What is the First Place Program?

The First Place Program is coming to Michaels Park. The program defers homeowners' cost of land, allowing them to repay this cost to the City after five years, which will lower their mortgage payments. The homes are market priced and built in established neighbourhoods by the City's professional build partners.

The program attracts new families and skilled graduates in Edmonton by helping them own their first home. Many First Place buyers grew up in the neighbourhoods they buy in, allowing them to live close to family or the amenities in areas they're familiar with. By bringing new residents to the neighbourhood, nearby businesses have more customers and neighbourhoods are more active.

Homes are built on land previously set aside for building schools. Local school boards decided they no longer need the land and City Council approved the sites for First Place Program homes.

To date, 820 First Place Program homes have been designed, over 650 have been sold or are under construction and over 500 families live in First Place homes.

First Place Program in Michaels Park

A key part of the program is working with residents of Michaels Park.

There are two location options for the First Place Program in Michaels Park. The City is looking for your input into which option will work best for your community. For more information, please visit: edmonton.ca/FirstPlaceMichaelsPark

In November, the City will host a drop-in public engagement session to introduce the project and gather input from residents on which of the sites to build on. Additionally, the City will accept volunteers for the Design Committee. The committee, which will be made up of community volunteers, City staff and partner builders, will determine the design of new homes and their fit within Michaels Park. Details of this session will be mailed to residents shortly.

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