

# BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

Calder Renewal Newsletter Issue #5 – September 2020

Edmonton

Through the Building Great Neighbourhoods and Open Spaces Branch, the Neighbourhood Renewal Program rehabilitates your residential roads, replaces street lights, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, and adds missing sidewalk links in your neighbourhood where possible. Other opportunities to improve parks and public spaces are also explored. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2021.

Planning has been under way for Calder's neighbourhood renewal since January 2019. We have been busy reviewing resident feedback, understanding opportunities and constraints from a technical perspective and building on City policies and processes to develop a single draft design for the neighbourhood. We presented the draft design to the community in July 2020. In the upcoming months we will finalize the design and prepare to share it with the community in late fall.

In this newsletter we want to:

- + Share with you a summary of what we heard from stakeholders
- + Update you on street lights and street blades
- + Inform you about the one-way traffic flow change on 118 St. / 130 Ave.
- + Invite you to participate in community-led projects
- + Let you know about the next steps in Calder's renewal planning and design

The project team will continue working on your neighbourhood design to ensure construction remains on schedule to begin in 2021. While in-person public events are paused and physical distancing is a priority, we remain committed to delivering project information and meaningful public engagement opportunities efficiently and safely.

## Calder Neighbourhood Renewal Schedule

### SPRING/SUMMER 2019

Building a Community Vision Together

### FALL 2019

Exploring Opportunities

### WINTER 2020

Exploring Options and Trade-Offs

WE ARE  
HERE

### SUMMER 2020

Community Feedback on Draft Design

### FALL 2020

Community Feedback on Final Design

### FEBRUARY 2021

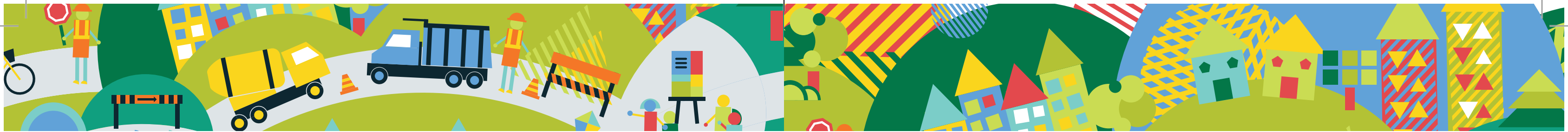
Preparing for Construction & Local Improvement Decisions

### SPRING 2021 – FALL 2023

Construction on your streets

### FALL 2023

Celebrate with us!



## Reporting back on Public Engagement

Thank you to everyone who participated in the July public engagement opportunities and contributed their knowledge and experiences to help shape the future of Calder.

We gathered feedback on topics including: parks, streets and connections, bike facility, commercial area improvements and community-led projects (i.e., placemaking and historic character). Participants were invited to a webinar to share their thoughts on the draft designs. For those unable to attend the webinars, residents could review the draft designs through the project webpage and provide input through a survey. Residents also had the opportunity to submit questions.

Overall, 15 participants joined the webinars, 41 surveys were completed, over 100 residents viewed the draft designs online and there were close to 200 views of the design videos.

We are creating a report to share the feedback we've heard from the two most recent engagement opportunities: Exploring Options and Trade-Offs, and Community Feedback On Draft Design. Below is a summary of the most common themes:

### Accessibility and Connections

The sidewalk repair and renewal and enhanced bike route connections throughout Calder excite residents as both will provide better and easier access for all ages and abilities.



### Safety

Calder residents indicated the school traffic flow improvements would increase the feeling of safety for people who walk, bike and drive in this part of the neighbourhood. They also noted that they feel additional lighting will improve visibility, particularly in the parks. Residents reiterated the importance of safety and hoped that these changes would contribute to creating a safer Calder. Residents reaffirmed that safety is the responsibility of all community members and the importance of keeping their properties clean and tidy to promote community pride.

### Parking

Parking remains a priority for those who drive and residents were happy to see that most on-street parking would remain. There are some who are disappointed that parking will be restricted or removed close to their properties.

### Amenities and Recreation

Amenities such as BBQ pits, benches and picnic tables are a welcome addition to Calder and residents believe that they will encourage residents to be more active in the neighbourhood. Residents would like more amenities to be implemented such as exercise parks and a community garden. Community volunteers have come forward to help with community-led projects.

### Commercial area improvements

Residents of Calder take pride in the unique business area on 129 Avenue and appreciate upgrades. They suggested that improving the aesthetics of the area may attract more and different businesses that would also encourage community members to visit the commercial area more regularly.

## Decorative Street light update

Community volunteers have carried out conversations with friends and neighbours in Calder to identify a decorative street light option. They are recommending a black, octagonal pole with a heritage arm and renaissance bulb.

Decorative arm



Heritage

Light fixture



Renaissance

Pole



Octagonal

## What happens next?

In September, the City will mail each registered property owner an "Expression of Interest" package. This package will contain both information about the estimated local improvement cost and a notice for the property owner to return to the City. The single page notice will ask property owners to select whether they **support** or **do not support** decorative street lights.

The City will need to receive a representative sample of 265 responses from property owners in Calder. If 50% plus 1 support the decorative street lights, the local improvement process will begin. If less than 20% of property owners submit an EOI form by the deadline, it will be at the discretion of the City to initiate the process or not, based on previous public engagement feedback.



All completed Expression of Interest forms must be received by the City by **November 15, 2020**. Your community representatives are requesting that all completed Expression of Interest forms be submitted by one of the following:

**Email to:** take a photo or scan:  
[decorativestreetlighting@edmonton.ca](mailto:decorativestreetlighting@edmonton.ca)

**Mail to:** Attention: Expression of Interest, Building Great Neighbourhoods and Open Spaces, City of Edmonton, 14th Floor, Edmonton Tower, 10111 104 Avenue, T5J 0J4

**Fax to:** City of Edmonton at **780-944-7707**

**Drop off:** Elm Park Laundromat on 129 Avenue and 119 Street, which is open between 7 am and 9 pm.

For more information about local improvements, please visit [edmonton.ca/localimprovements](http://edmonton.ca/localimprovements)





**HISTORY MOMENT:** Did you know Calder used to be two small towns adjacent to each other? The Calder community, consisting originally of the Village of West Edmonton and the Elm Park subdivision, developed a self-sustained working class community reflected in the modest workers' cottages, commercial and community buildings, and diverse collection of churches representing the multitude of ethnic groups settled in the community through time over its occupation since the 1890s. The Village of West Edmonton was annexed by the City of Edmonton in 1917 and later became the community of Calder in the early 1900s. Elm Park remained on tax assessment bills until the 1990s.

## Decorative Street Blade Update

Neighbourhood Renewal includes the replacement of the street blades in your neighbourhood. Your community is recommending to install decorative blades. There is no additional cost to property owners to install decorative blades.

The Calder Community League is continuing to accept your feedback on the design for the decorative street blade design. Phase 1 was to garner feedback on the style and color. Of the choices presented in the latest newsletter and social media blitz, we heard mostly that BLACK is the preferred color for the blades.

For Phase 2, we now need to hear from you about the details of the design. Two images have been created as options. An old steam train or the date of Calder being established. Which do you prefer?

Calder neighbourhood name and year of establishment

OR

A steam engine with the Calder neighbourhood name and year of establishment



Please send your preference to [caldercommunityleague@gmail.com](mailto:caldercommunityleague@gmail.com) or phone **780-451-0279**.

*Deadline for submitting your preference is **September 30, 2020**.*

## Community-Led projects update

During the most recent round of public engagement, we asked community members to let us know if they were interested in volunteering to help initiate the five community-led projects that were identified during outreach for neighbourhood renewal. Twelve of your neighbours have stepped forward!

We are working with the City's Citizen Services to coordinate staff resources to help with these projects. We will know more in September and will contact those that put their names forward.

It's not too late to help out. If you are willing to volunteer, please let Laura Shewchuk know by emailing [laura.shewchuk@edmonton.ca](mailto:laura.shewchuk@edmonton.ca) or phoning **780-944-0728**.

Community-led projects identified during renewal engagement

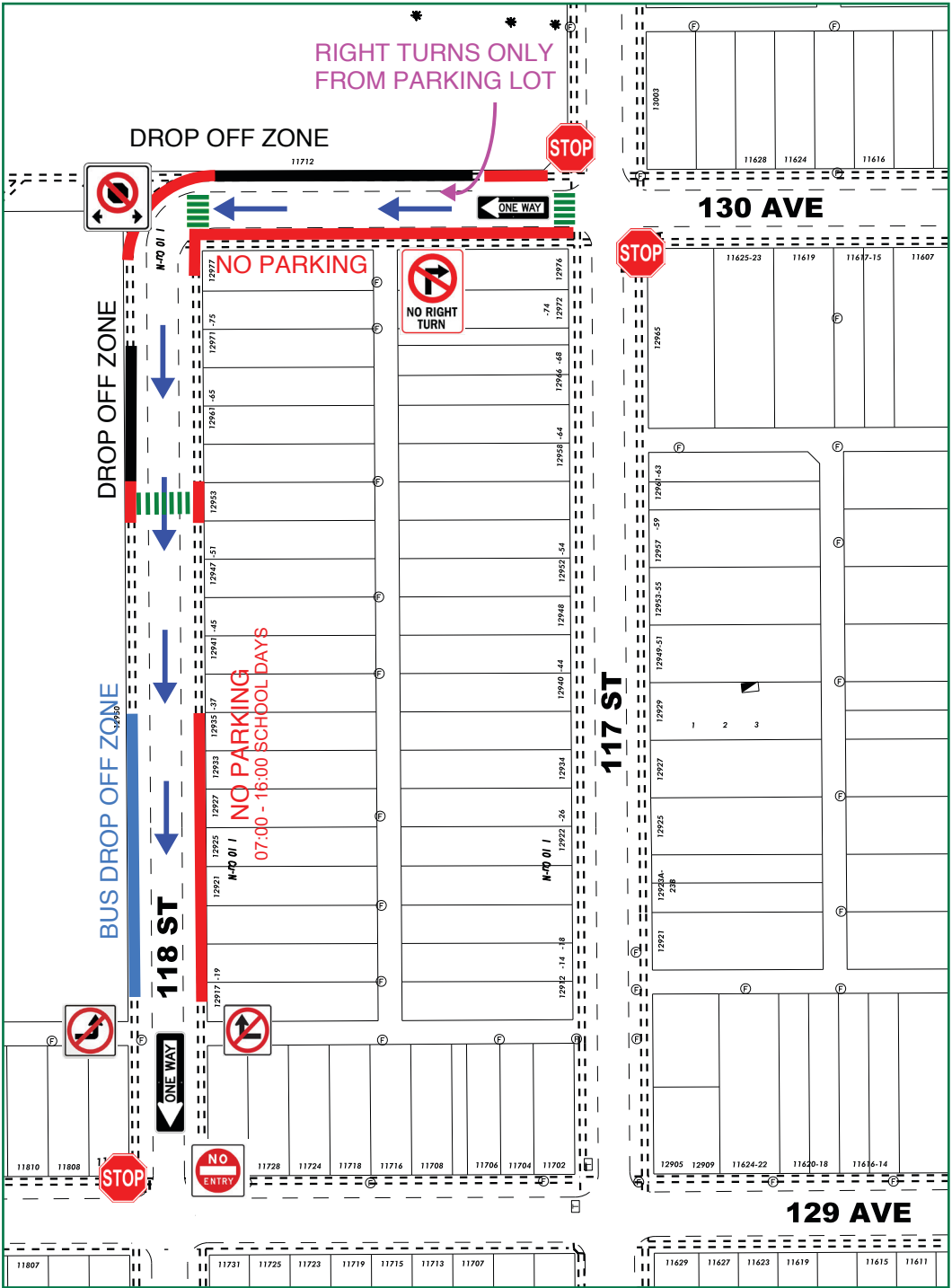
- + Gateway features
- + 124 Street interpretive signage (between Miwasin Park and Touchdown Park)
- + Community walk / heritage interpretation
- + Public art opportunities
- + Utility box public art wrap opportunities







# One Way Traffic Flow in front of Calder schools



**Starting on August 24, 2020, traffic flow along 130 Avenue and 118 Street will be changed from two-way travel to one-way travel.**

Traffic flow will be changed to westbound only on 130 Avenue starting at 117 Street and southbound only on 118 Street through to 129 Avenue. Parking on 118 Street from 131 Avenue to 132 Avenue will be removed on the east side.

Implementing the one way travel allows us to observe the impacts to traffic flow, student drop off and pick up, pedestrian crossings and visibility for people who are driving or walking.

During the implementation of the test run we will gather feedback from residents, non-residents and road users to understand how people perceive the effect on congestion, safety for all road users and residential parking.

We intend to keep the traffic measures in place until Neighbourhood Renewal construction occurs in front of the schools. If we find we need to make adjustments to the one-way traffic flow and parking restrictions, we may make changes to fine tune the design.

There are two ways you can participate to let us know how the one-way traffic flow and parking restrictions are working:

- 1. Starting on August 24, 2020,** you will be able to give your observations on our project website. We will have a feedback button where you can share your observations, comments and questions. If you do not have access online, you can contact Program Manager, Laura Shewchuk at **780-944-0728** or by email at [Laura.Shewchuk@edmonton.ca](mailto:Laura.Shewchuk@edmonton.ca).
- 2. Online Survey (open from October 1 to October 21, 2020)** In October, we will provide a link on our webpage to an online survey to collect your feedback. If you require a paper survey, you can contact the Program Manager, Laura Shewchuk at **780-944-0728**.

**Where can I get more information?**

If you have questions about this traffic change, or about Calder Neighbourhood Renewal, information can also be found on our project webpage at [edmonton.ca/buildingcalder](http://edmonton.ca/buildingcalder).

You may also contact the City of Edmonton Program Manager, Laura Shewchuk, at [Laura.Shewchuk@edmonton.ca](mailto:Laura.Shewchuk@edmonton.ca) or **780-944-0728**



# What's next?

## Community Feedback on Final Design – November 2020

Your input is important as we move toward finalizing the design and the scheduled 2021 construction start date for your Neighbourhood Renewal. The project team will review all of the feedback provided, along with technical information and City policies and programs, for consideration into the final design. This design will be shared back with you and your neighbours in fall 2020.



### Stay Informed

For more information, and to sign up for project updates, go to [edmonton.ca/BuildingCalder](https://edmonton.ca/BuildingCalder).



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