

BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

Hairsine Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal
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Through the City's Building Great Neighbourhoods Branch, the Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal Program will reconstruct roads, curbs, alleys, replace street lights, repair sidewalks, and where possible, complete active transportation links. Other opportunities to improve City-owned parks and public spaces will also be explored.

Cost sharing opportunities will be made available through the Local Improvement process for sidewalk reconstruction and decorative street light upgrades in the neighbourhood.

The new infrastructure will provide enhancements to the neighbourhood for the next 30 to 50 years. Construction is scheduled to begin in Spring 2024.

This newsletter intends to keep you informed of the Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal in Hairsine and when and how you can join the conversation. Planning for Hairsine Renewal is underway, and we are working with you to create a draft design and determine what will be built.

We will continue to invite you to participate in a variety of ways, then we will share what we heard from you and your neighbours and how the information was used to inform the design.

Share your feedback!

September 19 - October 14, 2022
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Exploring Opportunities

In March 2022, we reached out to Hairsine's residents, businesses and visitors to help **REFINE** our understanding of the enhancements that could help to improve your neighbourhood.

During the **Exploring Opportunities** stage, we distributed an online survey, conducted meetings with community members and key stakeholders, and hosted a Self-Guided Treasure Quest to gather input to further explore issues and opportunities for the Hairsine neighbourhood.

Hairsine Renewal Concept Phase

DECEMBER 2021

Building a Project Vision Together

MARCH 2022

Exploring Opportunities

WE ARE
HERE

FALL 2022

Exploring Options and Tradeoffs

SPRING 2023

Community Feedback on Draft Design

FALL 2023

Community Feedback on Final Design

WINTER 2024

Preparing for Construction

SPRING 2024

Construction On Your Streets



Hairsine Community Vision and Guiding Principles

During the **Exploring Opportunities** stage, ideas and insights were collected from participants to help us understand how people experience the neighbourhood today and what can be improved or added to create a neighbourhood for the future.

The Project Team has used this input to **CREATE** a draft Vision and Guiding Principles for the Hairsine Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal project. This Vision will be used to guide decision making for Neighbourhood Renewal and future community actions. The Guiding Principles are ideas that inform how the Vision should be applied to the neighbourhood design and used to inform the choices for community-led initiatives.

Hairsine Community Vision:

Hairsine is a generationally and culturally diverse community that is safe, family-friendly and welcoming for all residents and visitors. There are lots of green spaces, amenities, parks and trees offering many opportunities to enjoy Hairsine's beautiful surroundings. We are proud to have safe and accessible connections to and from other neighbourhoods, nearby businesses and amenities for people of all ages and abilities. The many children who live and learn in Hairsine feel safe when walking, driving and rolling to and from school. We are continuously looking for ways to celebrate our diversity and foster positive relationships between neighbours.

Hairsine Guiding Principles:



Hairsine is a family- and kid-friendly neighbourhood with safe spaces, parks and amenities to enjoy



Hairsine has beautiful green, open spaces with picnic tables and benches for friends, family and neighbours to gather and build relationships with one another



Hairsine has upgraded sidewalks, roadways and wide pathways throughout the neighbourhood that provide safe and accessible connections for people of all ages and abilities



Hairsine has well-lit spaces, crosswalks and streets



Hairsine honours and celebrates the cultural diversity of all residents and visitors

You can view and provide feedback on this draft Vision and Guiding Principles through the online engagement at edmonton.ca/BuildingHairsine from September 19 to October 14, 2022.



What You Had to Say

The following is a summary of what we heard through public engagement during the **Exploring Opportunities** stage of this project. These themes were developed using input gathered through the online survey, conversations with community members and key stakeholders and from the Self-Guided Treasure Quest.

Walking, rolling and public transit

“Wider sidewalks, would prefer multi-use so I could ride my bicycle more safely.”

Upgrading ageing streets and sidewalks is important to Hairsine community members. Many expressed interest in improved connections and accessibility. Some participants shared that they would feel safer with more lighting on streets, pathways and parks as well as better visibility at crosswalks and near schools in Hairsine.

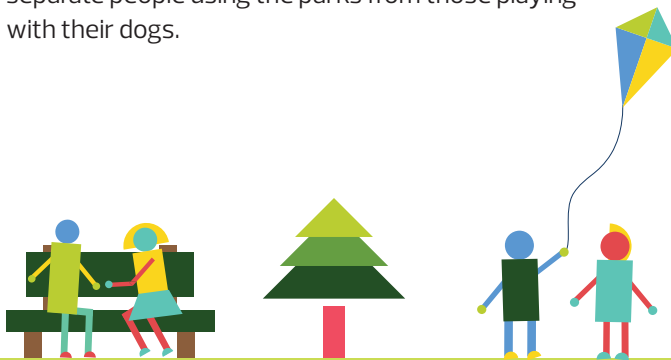
Biking

Participants enjoy using Hairsine Park as a shortcut to get to the Junior High School and connect to the larger transportation network. Participants shared concerns about people who bike on busy roads and would like to see widened sidewalks, shared pathways, connected pathways and bike lanes. Participants suggested building more bike racks to encourage biking and prevent theft.

Parks and open spaces

“We could use more green spaces, trees and shrubs to beautify our neighbourhood.”

Participants expressed appreciation for spending time with friends, family and neighbours in the parks and suggested amenities like benches, picnic tables, playgrounds and green spaces. Some shared that a separate off leash area would keep the area cleaner and separate people using the parks from those playing with their dogs.



Driving

Participants shared that vehicles move too fast in Hairsine and would like to see improvements to slow down the traffic. Residents would like to see improvements to crossings around St. Bonaventure and John D. Bracco schools where many children are walking and many vehicles are transporting students. Some people who drive experience significant potholes that are causing damage to their vehicles.

What you need to know about Local Improvements

What is a Local Improvement?

A Local Improvement is a construction project undertaken near or next to residents' properties which is considered more beneficial to the property owner or local area than to the City as a whole. Local Improvements are a part of the Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal discussions with you and your neighbours. Learn more about this at our next public engagement event on September 28, 2022 or visit edmonton.ca/BuildingHairsine.

How is Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal paid for?

The Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal Program is paid for through a City-wide property tax reserve fund dedicated to the program. However, two specific improvements—decorative street lights and sidewalk reconstruction—are cost-shared by the City and property owners in the neighbourhood, as they are considered a Local Improvement.

Decorative street light options

At our next public engagement event, we will share information about the options available for decorative street lighting. Standard street lights will be replaced as part of the Neighbourhood Renewal process. However, property owners in each neighbourhood undergoing renewal will have the opportunity to upgrade to their community's choice of decorative street lights through a community-initiated Local Improvement process.

Sidewalk reconstruction

A sidewalk reconstruction Local Improvement is initiated by the City as part of Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal. For information about cost-sharing with the City on sidewalk reconstruction, visit edmonton.ca/BuildingHairsine.



A message from the Hairsine Renewal Project Team

Thank you to all the Hairsine community members who met with our project team or completed the Self-Guided Treasure Quest and identified opportunities to consider during Neighbourhood Renewal.

You shared issues, concerns, ideas and opportunities on parking, traffic, open and green spaces, biking, neighbourhood lighting, safety and the neighbourhood lived experience. With this local knowledge, we are creating options to share with you in September 2022.

Our next stage of engagement—**Exploring Options and Tradeoffs** is all about showing the community what is possible and discussing how these changes might impact you as a resident, property owner or business owner. We will show you design options, along with associated benefits and tradeoffs for the key focus areas. We will also bring information about options for decorative street lighting forward. Your feedback will help us determine which options to include in the draft design, which will be presented in Spring 2023.

We want to invite you to participate in engagement for Hairsine Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal! Please watch for information about our public engagement events and plan to attend.

Our team is available to answer your questions about the design process and how your input will be used.

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Hairsine Playground Project



Hairsine Community League is partnering with the Hairsine Park Committee to redevelop the playground into a beautiful, inclusive park area for the whole community to use and enjoy! Our plan is to replace the existing park and add pieces that will be used by residents of all ages: preschool area, fitness structures and a sheltered area for enjoyment as well.

Our hope is to find members of Hairsine that are ready to commit to help us with planning, fundraising and execution of the park development. Please reach out to us at secretary@hairsine.ca if this interests you or if you have any questions.

Hairsine Communications Committee

The Hairsine Communication Committee (HCC) is a collaborative group formed to ensure transparency and effective community communication during the Hairsine Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal project. The group is also responsible for recommending ways to identify and connect with stakeholders. To volunteer for this opportunity or to get more information on it, please contact the Project Coordinator, Trudy Raadik at trudy.raadik@edmonton.ca.

What's next?

Exploring Options and Tradeoffs September 19 to October 14, 2022

Thank you to all who shared their input during the **Building a Project Vision Together** and **Exploring Opportunities** stages of engagement.

From September 19 to October 14, 2022, you are invited to the **Exploring Options and Tradeoffs** stage of engagement for Hairsine Renewal. The project team will return to the community to confirm the Vision and Guiding Principles and explore options and tradeoffs to understand the preferences of the community. During this stage we will invite you to provide feedback on design options and to share insights to help us **REFINE** the options.

Please join us for a public engagement event on September 28, 2022

Online Session:

Wednesday, September 28, 2022: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Pre-register at edmonton.ca/BuildingHairsine

You can also find the Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal project team in the Hairsine community during engagement. You can find us at the following locations:

- + **September 14, 6 pm:** St. Bonaventure Catholic School Meet the Teacher Night
- + **September 15, 5 pm:** John D. Bracco Junior High Meet the Teacher Night
- + **September 17, 4 pm – 7 pm:** Hairsine Community League
- + **September 24, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm:** Clareview Recreation Centre

Come meet the project team and learn more about Hairsine Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal! Each event will have special giveaways.

For more information regarding the Hairsine Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal, upcoming public engagement activities and to subscribe for project updates, please visit edmonton.ca/BuildingHairsine.

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Working together to make the most out of your neighbourhood.

This is your city and your neighbourhood. We want to understand how you experience your neighbourhood and ask for your input on what we might do to make it better. We will engage and work with you on the renewal of roads, sidewalks, street lights and park spaces. We will also promote other community opportunities to enhance how people live and interact in your neighbourhood. We commit to being open and transparent about how your input is used. Let's make the most out of your neighbourhood.

