Funding Program Details

Building Great Neighbourhoods is a cost-effective, long-term, strategic approach to address infrastructure needs in Edmonton neighbourhoods. Building Great Neighbourhoods is mainly the collaboration between three City of Edmonton programs: Drainage Neighbourhood Renewal, Neighbourhood Renewal, and Great Neighbourhoods. However, the Building Great Neighbourhoods program relies on funding from a number of other capital programs to undertake the growth work outside of the scope of minor improvements.

Primary Funding Sources (all funding quoted for current budget cycle):

- Drainage Neighbourhood Renewal (Capital Program CM-23-9510): Funded through utility rates (\$121.4 Million).
- Neighbourhood Renewal: Funded through the Neighbourhood Renewal Reserve Tax Levy (\$522.7 Million); Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI)(\$36.5 Million); Pay-As-You-Go (\$4.3 Million); and Local Improvements Property Share (\$47.5 Million).
- Great Neighbourhoods (Capital Program CM-21-5800): Funded through Tax-Supported Debt (\$60.0 Million) and Pay-As-You-Go (\$0.4 Million). There are three elements to the current Great Neighbourhoods program: revitalization (streetscape projects undertaken in Council-approved revitalization neighbourhoods); neighbourhood redevelopment and improvements; and business development (public realm enhancements around commercial areas); \$7.6 Million of the capital program is designated for neighbourhood redevelopment and improvements.

Additional Funding Sources for Growth Components

(all funding quoted for current budget cycle):

- Local Improvement Program: For sidewalks, property owners pay 50 per cent of the cost for the replacement of existing sidewalks based on an assessment of lot length. For decorative street lighting, all property owners in a participating neighbourhood pay 100 per cent of the additional cost of the decorative option chosen.
- Active Transportation (Capital Program CM-66-2600): Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) (\$9.2 Million) and Pay-As-You-Go (\$8.0 Million). In the fall of 2016, \$3.1 Million of funding from this profile was transferred to the Downtown Bicycle Grid project. Approximately \$0.5 Million has also been earmarked for the "Engage 106/76" project; recent requests for additional

funding to support this project have had to be denied as the Active Transportation capital program has now been fully committed.

- Community Traffic Safety Countermeasures (Capital Program CM-66-2555): \$11.5 Million in current budget cycle (all from the Traffic Safety Automated Enforcement Reserve). This program provides the capital funding for Community Traffic Management (traffic calming) in neighbourhoods.
- Complete Streets Enhancements (Capital Program CM-66-9003): \$8.3 Million in current budget cycle (all from Pay-As-You-Go). In the fall of 2016, \$2.0 Million of funding from this profile was transferred to the Downtown Bicycle Grid project.