



What We Heard Report Lorelei & Beaumaris Neighbourhood Renewal

Refined Neighbourhood Designs Event

February 2020

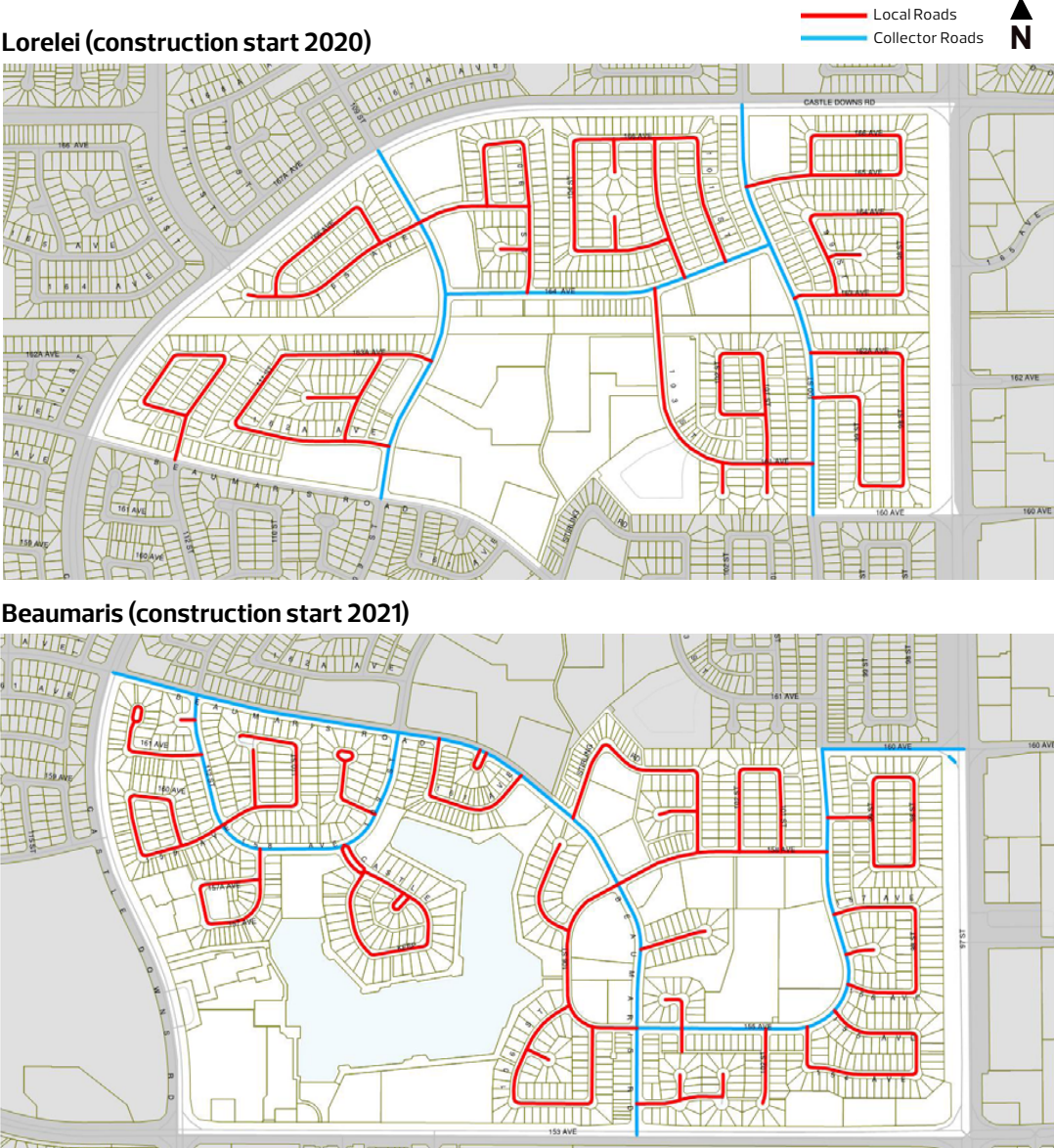
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Background

Beginning in 2020, Lorelei and Beaumaris will experience Neighbourhood Renewal. Through the City of Edmonton's Building Great Neighbourhoods and Open Spaces branch, the Neighbourhood Renewal Program will rehabilitate roads, replace street lights, curb and gutters, repair sidewalks, and connect missing sidewalk links where possible in Lorelei and Beaumaris.

Cost sharing opportunities will be made available through the Local Improvement process for sidewalk reconstruction and decorative street light upgrades in the neighbourhoods. Other opportunities to improve City-owned parks and public spaces will also be explored.



Roadmap to Building Great Neighbourhoods

The Neighbourhood Renewal Program follows the roadmap below. Most recently we gathered community feedback on refined designs.



LEGEND

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Public Engagement and Communications Opportunities
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Concept Phase
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Design Phase
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Build Phase
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Operate Phase

Public engagement activity timeline

NOVEMBER 2018 – JANUARY 2019

Community Walk, Vision and Guiding Principles Workshop and Online Survey – What We Heard Report #1

- + Work together to develop a vision and guiding principles
- + Help us improve our understanding of what infrastructure exists in the neighbourhood

FEBRUARY 2019

Vision Confirmation and Community Options Event – What We Heard Report #1

- + Help us improve and finalize the vision and guiding principles
- + Adapt and adjust our approach to identify opportunities and challenges

MAY 2019

Draft Concept Designs Event – What We Heard Report #2

- + Help us refine the draft concept designs and confirm that they align with the vision and guiding principles
- + Help us prioritize potential improvements to the neighbourhood

NOVEMBER 2019

Refined Neighbourhood Designs Event

- + Share feedback to help finalize the refined designs
- + Make a choice on the decorative street light expression of interest

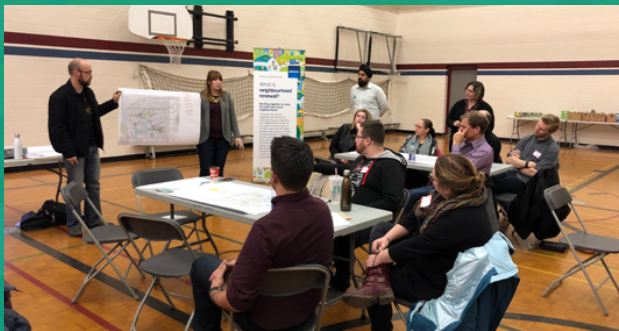
FEBRUARY 2020 (LORELEI) & EARLY 2021 (BEAUMARIS)

Pre-Construction Event

- + Share feedback on construction considerations
- + Make a decision on the local improvement tax levy for sidewalk reconstruction and decorative street lights

What We Heard Reports were created in January 2019 and July 2019, and are available online at: edmonton.ca/BuildingLoreleiBeaumaris.

The following report provides a summary of what we heard at the **Refined Neighbourhood Designs event**.

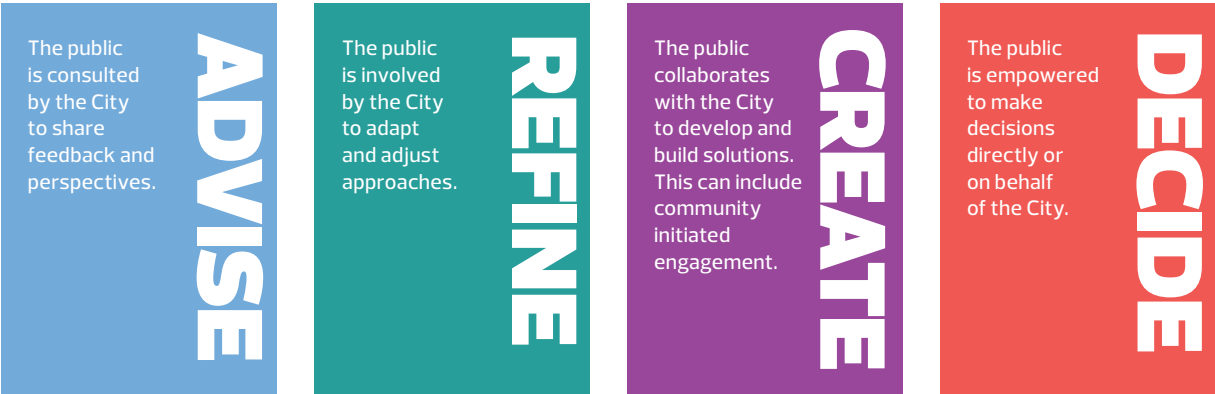


What is included in this report

The following report includes a summary of the feedback received at the Refined Neighbourhood Designs event. This feedback was used to determine if anything else needed to be considered when finalizing the designs.

Public Engagement Spectrum

Public engagement for Neighbourhood Renewal in Lorelei and Beaumaris is based on the City's Public Engagement Spectrum, which defines the public's level of influence during engagement processes.



The Refined Neighbourhood Designs event engaged with the public at the **REFINE** and **ADVISE** level.

Refined Neighbourhood Designs Event

What we did

- + A public event was held on October 29, 2019 at Lorelei School from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Display panels presented the refined designs to participants and encouraged them to share feedback.
- + The panels were shared on the project webpage along with an online engagement opportunity for those who could not attend the event. We also received feedback by phone and email.

What we asked

Participants were asked:

- + Does the design align with our vision and guiding principles?
- + Is there anything else we should think about when finalizing the designs?

What a great turnout! More than 125 people shared their ideas on the refined designs for neighbourhood renewal in Lorelei and Beaumaris.

- + More than 185 ideas were shared!

"I'm not in favor of adding a sidewalk on 112 Street and 162 Avenue. The area would not handle the parking only on one side."

- Lorelei Beaumaris resident

"Yes, I'd like the path along 97 St south of Castle Downs Road. It's a great idea."

- Lorelei Beaumaris resident

What we shared

We presented refined designs for sidewalk and shared-use path improvements, open spaces, and corridor and intersection improvements.

Each design was developed to:

- + Integrate, wherever possible, public input gathered through several public engagement sessions, email submissions, and phone calls since November 2018
- + Reflect the vision and guiding principles created in collaboration with the community
- + Reflect technical requirements in the neighbourhood
- + Align with current City of Edmonton policies

The designs fall into three categories:

Category	The designs included:
Sidewalk and shared-use path improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">+ Sidewalk improvements – New sidewalks to make it easier to walk throughout the neighbourhood and associated parking restrictions if applicable. New boulevard trees to beautify streets in the neighbourhood.+ Shared-use path improvements – New shared-use paths to make it easier to walk and bike around the neighbourhood.
Open spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none">+ Green corridor – An extension to the existing shared-use path to improve access to neighbourhood destinations. The design also included an off-leash dog park, benches, lighting, waste receptacles and tree planting to beautify the corridor and create places for people to come together and be active.+ Lorelei Park – A new east-to-west shared-use path to improve connectivity for people to walk and bike. The design also included benches, lighting, waste receptacles and tree plantings to create places for people to come together and be active.+ Beaumaris Park to Beaumaris Lake – A reconstructed shared-use path to improve the connection between Beaumaris Park and Beaumaris Lake. The design also included curb extensions and a raised crosswalk to slow traffic and improve sight lines and awareness of people crossing the street, as well as tree plantings and a decorative crosswalk.+ 97 Street shared-use path connection – A new north-to-south shared-use path along 97 Street to make it easier to access destinations within and surrounding the neighbourhood. The design included plantings and signage to improve the look and feel of the neighbourhood.
Corridor and intersection improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">+ Beaumaris Road – A re-configured street with a wider grassy boulevard, wider sidewalk and reduced road width. The design also included curb extensions and a raised crosswalk to slow traffic and improve sight lines and awareness of people crossing the street, as well as a decorative crosswalk at 158 Avenue to improve the look and feel of the commercial hub.+ 109 Street corridor and 100 Street improvements – Curb extensions and raised crosswalks along 100 Street and 109 Street to slow traffic and improve sight lines and awareness of people crossing the street.+ Castle Downs to Beaumaris Lake – A reconstructed shared-use path and pathway extension to the transit centre to improve access to neighbourhood destinations. The design also included a new entrance plaza with plantings and signage.+ 164 Avenue and 103 Street – Curb extensions and a raised crosswalk along the green corridor to slow traffic and improve sight lines and awareness of people crossing the street. The design also included boulevard trees and wider sidewalks to improve the look and feel of the neighbourhood.

The refined designs are available at: edmonton.ca/BuildingLoreleiBeaumaris

What we heard

We received over 185 comments on the refined designs. The feedback will be used to help finalize the designs.

What we heard about the vision and guiding principles:

Participants were asked if the designs aligned with the vision and guiding principles. At the event and through previous engagement we confirmed that the majority of participants believe that the designs align with the vision and guiding principles. Participants also expressed that they liked that the improved connections will discourage speeding and make it easier to get around the neighbourhood.

What we heard about: Sidewalk and shared-use path improvements

Design

We we heard:

Lorelei sidewalk improvements

- + A majority of participants felt that the proposed parking restrictions to accommodate sidewalks could lead to a parking shortage and are not needed, particularly along 102 Street and in cul-de-sacs where a lot of community members park currently

Beaumaris sidewalk improvements

- + A majority of participants felt that the proposed parking restrictions to accommodate sidewalks are not needed in cul-de-sacs and some participants did not want the new sidewalks as it could reduce lawn space
- + A participant would like the project team to consider an improved connection from Castle Downs Road to the YMCA to the west of Beaumaris

Shared-use path improvements

- + A few participants would like the project team to consider improved lighting along the shared-use paths at 100 Street and 164 Avenue, Peggy Holmes Park, and 101 Street to Castle Downs Road
 - + A participant would like the project team to consider a connection along Castle Downs Road between 100 Street and 97 Street
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What we heard about: Open spaces

Design

We heard participants:

Green corridor

- + Several participants liked the addition of the shared-use path and would like the project team to consider:
 - + More waste receptacles along the pathway
 - + Signage and a fence for the off-leash dog park area
 - + Design elements for recreational activities (mini-soccer nets for kids, community garden, etc.)

Lorelei Park

- + Several participants liked the proposed seating/plaza areas along the north-to-south pathway
- + A participant would like the project team to consider additional design elements for recreational activities (exercise stations, community garden, etc.)

Beaumaris Park to Beaumaris Lake

- + Several participants felt that there is crime in the area and would like the project team to consider improvements to make the area safer
- + A few participants would like the project team to consider:
 - + A "Beaumaris Park" sign
 - + Design elements for recreational activities (group walk areas, community garden, etc.)
 - + Maintenance requirements for the proposed park and street improvements

97 Street shared-use path connection

- + Several participants liked the proposed shared-use path to make it easier for people to walk and bike along 97 Street

What we heard about: Streetscape improvements

Design

We heard participants:

Beaumaris Road

- + Some participants felt that speeding is a problem along Beaumaris Road and traffic calming is important while a few other participants felt that the proposed raised crosswalk, curb extensions and reduced road width are not needed
- + A few participants would like the project team to consider curb extensions, a four-way stop or signalized lights at the 155 Avenue and Beaumaris Road intersection to make it feel safer to cross the street
- + A few participants would like the project team to consider:
 - + Safety of people near Bishop Savaryn school during pick-up and drop-off
 - + Flashing crossing lights instead of curb extensions along Beaumaris Road
 - + Curb extensions at the 112 Street and 161 Avenue intersection

109 Street corridor

- + Some participants liked the proposed raised crosswalk and felt that it will discourage speeding while other participants did not feel that it is needed as speeding is already discouraged through the 30 km/hr speed limit
- + A few participants felt that the proposed curb extensions along 109 Street will cause congestion in front of Bishop Savaryn School during pick-up and drop-off
- + A participant felt that flashing crossing lights should be installed at the crossing near Bishop Savaryn school to make it feel safer to cross the street

100 Street improvements

- + Some participants felt that speeding is a problem along 100 Street and traffic calming is important while other participants felt that the curb extensions are not needed and could reduce parking and cause drainage issue
- + A participant felt that improved lighting should be installed at 100 Street and 164 Avenue to improve the visibility of people walking and crossing the street

Castle Downs to Beaumaris Lake

- + Several participants liked the new plantings and signage to create a nice entrance to the lake and some would like the project team to consider more flowers and an entry feature
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Design

We heard participants:

164 Avenue and 103 Street

- + Several participants liked the proposed wider sidewalks, new trees, curb extensions and raised crosswalk to improve safety and the look and feel of the street, and make it easier to walk in the neighbourhood, while some participants felt that the raised crosswalk may not be needed
- + Some participants would like the project team to consider:
 - + Crossing improvements in front of Lorelei School
 - + Curb ramps at crosswalks to improve accessibility for all
 - + Maintaining on-street parking on 103 Street, especially near the school, as there are many people that currently use the street to park in this area

Other

- + Many participants are concerned with drainage near proposed curb extensions and in alleys
- + A participant would like the project team to consider installing flashing lights at the mid-block crossing along 164 Avenue near Lorelei Park to make it feel safer to cross the street

What we heard about: Construction

Stage

We heard participants:

Construction

- + A participant felt that the project team needs to consider maintaining accessible routes to houses during construction

Final Remarks

- + Many participants felt that decorative street lighting would be too costly and is not needed
- + A few participants would like the project team to consider improved infrastructure (sidewalk, pathways, lights) around Beaumaris Lake and community programs and garden to support recreational activities

We will use this information to finalize the designs and to help determine what is built through neighbourhood renewal in Lorelei and Beaumaris.

Decorative street lights and next steps

Decorative street lights Expression of Interest form – Fall 2019 & Fall 2020

- + An Expression of Interest form for decorative street lights was sent to property owners in Lorelei in September 2019.
- + Property owners filled out and submit the form to decide on decorative street lights in November 2019.
- + A decision was made to **not** install decorative street lights based on the results.
- + Beaumaris property owners will receive the same opportunity in September 2020.

Pre-construction events – February 2020 & early 2021

- + A public event will be held on February 13, 2020 to present the final designs for Lorelei and share information on construction, decorative street lights, and next steps. A similar public event for Beaumaris will be held in early 2021.
- + A petition form for sidewalk reconstruction was sent to property owners in Lorelei in early 2020. Lorelei property owners can sign a petition against sidewalk local improvement. Beaumaris property owners will receive the same opportunity in early 2021.



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, and 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.

For more information

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