Policies and Standards Summary

Wīhkwêntôwin ᐃᑊᑫᐣᐧᐃᐣ (Oliver) Neighbourhood Renewal

Multiple City policies provide direction to the Neighbourhood Renewal Project Team to inform the development of the new neighbourhood design.

Direction includes:

- Locations where active transportation infrastructure must be added or prioritized
- Ensuring infrastructure is accessible for people of all ages and abilities in all seasons
- The need to standardize widths of roads and sidewalks

Here are just a few examples of City policies and standards that are guiding Neighbourhood Renewal:

- **The City Plan** – A statutory plan that sets the strategic direction for the way Edmonton grows, including direction on its mobility systems, open spaces, and employment and social networks. Neighbourhood renewal helps to implement the plan by improving the public realm and active transportation network, enhancing the urban forest, and by seeking equity in project decision making through taking a GBA+ lens. Wīhkwêntôwin ᐃᑊᑫᐣᐧᐃᐣ (Oliver) is also identified as a Priority Growth Area in the City Plan, meaning the area is anticipated to see the most growth between now and when the population reaches 1.25 M. Neighbourhood Renewal opportunities will need to consider the current state and anticipate future needs as redevelopment occurs.

- **Complete Streets Design and Construction Standards** – Integrates best practices into design guidance to support the planning, design, and construction of streets in Edmonton that are safe, attractive, comfortable and welcoming to all users in all seasons.

- **Access Design Guide** – Provides direction on planning, designing, and building facilities, open spaces and transportation systems that follow universal design principles and are equitable to people of all ages and abilities.

- **Winter Design Guidelines** – Provides ideas and standards that improve our streetscapes in the context of Edmonton's winter climate and conditions for a more accessible, safe, aesthetically pleasing and enjoyable year round experience.

- **Active Transportation Policy** – Provides direction to increase opportunities to walk, roll and bike in Edmonton, regardless of age, ability, or socio-economic status.

- **The Bike Plan** – Supports the City Plan's vision of a connected and accessible city by providing design guidance for Edmonton's bike network. This includes guidance on missing links, the overall network and facility types.

- **Safe Mobility Strategy** – Edmonton's new approach to achieve Vision Zero through safe and livable streets. Neighbourhood Renewal helps to identify traffic safety issues through public engagement and safe mobility data and develop designs to mitigate traffic safety issues.
- **Community Traffic Management Policy** – Supports liveable, safe communities by providing guidance on addressing community traffic issues. This may include installing physical measures that minimize traffic shortcutting and speeding to enhance safety for residents and all road users.
- **Snow and Ice Policy** – The policy sets the standard for snow clearing for roadways and active transportation facilities to support all-season use. Neighbourhood Renewal considers the level of service required for all-season service when designing for active modes.
- **BREATHE – Green Network Strategy** – Provides guidance on a network of high-quality, accessible, and connected open spaces in Edmonton.
- **Corporate Tree Policy** – A strategy for sustainably managing and enhancing our diverse urban forest. If any trees are removed by the project, the equivalent value will be replaced with new tree plantings in the neighbourhood.
- **Indigenous Framework** – The framework outlines opportunities for the City to best support and build strong relationships with Indigenous Peoples in Edmonton. Neighbourhood Renewal can support the framework by implementing ways that public spaces are welcoming and safe for Indigenous Peoples and ensure they can see themselves reflected in those places.
- **Climate Resilient Edmonton: Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan** – The plan focuses on understanding the climate impacts due to ongoing climate change, and provides insight into how the City can build resilience around those impacts. Neighbourhood Renewal can help implement this by using urban design to decrease urban heat islands, enhance the tree canopy, and install Low Impact Development facilities.
- **The Community Energy Transition Strategy** is Edmonton's path forward for a low carbon city. Neighbourhood Renewal supports this by expanding the active transportation network through existing neighbourhoods and by enhancing the tree canopy.

* Note: This summary is not an inclusive list but an overview of some of the policies that guide Neighbourhood Renewal