



Terms of Reference

Strathcona Centre Neighbourhood Renewal

Project Sponsor: SCCL

Term: Winter 2017 Semester

1.1 Goal

To create concept plans demonstrating improved walkability and improved active transit opportunities for Strathcona Community Centre neighbourhood.

1.2 Purpose and Context

The purpose of this project is to create concept design proposals for the design of Strathcona Centre Community's public transportation infrastructure in preparation for its neighbourhood renewal process which the City of Edmonton will begin in fall of 2017. Typically, the city's Building Great Neighbourhoods program has implemented "like for like" replacement of infrastructure in the neighbourhoods that are renewed, with minor additions to improve walkability (adding missing sidewalks being the most common of these).

Strathcona Centre Community League (SCCL) is interested in exploring a full neighbourhood redesign through this process with the goal of improving walkability and all forms of active transit. As a first step, the community would like to investigate possible alternatives that may achieve this. SCCL wants to prepare itself with a vision of what is possible, in order to build community support for negotiating with the City of Edmonton regarding the ultimate design of the reconstruction.

SCCL is the project sponsor.

1.3 Scope

The Project will:

- Undertake background research into aspects of walkable communities that facilitate active transportation and are relevant to the context of Strathcona Centre Community (winter city, mature neighbourhood, etc).
- Develop a case supporting the redevelopment of Strathcona Centre Community as a walkable community supporting active transportation. This should draw upon general planning literature as well as the City of Edmonton's own policy documents
- Gather input from Strathcona Centre Community members in partnership with the SCCL that informs plans for redevelopment. This will be done through one meeting



with the SCCL Board in February and one open house for community members hosted by the SCCL and facilitated by the project team (schedule determined by project team and SCCL)

- Develop up to three concept plans (possibly a base case plan, a bike/walk friendly plan, and a very bike/walk friendly plan) for the public infrastructure that will be covered by Strathcona Centre's 2018-2023 neighbourhood renewal process.

1.4 Deliverables

Mid term report presenting the following:

- background research into aspects of walkable communities facilitating active transportation relevant to the context of Strathcona Centre Community
- a draft case supporting the redevelopment of Strathcona Centre Community as a walkable community supporting active transportation
- summary of site survey identifying key elements of area (neighbourhood survey)
- Summary of consultations with the SCCL

The final report and presentation should include the following:

- Updated and final version of the mid term report materials
- Up to three concept plans depicting different approaches to the design of the neighbourhood (perhaps status quo, walkable/bikable, very walkable/bikable)
- An explanation of the each of the concept plans, along with pros, cons and tradeoffs targeted towards a general audience.
- Note that all relevant digital files of concept plans should be shared with SCCL to allow further engagement efforts to be undertaken by SCCL.

Note, the products would remain the property of the University of Alberta, but the students participating and the Strathcona Centre Community are granted permission to use the materials indefinitely for their personal and professional use.

1.5 Required SCCL Resources

- SCCL Board volunteer commitment to attend SCCL meeting.
- SCCL Board volunteer commitment to host open house w/ assistance from project team.
- One or two key contacts for the SCCL will liaise with the project team and attend three meetings/presentations at the University of Alberta during scheduled time.