Placemaking overview



What is placemaking?

Placemaking refers to projects that can be used to reflect the character of the community. These projects can help create a 'place' for enjoyment of all age groups. A 'place', where they feel safe and comfortable. Successful placemaking can be achieved in a variety of ways to address site-specific issues and challenges.

Why is it important to Calder?

Within Calder there are various opportunities for creative placemaking projects. Potential projects may include streetscaping improvements, gateway features, neighbourhood seating areas and establishing a community hub.



Corner Store Program

Placemaking

- 12. 129 Avenue commercial area (between 120 St and 119 St)
- Dover Hotel commercial area 13.
- 14. Neighbourhood seating areas
- 15. Potential community hub

What we heard

- + 129 Avenue commercial area: Enhanced amenities including decorative features, bike amenities, seating and lighting would encourage community members to visit this local business area.
- + Comfort: Enhanced seating areas would provide community members with places to connect with neighbours and enjoy the outdoors.
- + History: Signage, public art and seating areas are good opportunities to highlight Calder's history.

The commercial area along 129 ave between 120 and 119 street was selected for participation in the Corner Store Program, a City of Edmonton initiative to create vibrant neighbourhood commercial spaces. To date, several properties have undergone renovations and the next step is to upgrade the streetscape. The draft plans developed prior to Calder NBHD Renewal were taken into consideration but NBHD renewal offers an opportunity to make a more significant impact to this area.

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What we propose

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- + Curb extensions to support the bus stop, reduce speeds and shorten pedestrian crossing distances for north to south pedestrian movement at 120 Street and 119 Street.
- + Maintain existing on-street parking on the north side of 129 Avenue.
- + Bike racks for cyclists to secure their bikes to while they visit the area.
- Remove existing trees and replace with new trees, in decorative tree grates, that are compatible with overhead utility wires.
- New benches to create a community space for people to rest and connect with their neighbours.
- Painted and decorative crosswalks to enhance the awareness of people who drive to the presence of people crossing the Avenue.
- + New pedestrian–oriented lights to increase pedestrian visibility in the dark.
- + Potential tree lights to help create a unique sense of place.
- Decorative features to reflect the rich history of Calder.



12) 129 Avenue commercial area

Example renderings











Existing: 129 Avenue (120 Street – 119 Street)

129 Avenue commercial area

Proposed: 129 Avenue (120 Street – 119 Street)







13 120 Street commercial area

New curb extension

- Widen existing sidewalk
- Existing sidewalk
- Existing tree
- New tree in grate
- New bench
- New bike rack
- New curb extension
- New garbage receptacle
- New marked crosswalk

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 - + New benches to create a community space for people to rest and connect with their neighbours.

- New trees in grates to add more greenery to the neighbourhood.
- + Wider sidewalks and concrete areas along in front of the Dover Hotel.



Deighbourhood seating areas



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- + New seating areas and benches to create places for people to rest and connect with their neighbours.
- + Community bulletin boards to provide spaces for community messaging at seating areas with high pedestrian traffic.



- + Pedestrian-oriented lights to enhance sightlines and the feeling of safety for people who walk when it is dark.
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- + Waste receptacles to help keep the community clean. Bike racks at some seating areas to provide secure spaces for people to leave +
 - their bike and visit destinations.

Samples







13 Neighbourhood seating areas

126 Street and 131 Avenue



New bench and concrete pad

New garbage receptacle

124 Street and 131 Avenue



Miwasin Park upgrades (Concept 1)

120 Street and 130 Avenue



Opportunity for community-led public art





New seating area with benches, decorative concrete pad, pedestrian-oriented lights and garbage receptacles



New shared-use path





Widen existing sidewalk Existing sidewalk

New bench, concrete pad, bike rack, pedestrianoriented light and garbage receptacle



New seating area with benches, decorative concrete pad, bike rack, pedestrian-oriented lights and garbage receptacles

New bench, concrete pad, garbage receptacle and community bulletin board

New shareduse path (Concept 10)





Touchdown Park upgrades (Concept 3)

Opportunity for communityled public art to reflect the railway and 124 Street streetcar history





What is a community hub?

A community hub is an accessible and inclusive public amenity such as a multi-purpose building, vibrant community space or outdoor space (i.e., a plaza, green space, or street). Community hubs aim to increase the use of public spaces, are designed to encourage and provide spaces for people to connect with each other through formal and informal ways.

In other words,

...community hubs are spaces that strengthen people's connection to their neighbourhood and their neighbours.

Playground Community Remembrance Day Ceremony Walking path event/festival

Conceptual Summer/Fall sketch



Conceptual Winter sketch









- Calder Neighbourhood Boundary
- Potential Community Hub • Potential Pedestrian-oriented Lights • Existing Pedestrian-oriented Lights

Note: The existing streetlights along the west side of 119 Street will need to be relocated to the east side of 119 Street.

What we propose

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- ິ(ຊີ) + project.
- ິ(ຊີ) + community hubs.

Potential pedestrian-oriented lights along the east sides of 120 Street and the west side of 119 Street between 130 Avenue and 127 Avenue. Programming and collaboration for a community hub be included in the

draft design as a community-led

The community work with the Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator to pursue the development of the programming in the potential

