

# What We Heard Report: Meyonohk Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal

**Exploring Opportunities**  
March to April 2024

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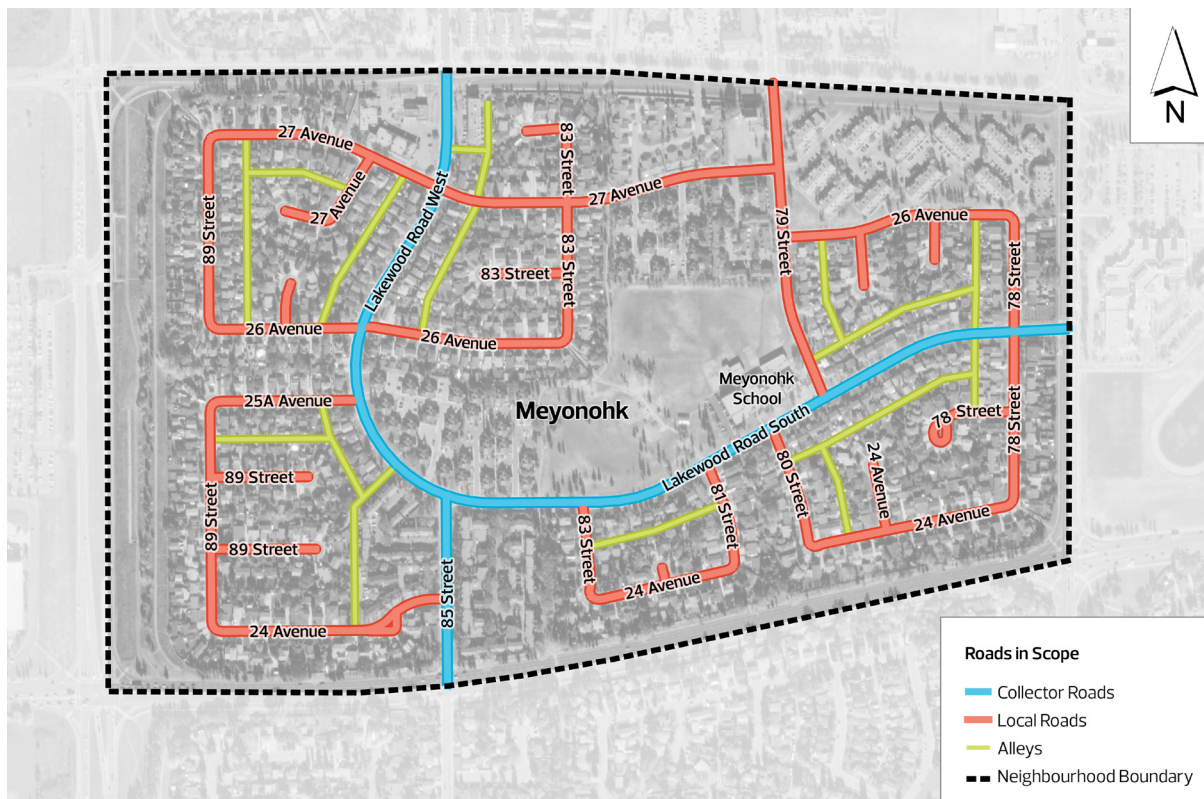


# Project overview

Meyonohk has been selected for Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal. Through the City of Edmonton's Neighbourhood Renewal program, we will rehabilitate roads and alleys, replace street lights, curbs and gutters, repair sidewalks and connect missing sidewalk links where possible.

Cost-sharing opportunities will be made available through the Local Improvement process for sidewalk reconstruction and decorative street light upgrades in the neighbourhood. Other opportunities to improve City-owned parks and public spaces will also be explored.

## Meyonohk project scope map



# Where we are in the decision making process

The Neighbourhood Renewal program follows the road map shown below. Following each stage of engagement, the Project Team will share with you how your input was used to **ADVISE, REFINE, CREATE** or **DECIDE** project decisions.

This report highlights **what we heard** during the **Exploring Opportunities** stage between March and April 2024.

## Neighbourhood Renewal Road Map



### LEGEND

Public Engagement and Communications Opportunities	Concept Phase	Design Phase	Build Phase	Operate Phase
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# Public Engagement Spectrum

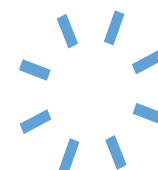
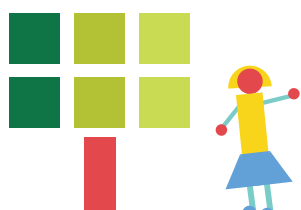
The City of Edmonton seeks input from residents to help guide the project. The City's Public Engagement Spectrum, shown below, shows the four levels of influence that the public can have on decisions made by the City throughout the project.

In this stage of engagement, the public was invited to provide input that would help:

- + **REFINE** the Project Team's knowledge of the opportunities and priorities for the neighbourhood

We commit to telling you how public input influences decisions according to the public engagement spectrum:

## Public Engagement Spectrum

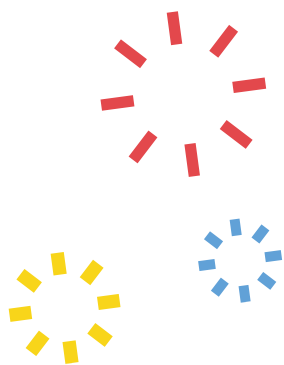
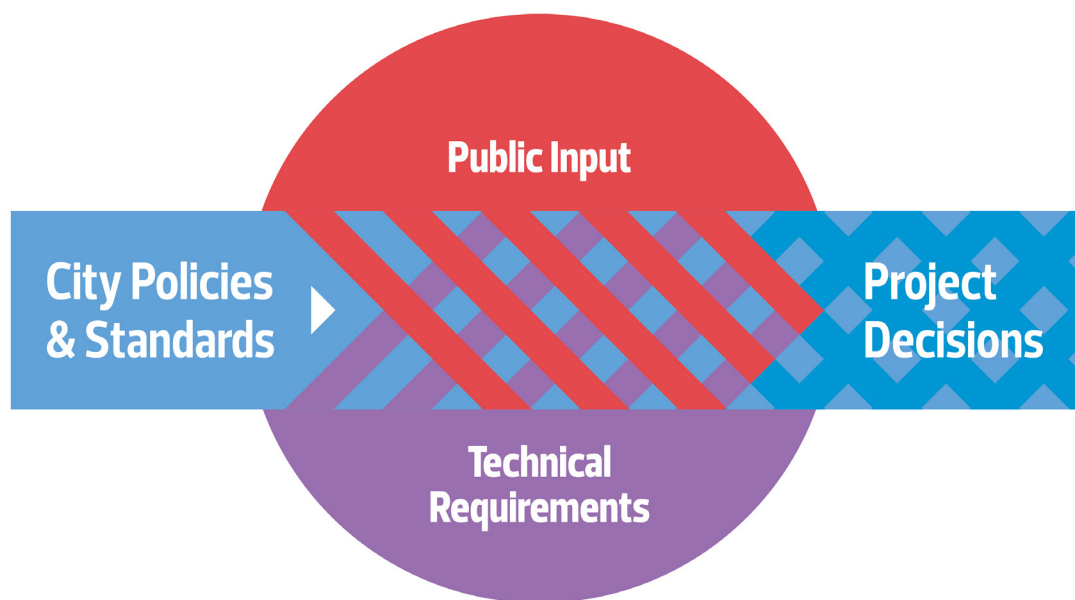


# Decision making process

City policies and programs such as the Complete Streets Design and Construction Standards, Safe Mobility Strategy and Winter City Strategy provide the overall direction for Neighbourhood Renewal designs. As each neighbourhood is unique, the Project Team asks for input from residents who live, work and play in the neighbourhood and considers technical aspects such as roadway widths and conflicts with utilities and trees to determine what will fit in the neighbourhood.

This process helps to ensure the decisions we make are fiscally responsible, align with best practices, consider the existing public and private infrastructure, land uses and activities in the neighbourhood and result in the best outcomes for our city.

## Decision making diagram



# How we informed and engaged

In March and April, 2024, the Project Team engaged with residents in the following ways:

## Engaged Edmonton



Participants were invited to add their feedback and comments to the project page on Engaged Edmonton from March 27 to April 17, 2024. Participants were able to share their ideas about driving, biking, walking and rolling, alleys and parks and public gathering places. A mapping tool was also available for participants to show specific areas relating to the above categories.

**Over 40 responses**

## Community walk



On April 6, 2024, we hosted a community walk in Meyonohk. Participants were asked to choose one of three routes to walk with members of the Project Team. Each person on the walk was given a clipboard with a map of the route and were asked to mark down ideas for the neighbourhood and specific areas/ locations they felt could be improved.

**22 participants**

## Community drop-in event



A community drop-in event was held after the community walk on April 6, 2024. The Meyonohk neighbourhood was divided into four maps, with each one set up at a table. Participants were asked to use stickers, markers, pens and sticky notes to mark up the maps with ideas for the neighbourhood and specific areas/ locations they felt could be improved.

**30 participants**

## How we communicated



- + Two road sings
- + 16 yard signs
- + 2,418 newsletters delivered
- + 2,418 postcards delivered
- + 102,400 social media ad views
- + 1,064 unique views on the project web page

# What we heard

The following sections include a summary of what we heard through the community walk, community drop-in event and Engaged Edmonton. The summary has been developed to reflect the relevancy, frequency and diversity of the responses we received based on the feedback provided by participants.

## Walking and rolling

- + Safe conditions for walking are important to community members
- + Sidewalks and pathways should be accessible for people of all ages and abilities, with enough space for people to walk together
- + Wider sidewalks in front of the school
- + Add waste bins along key locations on pathway, sidewalks and near seating areas
- + Improve crossings near the school and at intersections leading out of the neighbourhood, such as Lakewood Road South at Mill Woods Road, 85 Street at 23 Avenue, 79 Street at 28 Avenue and Lakewood Road South at 28 Avenue
- + Improve sidewalk conditions and address water pooling
- + Improve lighting along sidewalks and pathways

## Biking

- + Create safe bike connections and pathways for all ages and abilities in the neighbourhood and along Mill Woods Road

## Driving

- + Concerns about drivers speeding along Lakewood Road South, 85 Street and 79 Street
- + Traffic congestion around the school at drop off and pick up
- + Add traffic calming measures into the neighbourhood and around the school
- + Improve road conditions and address water pooling on roads in the neighbourhood





## Parks and public gathering places

- + Add trees and greenery in the park and along walking paths
- + Add seating areas with waste bins along pathways, at the top of the hill in Meyonohk Park and in the off-leash dog area on the berm
- + Add covers or shade in the park

## Alleys

- + Improve drainage in areas where there is water pooling
- + Add walking connections in alleys that connect to breezeways\*

*\*A breezeway is a public pathway between two private properties. Wider breezeways and pathways make it easier for people who walk and bike to move around the neighbourhood.*

## Other feedback that was shared with the Project Team includes:

- + How the project is funded and if there will be an increase to property taxes as a result of Neighbourhood Renewal
- + Condition of the playground equipment



# Next steps

Thank you to all who shared their input during the **Exploring Opportunities** stage of engagement.

In fall 2024, the public will be invited to the **Exploring Options and Tradeoffs** stage of engagement for Meyonohk Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal.

Information will also be provided about cost-sharing opportunities for decorative street lights and sidewalk reconstruction through the Local Improvement process.

For information about Meyonohk Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal, upcoming engagement events and to subscribe to project updates, visit [edmonton.ca/BuildingMeyonohk](https://edmonton.ca/BuildingMeyonohk).

## Working together to make the most out of your neighbourhood.

This is your city and your neighbourhood. We want to understand how you experience your neighbourhood and ask for your input on how we might improve it. We will engage and work with you on the renewal of roads, sidewalks, street lights and park spaces and promote other community opportunities to enhance how people live and interact in your neighbourhood.

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