

EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

STRATHCONA PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING

Monday, March 4, 2019

Strathcona Community League, 10139 – 87 Avenue

5:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Drop-in)

At this event you will learn more about what to expect during the planned 3-year construction for Strathcona.

You will have the opportunity to:

- Learn what year construction will be happening on your front street
- Meet the project manager during construction
- Discuss any concerns you have about impacts to your property
- Learn about access to your home during construction

Other City Projects also in attendance on March 4, 2019 include:

SASKATCHEWAN DRIVE REHAB PROJECT

The Saskatchewan Drive rehabilitation project did not receive funding in the 2019–2022 Capital Budget cycle, but may be up for consideration again in the next Capital Budget (2023–26). This work may also be included with the future Duggan Bridge work, currently scheduled for 2023. The project team will be in attendance to share the recommended design for information only. This recommended design will also be posted on the project website in Spring 2019.

SASKATCHEWAN DRIVE / SCONA ROAD INTERSECTION PROJECT

The project team is currently exploring options for the eastbound to southbound turn to remain while improving pedestrian safety at this intersection. The refined options for this intersection will be shared with the community for feedback at this meeting. Construction is anticipated for 2019.

RECOVER

The City's RECOVER team is sharing the venue with us – visit them to see find out about this urban wellness initiative.

- Over the last year, the City of Edmonton has been working with residents, service providers, businesses and governments to co-design and co-create bottom-up urban wellness solutions as part of this initiative.
- It's focused on finding ways to better align and collaborate among diverse stakeholders to address impacts related to poverty and homelessness and improve the wellness of all Edmontonians.

EPCOR WATER

EPCOR Water will be providing an overview of planned 2019 water main construction in the Strathcona Neighbourhood and supplying information about future years' construction. As well, EPCOR Water will be available to answer any questions related to planned water main construction work.

WHY DO THINGS NEED TO CHANGE?

The City is planning for a population of 2 million people by 2040. We want to ensure Strathcona remains a quiet neighbourhood even if the City changes around it. Now is the time to plan for the future, as our infrastructure will last another 50 years.

In addition to local knowledge shared by residents in Strathcona, recommendations have been taken from design standards, best practices and lessons learned from other municipalities to create the design for the Strathcona Neighbourhood Renewal.

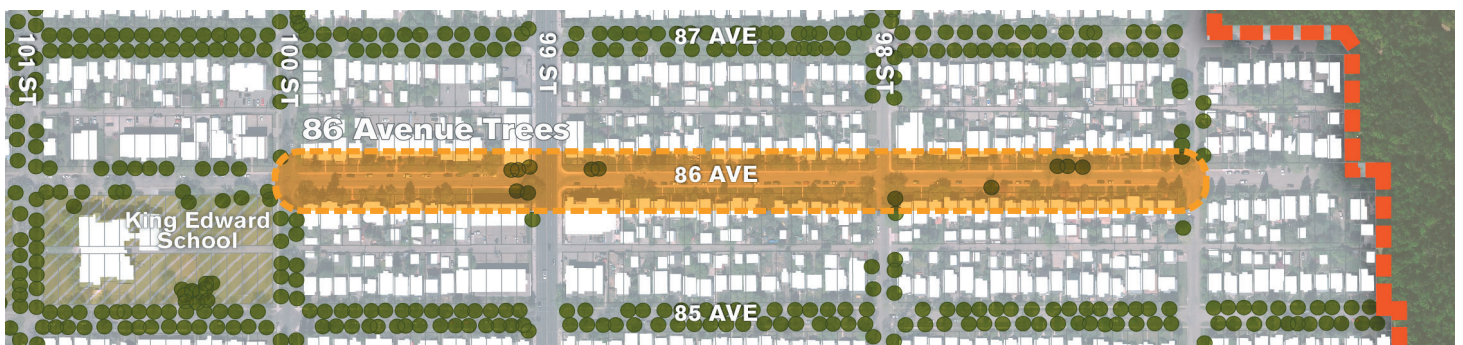
WHAT IS CHANGING IN STRATHCONA?

Posted Speed Limit

In addition to the community-wide traffic calming measures such as curb extensions and raised crosswalks in high traffic locations, a posted speed limit of 30 km/hr will encourage slower traffic and provide a safer neighbourhood for all users. These measures and posted speed limit also align with City policies and strategies such as Vision Zero. Effort was made to ensure look of measures reflect the character and beauty of neighbourhood.

Trees in Strathcona & Succession Planting

We are working to ensure the retention and protection of the trees that live in Strathcona. While we are in the area we also understand the importance to plant new trees for the future residential forest. Areas have been identified as a focal point for the new tree plantings such as 86 Avenue. These new plantings will beautify and match the look and feel of the surrounding streets. Additional trees will be planted in both Tubby Bateman and Fred A. Morie parks. New trees will be added to replace any trees that are removed due to deteriorating health and to replace those removed as part of renewal as per the City Tree Policy.



Protected Bike Lanes

Strathcona will see the construction of two new protected bike lanes along 87 Avenue (east–west connection) and 100 Street (north–south Connection). The protected infrastructure will greatly improve the safety of people who ride bikes, optimize biking connections and encourage increased usage in all seasons. The lanes are an extension of the South Side Bike Network. The design of the lanes, particularly those on 87 Avenue, has reflected themes we have heard regarding the parking and accessibility needs of the residents living next to the bike lanes. The protected bike lane along 87 Avenue is a one–way bike lane eastbound to maintain on street parking on one side of the street. It is also a raised facility which eliminates a median and prevents a second windrow of snow for easier winter crossing of the bike lanes. The protected bike lane on 100 Street is an on–street, two–way protected bike lane with the roadway changed to one–way traffic northbound. This will also aim to reduce shortcutting through the neighbourhood, provide a full signal to safely cross at Saskatchewan Drive and provide some areas for on–street parking and loading bays.

New Community Gathering Spaces (Parklets)

The project team revised the parklet designs by allowing a 4m wide shared space for cars and people to travel through instead of closing access for cars. This design removes the sidewalks and creates an additional green space which will function as an extended boulevard with grass, trees and park furniture as the base level development constructed as part of neighbourhood renewal. The community can partner with the City to further enhance these spaces. While cars will still be able to drive north–south through the parklet, this design will slow traffic on 98 Street due to the reduced speed limit on the multi–use roadway.

WHAT WE ARE STILL EXPLORING

Reduction of Signage

Did you know that signage controls are legislated? In Strathcona, similar to other neighbourhoods in the City, we are continuing to work to reduce the number of signs along bike lanes and throughout the neighbourhood overall. Within the next year, important conversations will be held regarding City–wide residential speed limits that may also help with overall sign reduction.

Accessible Parking

Please contact one of the Project Managers to identify locations where accessible parking exists or if you are interested in new areas of accessible parking. With notice, accommodations can be made during construction.

Construction Coordination / Impacts

- Do you have a heated driveway?
- Do you need accessible access to your home during construction?
- Do you have a sprinkler system?
- Do you have any special landscaping?

Please contact us to share any information specific to your property to assist us in reducing the impacts to your home during construction. Advance notice allows to plan and make considerations to work in front of your home. Communication leads to a smoother experience for all!



WHO DO YOU CALL?

For construction-related questions:

Aladdin Benayad
Delivery Project Manager
780-496-4057
aladdin.benayad@edmonton.ca

For project history:

Becky Redford
Development Project Manager
780-496-4887
becky.redford@edmonton.ca

Other Ways to Reach Us:

Call: 311
Email: buildinggreatneighbourhoods@edmonton.ca

Decorative Street Blade Design for Strathcona

The option to upgrade to decorative street lights in Strathcona was defeated during the expression of interest step last fall. However, there is still an opportunity to upgrade the street blades to a decorative style. Please contact Becky Redford at becky.redford@edmonton.ca if you're interested in working on the design of the decorative street blades. Current areas featuring these decorative blades are Stathearn, Glenora and Laurier Heights.



STRATHCONA'S VISION & GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL

Vision

Strathcona is a welcoming, inclusive and vibrant neighbourhood designed to safely and conveniently connect a diverse mix of residents and visitors to the local businesses and services, festivals, parks, and public spaces in all seasons. Strathcona's design encourages walking and biking in the community. Strathcona is known for its unique historic character and natural beauty and the design will preserve these qualities. Strathcona enjoys safe, attractive and inviting public spaces that strengthen our sense of community.

Guiding Principles

1. To prioritize cycle and pedestrian spaces, and connections to all neighbourhood amenities, following Vision Zero principles, while considering the needs of vehicle users.
2. To provide infrastructure, street crossings and public spaces that are accessible and safe for all ages and mobility levels, and in all seasons.
3. To enhance/establish public spaces and parks that provide opportunities for community gathering, recreation, resting spaces and public events.
4. To incorporate design elements that reflect, protect and preserve the neighbourhood's history and natural elements.
5. To design safe, user-friendly roadways and intersections that reduce vehicle speeds and discourage shortcutting.
6. To provide residents and visitors with convenient access to buildings on residential streets.

This vision was co-created with the City and input from you through the visioning survey in January 2018 and refined over public engagement events in February, March and April. The vision and guiding principles have been used to guide decision making on the refined design.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT
SHARE YOUR VOICE SHAPE OUR CITY

For more information:

-  edmonton.ca/buildingstrathcona
-  buildinggreatneighbourhoods@edmonton.ca
becky.redford@edmonton.ca
-  311

Edmonton