

# Meyonohk Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal

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## Community Feedback on Draft Design

The draft design for your streets, sidewalks, alleys and parks is ready for your review!

### Tell us what you think

The City of Edmonton is ready to share the draft design for new roads, sidewalks and alleys for the Meyonohk neighbourhood. These designs are for you to review and provide your feedback starting April 24 until May 15.

### What is Neighbourhood Renewal?

Neighbourhood Renewal will build new roads, replace street lights, sidewalks, curbs and gutters and alleys in the Meyonohk neighbourhood. The program will also explore other neighbourhood Improvements, such as street crossings, bike connections and improvements to City-owned parks and gathering spaces. The new infrastructure will be in place for the next 30 – 50 years.

### Do you live in a multi-unit building in Meyonohk?

We want to hear from you about your communication and engagement preferences, as well as how we can work with condo boards and property management companies to plan and coordinate our Neighbourhood Renewal project.

### Stay informed and engaged

From April 24 to May 15, you are invited to the **Community Feedback on Draft Design** stage of public engagement for Meyonohk.

#### Meet with us!

##### Drop-in community event

Thursday, May 1, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Meyonohk School

1850 Lakewood Road South, NW

Learn more about the draft design, ask questions and share your thoughts with the Project Team.

*Refreshments and children's activities provided*



#### Community pop ups

Thursday, May 8, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday, May 10, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Meyonohk Park (*weather dependent*)



#### Complete the online survey

Tell us what you think about the proposed changes for Meyonohk. The survey will be available online from April 24 to May 15.



#### No online access?

If you do not have online access, please contact 311 to connect with a Project Team member to arrange for a paper copy of the draft design and survey to be delivered to you in April or May 2025.

Scan the QR code with your camera phone and click on the link.





## Meyonohk Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal Schedule

### JANUARY 2024

Starting the conversation

### MARCH – APRIL 2024

Building a Project Vision Together and Exploring Opportunities

### SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2024

Exploring Options and Tradeoffs

WE ARE HERE

### SPRING 2025

Community Feedback on Draft Design

### LATE 2025/EARLY 2026

Community Feedback on Final Design

## Community Feedback on Draft Design

In this stage, the Project Team has prepared the draft design for Meyonohk with considerations for walking, rolling, biking, driving and gathering spaces. The draft design is driven by City standards, policies and technical requirements. Participant feedback influences the design options, where possible.

Your feedback at this stage will help us understand concerns and issues as we work towards the final design that will shape the neighbourhood.

## Reporting back on Exploring Options and Tradeoffs

In fall of 2024, we gathered your feedback through an online survey, at a drop-in community event, through door-to-door conversations and pop-up events in the park. The Project Team considered the feedback received to refine the options into the draft design, bringing us to the stage we are at now: **Community Feedback on Draft Design.**

In the **Exploring Options and Tradeoffs** stage, the Project Team had conversations with more than 200 people and 90 online surveys were completed. Participants shared which benefits were important and which tradeoffs were most concerning.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the **Exploring Options and Tradeoffs** stage!

During earlier stages of public engagement, we worked with residents to **CREATE** a Vision and Guiding Principles. The Vision will be used to guide decision making for Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal. The Guiding Principles are ideas that inform how the Vision should be applied to the neighbourhood design. During this stage, we confirmed that more than half of the participants strongly agreed or somewhat agreed that the Vision and Guiding Principles accurately reflect the current and future needs of the community.



## Community Vision for Meyonohk

We are the friendly, welcoming and vibrant community of Meyonohk.

Our neighbourhood values safety, inclusivity and accessibility. Our residents are well connected with walking trails and major roadways nearby, which allows them to easily explore Meyonohk and beyond.

## Guiding Principles for Meyonohk

### Community-focused spaces



Foster a sense of community by enhancing public spaces to encourage interaction and inclusion for all ages, backgrounds and abilities.

### Active and engaged lifestyles



Support healthy, vibrant lifestyles with enhanced recreational opportunities that encourage physical and social activity for everyone.

### Connectivity and mobility



Strengthen Meyonohk's network of pathways to ensure safe, convenient movement to destinations and public transit.

### Eco-friendly design



Integrate eco-friendly infrastructure and green spaces, foster environmental health and resilience, encourage native landscaping and support local ecosystems.

### Aesthetic and functional spaces



Design public spaces to blend beauty with function and to create places that are enjoyable and practical for everyday use.

### Vibrant community spaces



Foster dynamic commercial areas that boost business, attract visitors and provide lively community gathering spots.

### Safe and secure environment



Prioritize safety through infrastructure to enhance safety for all residents

## Key Themes We Heard

### Connections

#### New sidewalks and pathway connections

- + Participants emphasized the importance of accessibility, safety and better connections throughout the neighbourhood. They identified improving accessibility and safety for all users as the top benefit of the proposed changes. Other benefits included enhancing safety by adding lighting along new sidewalks and pathways
- + Participants also highlighted key tradeoffs, with the most significant concern being the potential removal or replacement of public trees to accommodate new sidewalks and pathways. Many residents emphasized the importance of prioritizing tree preservation as part of the project



## School drop off

- + Participants said the safety of students, staff and parents around the school is important. Widening walkways, adding physical buffers and installing crossing improvements in these areas were improvements to consider
- + Participants were concerned about the impact to grassy areas and narrower roads to make room for wider sidewalks as well as potential reduced visibility around the school if trees are added

## Traffic and safety

### Traffic calming

- + Proposed traffic calming measures, such as curb extensions and raised crossings, generated mixed feedback
- + Many participants recognized the potential benefits of these measures to encourage slower traffic, improve the visibility of people crossing the street, improve the awareness of crossings for drivers, provide a physical buffer from parking too close to the intersection and overall make crossings safer in the neighbourhood
- + Others raised concerns about potential impacts to on-street parking and driver comfort

### Biking

- + We heard from community members that on-street parking and having a separate space for people who walk and roll from people who drive are important to consider when deciding on biking routes
- + Participants suggested a bike route along Lakewood Road that passes Meyonohk School would serve as an important connector to other parts of the neighbourhood and to bike facilities outside of Meyonohk
- + Participants expressed concerns about narrowing roadways and the potential loss of parking

### Local and collector roads

- + We heard from residents that additional space for trees, snow storage and separating people biking from people driving is important to consider when redesigning roads
- + Residents expressed concern about the potential reduction of on-street parking, along with other tradeoffs such as narrowing roadways and maintaining access to designated accessible parking spots

### Open spaces and placemaking

- + Participants were enthusiastic about more gathering spaces and seating areas, believing these spaces could foster a stronger sense of community and provide opportunities for social interaction
- + Some concerns were expressed about the potential for vandalism and the need for regular maintenance to keep these spaces clean and inviting
- + Some residents suggested repurposing the existing unused plaza space and adding seating near the playground

Overall, the engagement process highlighted the community's desire for a safe, accessible and well-connected active transportation network within the Meyonohk neighbourhood. While there were some concerns about potential tradeoffs, there was overall support for infrastructure improvements that meet the needs of people who walk, bike and roll. The feedback gathered from this engagement will be used to inform the development of the final design for the Meyonohk neighborhood, ensuring it reflects the community's Vision and Guiding Principles for a friendly and vibrant community.

To see more details and to view the full report, please visit the project website [edmonton.ca/BuildingMeyonohk](https://edmonton.ca/BuildingMeyonohk). The website also contains information on proposed design options and tradeoffs presented in fall 2024.



## Neighbourhood Renewal Funding

Funding for the Neighbourhood Renewal Program comes from a dedicated City-wide property tax reserve fund. To be approved for construction, the cost of the designed improvements must fall within the renewal budget for the neighbourhood. Some elements proposed may not receive funding. The improvements will support Meyonohk for the next 30–50 years.

The Neighbourhood Renewal Program has been recognized as the most cost-effective way to add missing infrastructure into areas undergoing significant construction work.

# Cost-sharing opportunities for Meyonohk

## What is a Local Improvement?

A Local Improvement is a construction project undertaken near or next to a resident's property which is considered more beneficial to the property owner or local area than to the City as a whole. Local Improvements are part of the Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal discussions with you and your neighbours. Learn more about this at our next public engagement event on May 1 or visit [edmonton.ca/LocalImprovements](http://edmonton.ca/LocalImprovements).

## Local Improvements during Neighbourhood Renewal

### Sidewalks

Sidewalk replacement is a cost-shared improvement. This means property owners are responsible for 50 per cent of the cost and the City pays the other 50 per cent. Property owners therefore have the opportunity to **DECIDE** if new sidewalks are installed and may petition against this Local Improvement, per the Municipal Government Act. If the sidewalk Local Improvement is successfully petitioned against, the Neighbourhood Renewal project itself will proceed, but without the renewal of the existing sidewalks. The sidewalks may be modified during construction to address safety and drainage. Any future sidewalk replacement would need to be requested and funded 100 per cent by the adjacent property owners.

### Decorative street lighting

Standard, galvanized street lights will be replaced at no extra cost to residents as part of Neighbourhood Renewal. However, some communities choose to pay for a decorative street light upgrade. The additional cost of the upgrade is charged to the property owners as a Local Improvement. More information can be found at [edmonton.ca/DecorativeStreetLights](http://edmonton.ca/DecorativeStreetLights).

The decision to proceed with decorative street lights is community initiated and decided through the Local Improvement process. To learn more about this opportunity visit [edmonton.ca/LocalImprovements](http://edmonton.ca/LocalImprovements).

### Alley Lighting

To start the Expression of Interest process to have lighting installed in a back alley, please contact the City's Local Improvement office at 780-944-7663 or email [localimprovement@edmonton.ca](mailto:localimprovement@edmonton.ca). Alley lighting where none currently exists is 100 per cent paid for by the benefitting property owners.



## Community volunteers lead the campaign to select a decorative option for street lights

Please let us know if you or any of your neighbours are interested in leading the campaign to decide on decorative street lights in Meyonohk. A decorative street light committee can be created to collect input on options. The decorative option would need to be determined and submitted to the City by **October 15, 2025**.

Once an option is submitted, the City will provide an Expression of Interest package to all registered property owners. Property owners will then return their completed notice, selecting whether they support or do not support the decorative street lights. If the City receives sufficient support from the community, the Local Improvement process will begin. The City can provide support by sharing the options available for decorative street lights and help gather feedback at upcoming public engagement opportunities.

Please contact the Project Manager at [sherry.wallace@edmonton.ca](mailto:sherry.wallace@edmonton.ca) if you are interested in learning more.

### Pole



1. Octagonal



2. Fluted

### Light fixture



1. Regular



2. Renaissance

### Colour



1. Black



2. Blue

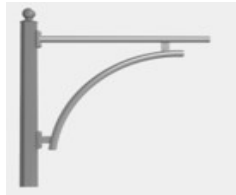


3. Green

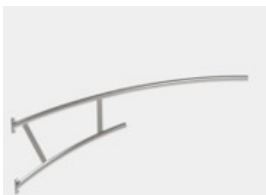
### Decorative arm



1. Scroll



2. Heritage



3. Newport

## Playground in Meyonohk Park

Great news! The playground in Meyonohk Park will also be getting a face-lift. We will be coming out in spring 2025 to share more details and to engage with the public on design elements. See [edmonton.ca/PlaygroundRenewal](http://edmonton.ca/PlaygroundRenewal) for details.

### For more information:

Visit [edmonton.ca/BuildingMeyonohk](http://edmonton.ca/BuildingMeyonohk) and sign up to receive project updates and information about upcoming public engagement opportunities

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