

# Ward Ipiihkoohkanipiahtsi

What I Heard During the 2021 Election Campaign

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## Fiscal responsibility

**Residents did not give city council a blank cheque.**

There have been numerous tax increases in recent years and residents currently have no desire for further tax increases.

- Stop spending large sums of public dollars to revitalize downtown. Instead, invest in our neighbourhoods.
- Get infrastructure projects right the first time so work does not need to be redone.
- Consider return on investment on every public dollar spent.

## Core municipal responsibilities

**Focus on daily quality of life in neighborhoods.**

- Keep neighbourhood streets and sidewalks maintained.
- Increase frequency of snow removal.
- Provide weekly collection of garbage.

## Urgently needed infrastructure

**Common voice of residents needs to be heard for basic infrastructure.** In order of priority:

1. Traffic lights including a pedestrian crossing needed at intersection of Ellerslie Road and Graydon Hill Blvd.
2. Crosswalk needed to cross Ellerslie Road near Ellerslie Road Baptist Church.
3. Fix bump in road in Callaghan that shakes houses every time a bus drives by ([link](#)).
4. Replace all sidewalks in Blue Quill Estates.
5. Reopen road access to Anthony Henday Drive from 119 Street in Twin Brooks.

## Recreation

**Residents request recreational facilities.**

- Recreation centre with swimming pool and spray park needed south of Ellerslie Road such as near Desrochers or Chappelle areas.
- Playground needed in Graydon Hill.
- Bike lanes on shared roadways are not well received. Instead, focus on well-connected multi-use trails.

*\*New ward name difficult to pronounce.*

## Public transit

**Public transportation is important.** Recent changes to transit routes resulted in some areas being over-served and others under-served.

- Every household should be within a 10-minute walk of a bus stop (currently not always achieved; Blue Quill Estates, Blackmud Creek).
- Consider solutions that are more cost effective than LRT, such as rapid bus service.
- Put an end to idling busses at entrances to neighbourhoods (MacEwan, Blackmud Creek).

## Community safety

**Strengthen partnerships between Edmonton Police Service and neighbourhoods.**

- Thefts in neighbourhoods has been on the rise, and something needs to be done about it.
- Speed limits in residential areas need a rethink.
- Support homelessness prevention programs.

## Supporting local business

**Permit system needs an efficiency overhaul.**

Businesses are leaving Edmonton because it takes too long to get basic permits.

- Aim to have permits processed as quickly as in neighbouring communities such as Beaumont, Sherwood Park or Leduc.

## Neighbourhood-specific issues

**City needs to listen to people & keep its promises.**

- Edmonton South Central (recently annexed) was promised no significant tax increases.
- Rezoning in Richford and infill in Keheewin were done without community support.
- Concerns over LRT expansion (Twin Brooks).

## Caring for green spaces

**Green spaces must be protected and maintained.**

- Every neighbourhood needs green spaces for parks, natural areas, sports fields, and general quality of life.
- The city needs to regularly cut the grass in all green spaces other than genuinely protected natural areas.