socialize at</li> </ul>	
<b>AMENITIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Provide new recreation amenities:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Accessible playground equipment</li> <li>+ Fitness equipment</li> <li>+ Pickleball courts</li> <li>+ Tennis courts</li> <li>+ Fenced off-leash dog park</li> <li>+ Frisbee golf course</li> <li>+ Permanent hop scotch grid</li> <li>+ Checkers/chess board</li> <li>+ Tic-tac-toe</li> <li>+ Spray park</li> <li>+ Outdoor skating rink</li> </ul> </li> <li>+ Provide new amenities to support events and gatherings:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Stage</li> <li>+ Gazebo</li> <li>+ Picnic tables and BBQ areas</li> <li>+ Covered picnic shelters</li> <li>+ Public washrooms</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>WASTE AND RECYCLING BINS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Add more waste and recycling bins to help keep parks clean</li> </ul>	
<b>WATER FEATURE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Add water features to parks</li> </ul>	
<b>PATHS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Create meandering walking paths</li> </ul>	
<b>LIGHTING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Enhance lighting along pathways to increase safety for people walking in the dark</li> <li>+ Add string lights to trees to create visual interest</li> </ul>	
<b>TREES AND LANDSCAPING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Add unique landscaping such as trees, plantings and edible fruit species as well as replace sod with native plant species</li> </ul>	
<b>COMMUNITY LEAGUE BUILDING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Improve the Community League building signage</li> </ul>	
<b>SIGHTLINES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Improve sightlines and visibility in all parks</li> </ul>	

## Parks and Green Spaces



AREA/THEME	IMPROVEMENT	RELATED GOALS
<b>Linear park/off-leash dog area (green space east of 121 Street from 118 Avenue to 111 Avenue)</b>		
<b>LIGHTING</b>	+ Enhance lighting along pathways to increase safety	
<b>OFF-LEASH DOG AREA</b>	+ Provide signage to outline rules and the boundary of the off-leash dog area + Add dog waste bag stations to help keep the park clean + Maintain the existing park size	
<b>SEATING</b>	+ Provide benches along the pathway to help break the park length up	
<b>PATHS</b>	+ Widen the existing path and create more paths	
<b>Rocketship Park</b>		
<b>SURFACE</b>	+ Replace sand with a soft surface	
<b>BANDSHELL</b>	+ Build a bandshell at for outdoor music or theatre performances	
<b>GAZEBO</b>	+ Build a gazebo or a covered picnic table area for outdoor gatherings	
<b>PLAYGROUND</b>	+ Keep the existing playground structure	
<b>Community Garden</b>		
<b>EXISTING COMMUNITY GARDEN</b>	+ Expand the size of the community garden to provide new lots	
<b>NEW COMMUNITY GARDEN</b>	+ Create a new community garden north of 111 Avenue in the Linear Park	
<b>INTERACTIVE ELEMENTS</b>	+ Add interactive elements	



## Parks and Green Spaces



AREA/THEME	IMPROVEMENT	RELATED GOALS
<b>Old Sports Centre</b>		
<b>DEMOLITION</b>	+ Demolish the old sports centre near the Inglewood Community League building	☆ ☆
<b>Trolley Turnaround (Northeast corner of 124 Street and 112 Avenue)</b>		
<b>NEW PARK/PLAZA</b>	+ Redevelop the trolley turnaround into a new park, plaza, or community garden with seating and shelters that reflect the historical significance of the area	👤 ☆
<b>Pocket Park at 127 Street and 115 Avenue</b>		
<b>INFORMATION PILLAR</b>	+ Update the existing information pillar	☆ ☆
<b>EXPAND THE PARK</b>	+ Expand the pocket park	👤 ☆

## Streets



AREA/THEME	IMPROVEMENT	RELATED GOALS
<b>124 STREET AND 118 AVENUE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Provide more benches, seating areas and communal tables for people to rest and meet at</li> <li>+ Widen sidewalks to create space for patios and sidewalk sales</li> <li>+ Provide more waste bins to help keep the area clean</li> <li>+ Enhance lighting to increase safety for people walking in the evenings</li> <li>+ Create safe and inviting pedestrian spaces free of graffiti to attract people to the area</li> <li>+ Support façade improvements to businesses</li> <li>+ Provide banners and hanging planters on streetlights</li> <li>+ Provide more trees and greenery</li> <li>+ Add winter lights</li> <li>+ Provide additional parking</li> <li>+ Provide public washrooms</li> </ul>	👤 ☆ 📍

## Streets



AREA/THEME	IMPROVEMENT	RELATED GOALS
<b>124 STREET</b>	+ Complete the 124 Street project	
<b>SPEEDING</b>	+ Reduce speed limits to increase safety	
<b>LIGHTING</b>	+ Prioritize the enhancement of lighting along streets to increase safety	
<b>BIKES</b>	+ Provide more bike lanes to improve bike connectivity + Develop a cyclist rest/repair shelter at 114 Avenue and 127 Street	
<b>SURFACES</b>	+ Widen and repair road surfaces	
<b>STREETLIGHT PLANTERS</b>	+ Add flower planters around streetlights	
<b>SHORTCUTTING</b>	+ Identify solutions for vehicles that use St. Alberta Trail to shortcut through the neighbourhood	

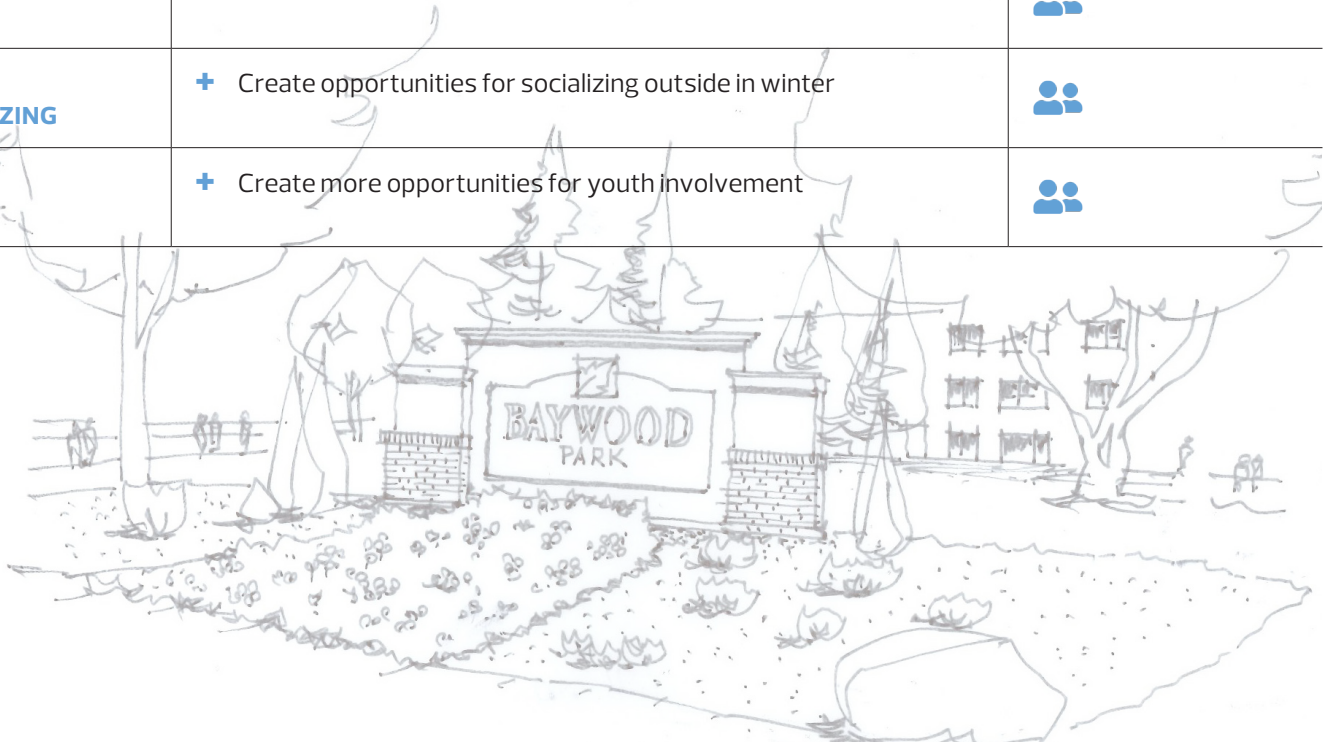
## Arts and History

AREA/THEME	IMPROVEMENT	RELATED GOALS
<b>COMMUNITY ENTRANCE SIGNS</b>	+ Update the community entrance signs to create an improved perception of community identity	
<b>MURALS</b>	+ Paint murals on the backs of buildings along the Linear Park	
<b>PUBLIC ART</b>	+ Create public art installations and murals in parks and along streets to create visual interest + Provide interactive art that people can touch and climb on	
<b>HISTORIC PLAQUES</b>	+ Add information plaques to historic homes	
<b>DECORATIVE STREET BLADES</b>	+ Add decorative street blades to reflect the history and character of Inglewood	
<b>POETRY BOARDS</b>	+ Create public poetry boards	

## Social and Program Opportunities



AREA/THEME	IMPROVEMENT	RELATED GOALS
LITTLE FREE PANTRY	+ Expand the little free pantry	
BLOCK PARTIES AND COMMUNITY EVENTS	+ Provide opportunities for block parties and community events	
COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARDS	+ Add community bulletin board locations in the neighbourhood to help share community information	
WOODCROFT BRANCH, EDMONTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	+ Improve the Woodcroft Branch	
ADVERTISE LOCAL BUSINESSES	+ Advertise local businesses	
WARMING SHELTERS	+ Provide warming shelters for those experiencing homelessness	
MEN'S SHED/ WOOD WORKSHOP	+ Create a Men's Shed/wood workshop	
ENGAGEMENT	+ Better engage residents in rental buildings	
WINTER SOCIALIZING	+ Create opportunities for socializing outside in winter	
YOUTH	+ Create more opportunities for youth involvement	



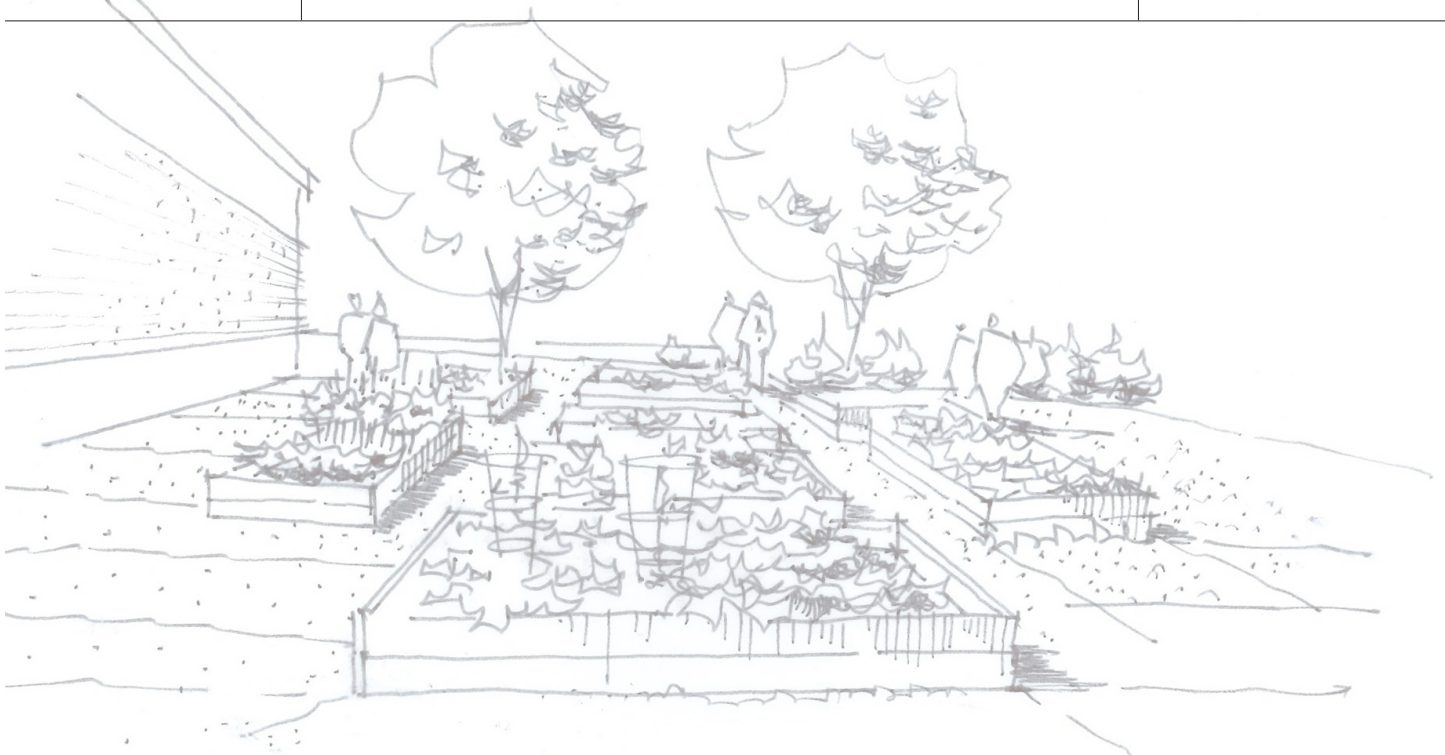
## Wayfinding Signage



AREA/THEME	IMPROVEMENT	RELATED GOALS
<b>WAYFINDING SIGNAGE</b>	+ Add wayfinding signage	★ ★

## Maintenance and Enforcement

AREA/THEME	IMPROVEMENT	RELATED GOALS
<b>ALLEYS</b>	+ Repave alley surfaces	★ ★
<b>STREETS</b>	+ Repair road surfaces	★ ★
<b>BYLAW ENFORCEMENT</b>	+ Provide better bylaw enforcement on derelict properties	★ ★
<b>POLICE</b>	+ Increase police presence to deter crime	★ ★ 📍
<b>TREES AND GREEN SPACES</b>	+ Prioritize the maintenance of trees and green spaces	★ ★



# 3. What's Next

## FALL 2020

- + Data review and analysis of information gathered through Public Engagement activities

## 2021

- + Working closely with the Community Capital Investment Project team to evaluate project ideas and put forward prioritized capital investment project recommendations

## COORDINATING CAPITAL INVESTMENT WITH OTHER KEY PROJECTS IN THE AREA

The Inglewood Revitalization Strategy notes that community members desire to use Revitalization capital funding strategically, to maximize the impact of Neighbourhood Renewal activities in Inglewood. Related information gathered through the Revitalization Program's capital investment public engagement process will be shared with The 124 Street Arterial Renewal and Building Great Neighbourhoods Inglewood Neighbourhood Renewal projects and they will coordinate with Revitalization to see if any additional elements of the infrastructure recommendations can be included in the work.

## 124TH STREET ARTERIAL RENEWAL

Planning and design is underway for renewing 124 Street! 111 Avenue - 118 Avenue will be renewed including road reconstruction, replacement of street lights, curb and gutters and repairing sidewalks. 109 Avenue to 111 Avenue will also be repaved as a part of this project. Other opportunities to improve connections and public spaces for year-round use are also being explored. The next public engagement opportunity to provide feedback on the final design for 124 Street Renewal will be in March 2021.

## THE CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROCESS



If you are interested in receiving updates on Inglewood Revitalization sign up through the project website at: [edmonton.ca/InglewoodRevitalization](http://edmonton.ca/InglewoodRevitalization)

## BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS INGLEWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL

Inglewood is currently undergoing Neighbourhood Renewal which is expected to be completed in 2021. Neighbourhood reconstruction involves road reconstruction and repaving, as well as replacement of streetlights and reconstruction of sidewalks, curb and gutter. The final neighbourhood designs were developed based on the feedback received throughout the public engagement process, and also considered City policies, programs, and technical considerations. The final neighbourhood designs include:

- + Upgraded residential streets, including measures to slow traffic
- + Improved connections for people who walk and bike
- + Enhanced park and green spaces

The Dogs Off Leash program has joined renewal efforts to adapt the Linear Park design. Public engagement with an updated draft design occurred in the fall of 2020. The final design will be available to see at public engagement events for the 124 Street Renewal project in March of 2021.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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