

Preliminary Design Public Event

Purpose

Welcome to the Royal Gardens Preliminary Design Public Event!

The purpose of this event is to share the preliminary designs for neighbourhood renewal in Royal Gardens. The event will also ask participants to ADVISE on any minor changes that should be made to these designs before construction begins in spring 2019. The following panels provide information and ask participants to provide feedback about the designs related to:

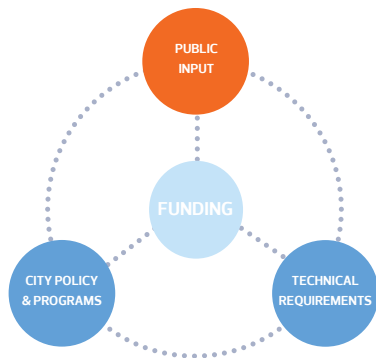
- Residential streets, including measures to slow traffic
- Improvements to existing bike routes
- Park and green space enhancements
- Improvements to pathways and walking connections

What is a Preliminary Design?

A preliminary design is a more refined drawing of the previous draft concepts and was refined from the previous public engagement event in June.

How We Will Use Your Feedback

Your feedback from this event, as well as additional factors below, will be used to ADVISE on the development of the final designs and construction plans.



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Public Engagement Process Overview

We have engaged with the public on several occasions over the past year to support the development of the preliminary designs. These designs were informed by previous public engagement on the vision, core values, community options, and draft concepts. The roadmap on the right, shows all of the phases that are included in the neighbourhood renewal process, including the current DESIGN phase. The event today will be a final opportunity to give feedback to ADVISE on the further development of the designs.

Preliminary Designs

Previous engagement at the Draft Concepts event in June, included an exercise to help determine which concepts were most important to the community. That feedback helped REFINE the development of the preliminary designs, and has been included in the What We Heard section on the following panels.

The following panels also include information on the decorative street light process, construction staging, and next steps.



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Vision and Core Values

The preliminary designs were informed by the vision statement and core values, which were developed based on input from community members at previous engagement events.

Vision Statement

"Neighbourhood Renewal in Royal Gardens will support a safe, accessible, and family-friendly community. As a neighbourhood with many schools, activities, and green spaces, Royal Gardens is a community that is easy for people to walk, bike and drive. The design of the neighbourhood enables residents to visit, play and enjoy local destinations together."



Core Values*

1 Getting to know your neighbours in a friendly atmosphere.



2 Getting out and enjoying vibrant greenspaces and playgrounds.



3 Gatherings and block parties that bring people together.



4 Year-round opportunities for doing family-friendly activities.



5 Feeling safe and having well-lit spaces.



6 Having viable options to walk, bike and use transit.



7 Visiting local amenities, shops, and schools.



8 Enjoying both quietness and proximity to nearby destinations.



9 Walking, accessibility, and pedestrian safety.



10 Wayfinding and signage that is easy to understand.



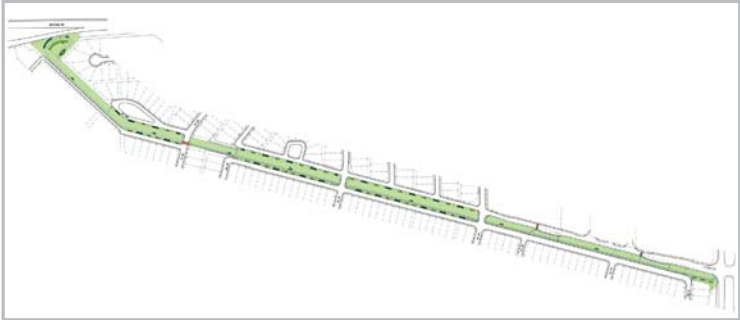
*Listed in no particular order.

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Neighbourhood Plan

These are the preliminary designs that have been created for neighbourhood renewal. For a description of each, please refer to the following panels.



Previously approved raised crosswalks (part of the 43 Avenue shared use path - to be constructed with Neighbourhood Renewal in 2019/2020)



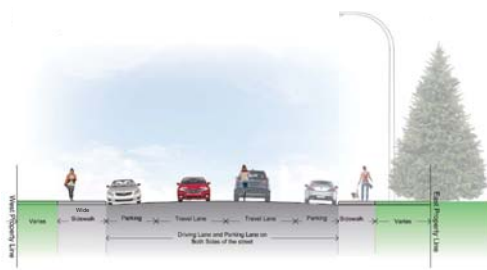
114 Street Improvements

Between 40 Avenue and 43 Avenue



What We Heard	Other Considerations	What Is Being Proposed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A shared roadway or shared use path is the preferred type of bike infrastructure. A high/very high level of comfort respectively with the shared roadway and shared use path options. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preservation of street trees. Retaining parking and two way vehicle traffic. Driveway space. Shared roadway involves driving and biking in the same space. Reduction of posted speed to 30 km/hr and traffic calming element (raised crosswalk) to reduce speeds, increase safety/comfort of vulnerable users in shared space. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Widened sidewalks along the west side of 114 Street to promote higher pedestrian volumes and links to key destinations. Shared roadway with a speed limit of 30 km/h to improve existing bike route. A new raised crosswalk across 114 Street near 41 Avenue to slow traffic.

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*Cross section of proposed preliminary design.

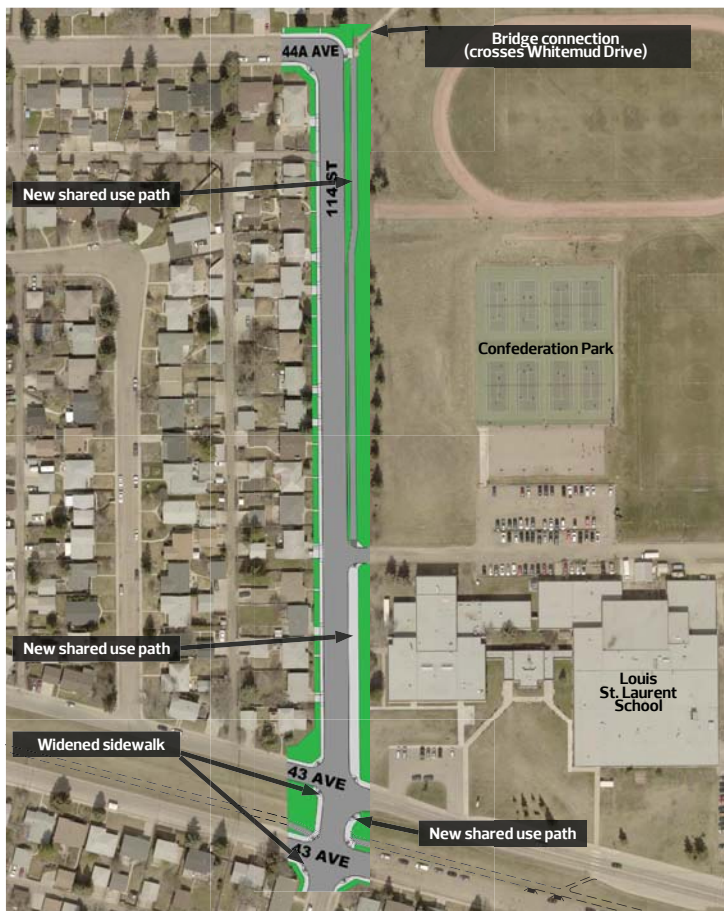
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114 Street Improvements

Between 43 Avenue and 44A Avenue



What We Heard	Other Considerations	What Is Being Proposed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A medium level of importance for this plan. A shared roadway or shared use path is the preferred type of bike infrastructure. Should consider improvements to the pedestrian overpass. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retaining parking and two way vehicle traffic. Available space along park. Key linkages/destinations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new shared use path along the east side of the street as a dedicated space for people to walk and bike (trees will not be removed).

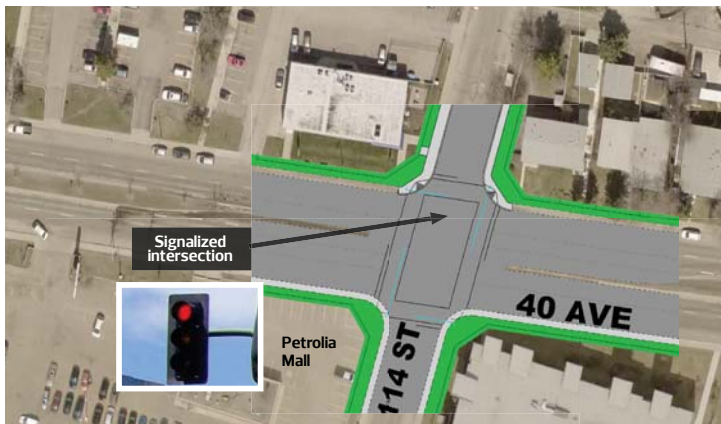
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114 Street and 40 Avenue Intersection Improvements



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What We Heard	Other Considerations	What Is Being Proposed
<ul style="list-style-type: none">A high level of importance for improvements at this intersection.A high level of comfort for signalization.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Signalization of the intersection to increase pedestrian safety and orderly movement of traffic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Signalization of the intersection.

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Petrolia Mall Public Realm Improvements

As part of the City's Economic Development Plan, we are working to create a vibrant, livable city including making enhancements to the public realm around neighbourhood commercial centres. The public area next to Petrolia Mall was previously selected for these enhancements. We would like your feedback on draft concepts.

Please note that these concepts have not been refined since the last event, as an engagement opportunity is being planned to ensure that residents of other neighbourhoods have an opportunity to provide their feedback as well. Please share your thoughts below. All feedback from participants at the previous event has been recorded and will be considered together with additional feedback received.



Project Overview

Petrolia Public Realm Enhancements include improvements to the public space around the commercial area of Petrolia Mall.

To ensure potential enhancements around Petrolia Mall reflect the surrounding communities' priorities and aspirations, the City asked for input from residents through an open house and survey in 2017. Over 430 responses were received and used to inform the development of draft concepts for consideration.

What We Heard

Emerging themes included:

- Desire for improved landscaping (trees, shrubs, flower beds).
- Interest in improved lighting.
- Concern regarding the 4-way intersection at 40 Avenue and 114 Street.
- Desire for improved pedestrian crossing.
- Interest in seeing additional seating and garbage bins.
- Concern regarding potholes and the state of sidewalks.
- Concern regarding vehicle access to the mall property.

Draft Concepts

The city used the input gathered in public engagement to develop the three draft concepts provided below.

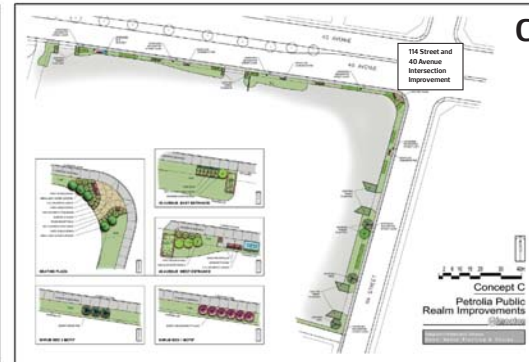
The draft concepts include landscaping, trees, seating plazas, trash receptacles and decorative streetlights to enhance the space, make it more pedestrian-friendly and beautify the Petrolia Mall area.

Moving Forward

Feedback gathered will be used to help refine and adapt the concepts to develop a finalized plan. The enhancements are funded and will be delivered in coordination with Royal Gardens Neighbourhood Renewal.

For more information please contact:

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What do you like/dislike about Concept A?

What do you like/dislike about Concept B?

What do you like/dislike about Concept C?

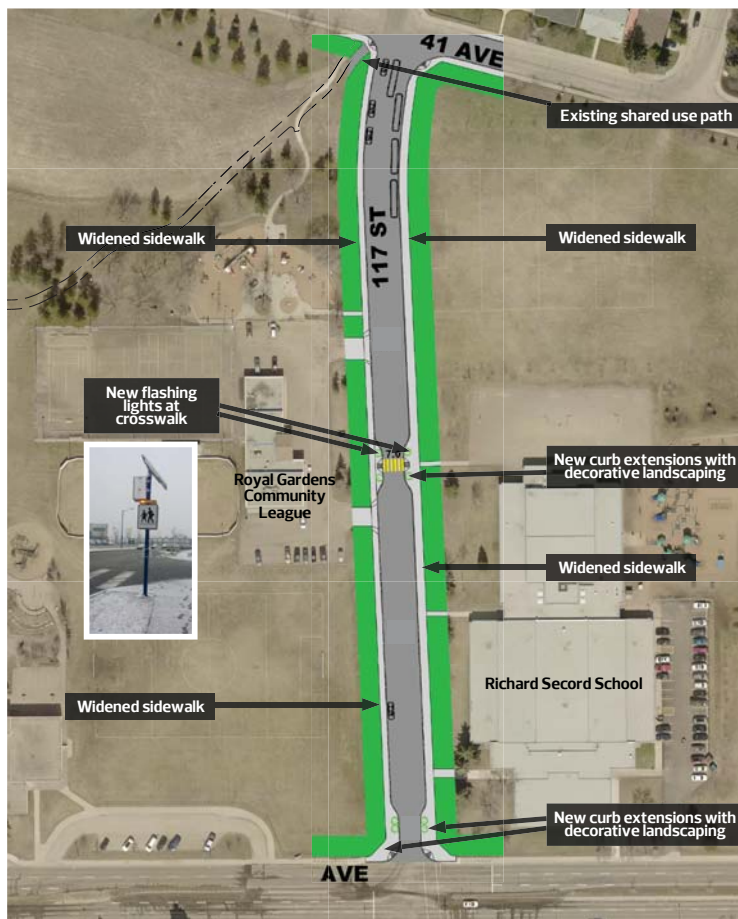
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117 Street Improvements

Between 40 Avenue and 41 Avenue



What We Heard	Other Considerations	What Is Being Proposed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A very high level of importance for this plan. High level of comfort for crosswalks with flashing lights (previously referred to as rapid rectangular flashing beacons). High level of comfort with a drop-off loop. Low level of comfort for curb extensions and wider sidewalks. Concerns with high levels of traffic and congestion during school drop-off/pick-up hours. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback on the high level of comfort for the drop-off loop was shared with Edmonton Public Schools for future planning considerations. Sidewalks will be widened to the new standard width for schools. Based on feedback, they will not be widened beyond that here. Curb extensions are required at key crossing points to schools to minimize crossing distance and improve safety. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Widened sidewalk on both sides of the street. Curb extensions with decorative landscaping at 40 Avenue and mid-block crosswalk, to reduce the walking distance when crossing and improve sightlines. Flashing lights at crosswalk near the school and community league.

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Previously Approved – 117 Street Improvements

Between 41 Avenue and 43 Avenue



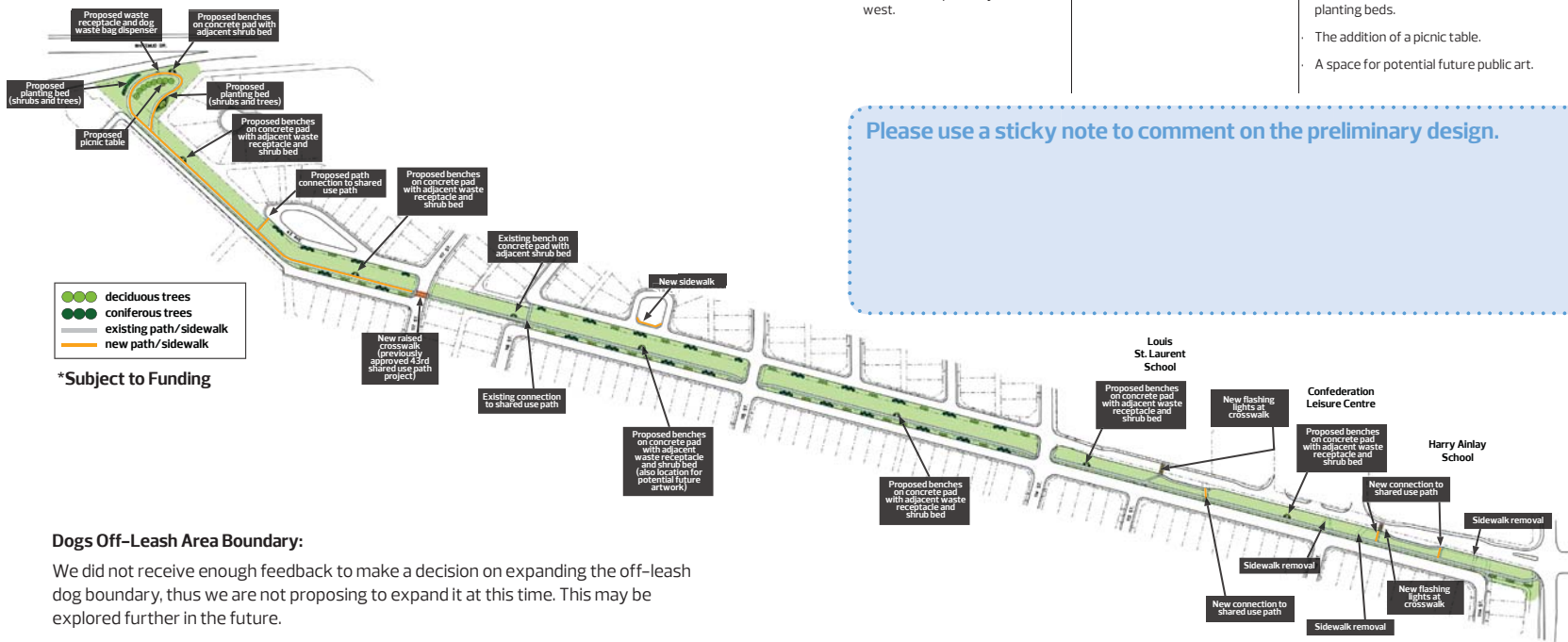
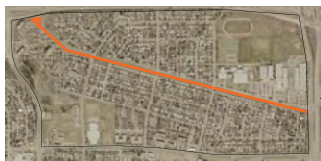
The raised crosswalk improvements have already been approved through the 43 Avenue Shared Use Path project and will be constructed as part of neighbourhood renewal.

For more information please visit: edmonton.ca/Connect43ave

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Pipeline Corridor Improvements



What We Heard	Other Considerations	What Is Being Proposed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A very high level of importance for this plan. A very high level of comfort with the addition of seating areas, and landscaping. Waste receptacles should be provided. A desire for a pathway extension west. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tree, shrub, and lighting restrictions within the pipeline right-of-way. Missing links for walking and biking. Recreational uses such as the existing shared use path and off-leash dog park. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional seating areas with a concrete pad, waste receptacles and shrub beds. West extension to shared use path and connections to existing shared use path and walkways. New flashing lights for crosswalks near the schools. Coniferous and deciduous trees and new planting beds. The addition of a picnic table. A space for potential future public art.

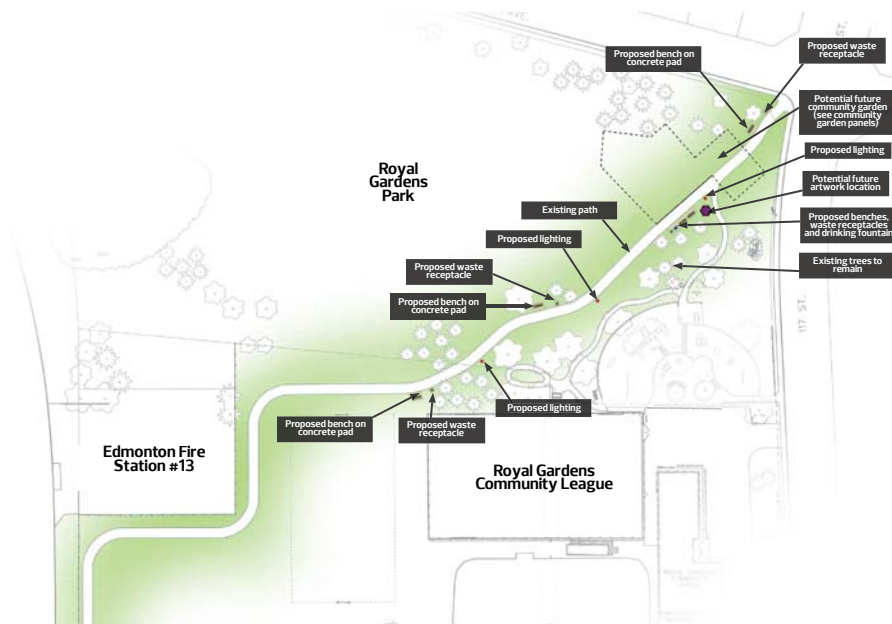
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Dogs Off-Leash Area Boundary:

We did not receive enough feedback to make a decision on expanding the off-leash dog boundary, thus we are not proposing to expand it at this time. This may be explored further in the future.



Royal Gardens Park Improvements



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What We Heard

- A very high level of importance for this plan.
- A very high level of comfort with additional pedestrian amenities such as seating areas and landscaping.
- A desire for more lighting.
- Need for a north-south path through the park.

Other Considerations

- Preserving existing trees.
- Coordination with proposed community garden (community led initiative).
- The steepness of the slope for a potential north-south path.

What Is Being Proposed

- Additional seating areas with concrete pads.
- Waste receptacles.
- Drinking fountain.
- Lighting.
- Space for potential future public art.

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Decorative Street Lights

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As part of neighbourhood renewal, the neighbourhood has the option to DECIDE on and pay for an upgrade to decorative street lights. As an upgrade from the current standard galvanized street lights, decorative street lights have features that include colour, pole styles and pole arm type. The decorative street light option for Royal Gardens is:



Decorative Arm:
Heritage



Pole Style:
Octagonal



Pole Colour:
Black

The City will establish community support through an Expression of Interest of all property owners with a requirement of 50%+1 of the **representative sample** responding in favour of decorative street lights.

For Royal Gardens, the number of required submissions must meet or exceed 400 in order for it to be considered a representative sample.

If a neighbourhood does not have sufficient support for this upgrade option by November 20, 2018 the standard galvanized street lights will be installed with LED bulbs, as planned. The City will cover the entire cost for these standard street lights. There will be no extra charges to property owners.

For more information on decorative street lights, please refer to the Expression of Interest information sheet that was mailed to property owners or the Cost-Share Opportunities handout.

Property owners may submit completed Expression of Interest forms at today's event. Blank forms are available.



**No Upgrade
Standard Street Light**



**Upgrade Option
Decorative Street Light**

Next Steps and Construction Staging

Thank You For Participating In Our Public Event!

The next steps for neighbourhood renewal in Royal Gardens will be to finalize the preliminary designs. Feedback from this event will be used to ADVISE the final designs. City policies and programs, funding, and technical requirements will be considered as well.

In early 2019, an information session will be held to inform residents about the finalized designs and construction plans. Construction will be staged over two years throughout the neighbourhood (2019 and 2020). The tentative staging for roads and sidewalks over the course of the two years is provided on the right.

Future public events:

Early 2019 – Pre-Construction Information Session (date to be determined)

For more information on the next steps for the decorative street lights and sidewalk local improvements, please refer to the Cost-Share Opportunities hand out.

For more information, please visit:

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Tentative Construction Staging for Roads and Sidewalks*



*The tentative construction staging is subject to change. The staging of park/open space improvements has not been determined yet.



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Final Remarks

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