

## Summary of Public Engagement

The public was consulted in order to advise Administration on the direction provided by Executive Committee, and on the direction of the proposed amendments to Zoning Bylaw 12800. Engagement activities included:

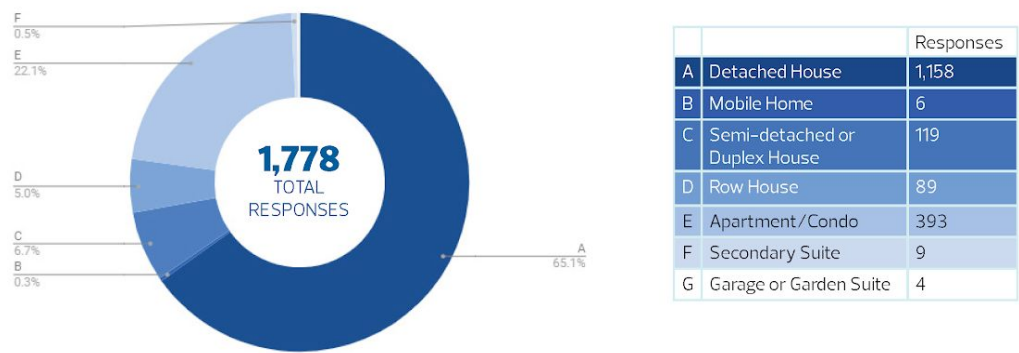
- A survey conducted through the Insight Community in June, 2017, with 1,778 responses
- In-person engagement at the Engage Edmonton Events held on November 14, 16, 23, 30 and December 7 with a total of 616 people in attendance. These events were advertised through:
  - Facebook posts with 189,980 impressions and 1,722 clicks
  - World FM Radio
  - Advertisements in Metro and the Examiner
  - Significant outreach to community organizations, recreation facilities, schools, agencies and culture groups. Approximately 89 locations received a visit which included a conversation about Engage Edmonton & distributed posters and postcards
  - A webpage on edmonton.ca with a description of each project team for each evening
  - Two to three outdoor signs per quadrant of the city.
  - Eventbrite
  - Outreach to approximately 16 Schools.
  - Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues
  - A public service announcement
  - Millwoods Town Centre's Facebook page
  - Posters at Crestwood and Blue Quill community halls
  - Postcards at Archbishop O'Leary School & throughout Edmonton Tower

An additional survey conducted through the Insight Community, the project's public engagement website, and at the Engage Edmonton Events in November and December, 2017, with 2,130 responses. The survey was advertised through social media six times throughout November and December, and through a public service announcement released on November 14, 2017. This survey was accompanied by the results of previous public engagement and Administration's data analysis which can be found in Attachment 1 - Data and Analysis.

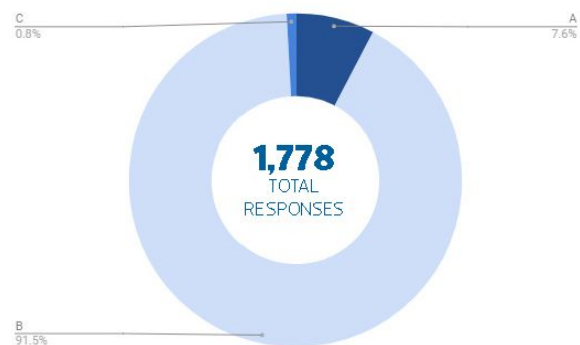
June, 2017, Insight Survey Results

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1. What type of dwelling do you live in?

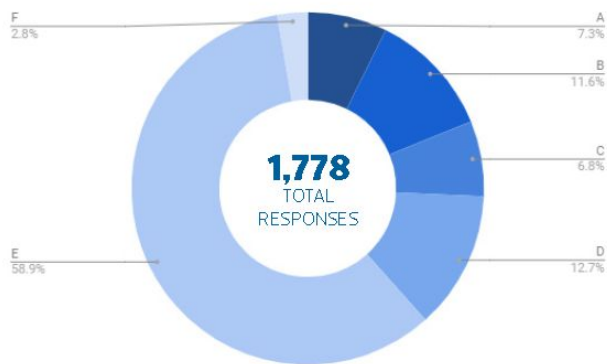


2. Do you currently have a secondary suite or garage or garden suite on your property?



	Responses
A Yes	136
B No	1,627
C I live in a secondary, garage or garden suite.	15

3. How likely are you to consider developing a secondary suite?



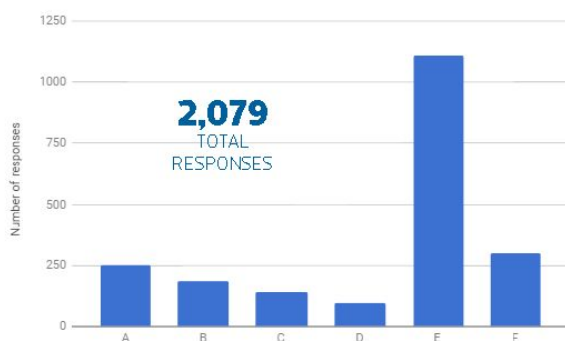
	Responses
A Very likely	116
B Somewhat likely	185
C Neutral	109
D Somewhat unlikely	203
E Very unlikely	941
F Don't know	44

**4. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement: I support allowing regulated secondary suites in semi-detached and duplex housing in Edmonton.**



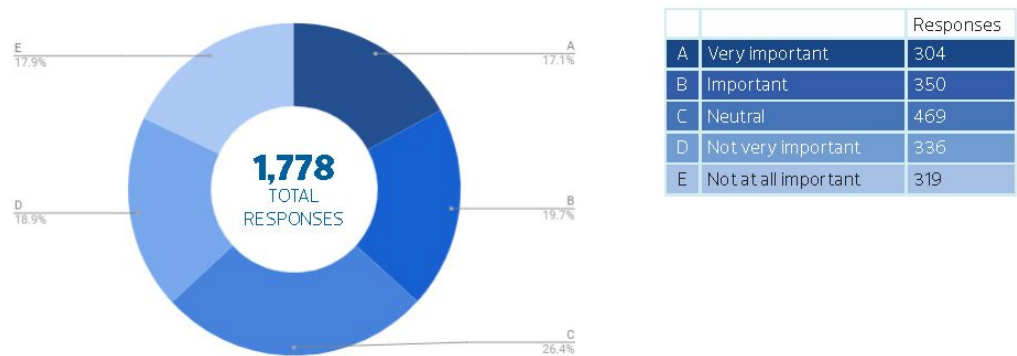
		Responses
A	Strongly agree	575
B	Somewhat agree	562
C	Neither agree nor disagree	215
D	Somewhat disagree	187
E	Strongly disagree	196
F	Don't know	43

**5. Secondary suites in semi-detached or duplex housing should be allowed...**



		Responses
A	Near high frequency transit	252
B	On corner lots, properties along arterial roads, or next to properties with row housing, apartment or commercial development.	188
C	In new neighbourhoods	137
D	In mature or established neighbourhoods	96
E	All of the above – suites should be allowed wherever semi-detached or duplex housing is allowed.	1,105
F	None of the above – suites in semi-detached or duplex housing should not be allowed in any locations.	301

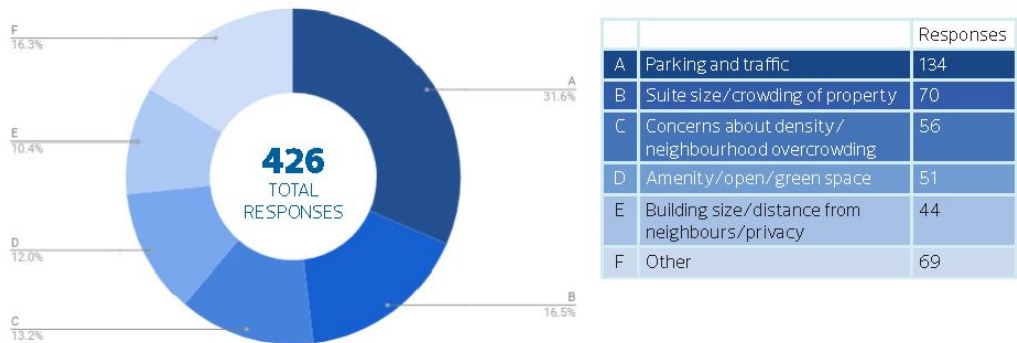
6. Currently, properties have to be a certain size before they are allowed to have a secondary suite on them. How important is it to you that suites be constructed only on larger properties, recognizing that the building itself will not be allowed to be any bigger?



6a. Why do you feel this way?

A total of 1,071 Survey participants (60%) provided their feedback in the open text field. Responses were sorted by how important the respondents rated question 6, and the most commonly occurring responses have been grouped into categories as shown.

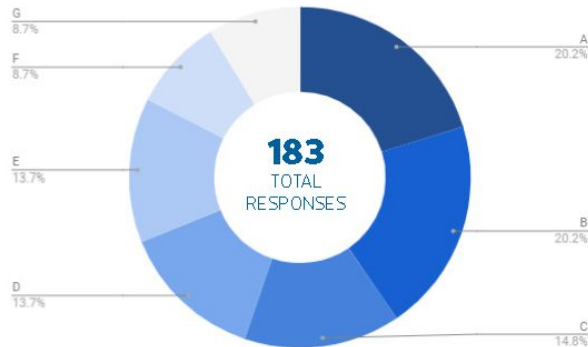
RESPONDENTS WHO SELECTED IMPORTANT OR VERY IMPORTANT



"The present trend is already to make extremely high density housing, and putting even more people into tighter lots is going to cause larger conflicts among neighbours and tenants."  
"The green space around the building is important."

"I am not in favour of trying to squeeze as many people as possible into every residential area. The extra space requirement is necessary to keep density to a bearable level."

## RESPONDENTS WHO WERE NEUTRAL



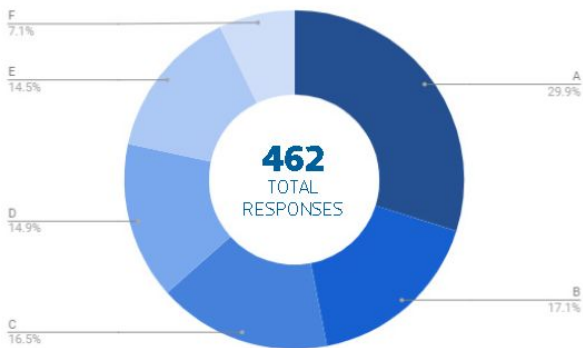
"It depends on the character of the neighbourhood that the property is in. If the surrounding area is fairly dense, then there is no reason that a secondary suite should not be allowed on a smaller lot."

"It seems to me that it really depends upon the specifics of the site. Arbitrary regulations don't recognize the degree of viability which may exist in differing situations."

		Responses
A	Doesn't make a difference/not an issue if maximum building size doesn't change	37
B	No opinion	37
C	Not an issue as long as parking is provided	27
D	Increased density/suites are positive	25
E	Decision should be up to property owner/suite resident	16
F	Design/ what the suite is like is more important	16
G	Other	25

"Do not care about this issue and do not want to force my opinion on someone who would like to have a suite in their place."

## RESPONDENTS WHO SELECTED NOT VERY IMPORTANT OR NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT



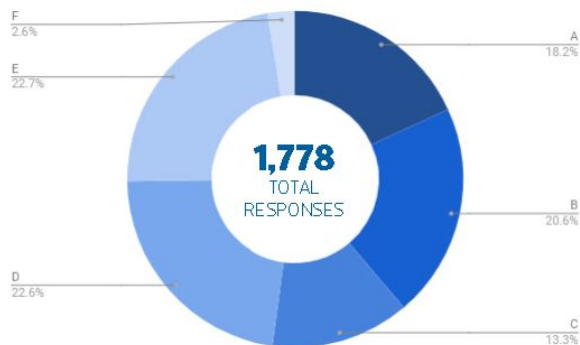
"Some people who I would call 'minimalists' are quite content living in a relatively small area without necessarily accumulating a lot of 'stuff'. They should be free to do so."

Why would the lot size matter? Building size is what's important!

		Responses
A	Doesn't make a difference/not an issue if maximum building size doesn't change	138
B	Increased density/suites are positive	79
C	Other	76
D	Unfair /limits opportunities and housing options	69
E	Decision should be up to property owner/suite resident	67
F	Not an issue as long as parking is provided	33

"I think up to date plumbing is far more important than size."

**7. Neighbours should be able to appeal secondary suites in semi-detached and duplex housing even if they comply with all the regulations.**



		Responses
A	Strongly Agree	323
B	Somewhat Agree	367
C	Neither Agree nor Disagree	237
D	Somewhat Disagree	402
E	Strongly Disagree	403
F	Don't Know	46

**8. I support allowing regulated secondary suites in row housing in Edmonton.**



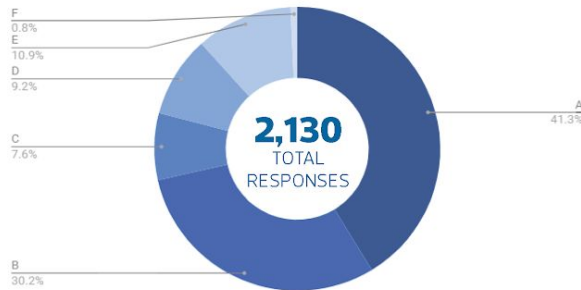
		Responses
A	Strongly Agree	349
B	Somewhat Agree	467
C	Neither Agree nor Disagree	237
D	Somewhat Disagree	301
E	Strongly Disagree	379
F	Don't Know	45

**November-December, 2017, Survey Results**

The November-December survey was completed by 2,130 people. This survey was accompanied by the presentation of data gathered on numbers and distribution of different types of housing in Edmonton, numbers and distribution of permitted secondary suites, and projected numbers of secondary suite applications. The results of the survey are presented below. Quoted comments were chosen by a random number generator.



1. City Staff are planning to recommend that secondary suites be allowed in semi-detached or duplex housing wherever these housing forms are allowed. Please indicate your level of agreement with this idea.



		Responses
A	Strongly Agree	879
B	Somewhat Agree	643
C	Neither Agree/Disagree	162
D	Somewhat Disagree	197
E	Strongly Disagree	233
F	Don't Know	16

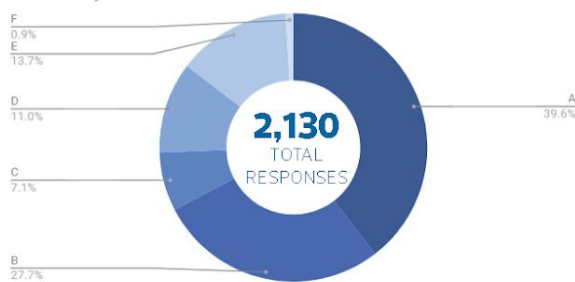
2. City staff are proposing to remove property size restrictions for secondary suites. This change will not:

- Increase the size of the main house
- Decrease the minimum size of the suite
- Decrease the number of required parking spaces

The change will:

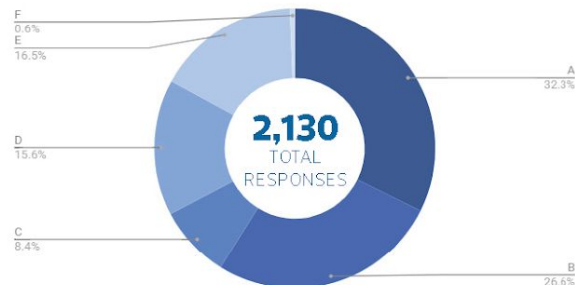
- Allow more homes to add a suite, including narrow lots in new and established neighbourhoods

Please indicate your level of agreement with this idea:



		Responses
A	Strongly Agree	843
B	Somewhat Agree	591
C	Neither Agree/Disagree	151
D	Somewhat Disagree	234
E	Strongly Disagree	291
F	Don't Know	20

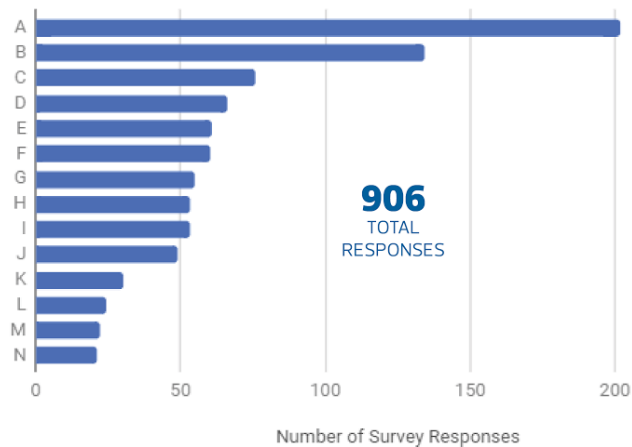
3. City Staff are planning to recommend that secondary suites be allowed in row housing wherever this housing form is allowed. Please indicate your level of agreement with this idea.



		Responses
A	Strongly Agree	688
B	Somewhat Agree	566
C	Neither Agree/Disagree	179
D	Somewhat Disagree	333
E	Strongly Disagree	351
F	Don't Know	13



#### 4. Do you have any other thoughts or comments about these proposed changes?



		Responses
A	Concerned about parking and traffic/support as long as parking is provided	202
B	General support	134
C	Concerned about density	76
D	Other	66
E	Support more housing choice/affordable housing/rental income	61
F	Suites need to be safe/comply with building code	60
G	Support increased density	55
H	Concerned about renters/overcrowding of houses	53
I	Unrelated/no comment	53
J	General non-support	49
K	Generally supportive with specific design criteria or location criteria	30
L	Parking requirements are too high/should be lower near transit	24
M	Impact on neighbours who share walls/should be consulted	22
N	Concerned about infrastructure	21

"Concerns with illegal suites. City needs to enforce, really doesn't matter what regulations in place."

"It is important to make it easier for people to develop these alternative housing options. There are far too many restrictions at the present time"

"Overcrowding leads to decrease quality of life. Increase in family violence and crimes. Too many of my immigrant friends end up in very poor living conditions. The disadvantaged do not have the options to move or complain."

"I see these changes as contributing to the desired goal of densification of the core."

"I believe it is a mistake to cram more residences into areas already high density. There will certainly be more vehicles, more trash, more confrontations. People do not do well living one on top of the other, and it often creates high tension situations."