

Neighbourhood Evaluation Model

Early 2000's, the City of Edmonton in partnership with the University of Alberta supported a 'High Priority Neighbourhoods' project that established a set of 19 indicators for quality of life. These indicators identify neighbourhoods that are strong and healthy, and neighbourhoods that are in need of support. The indicators were used to select which revitalization communities could benefit from concentrated community development supports and resources.

In 2017, Administration created an updated evaluation tool for the selection of future revitalization areas. Most of the earlier quality of life indicators (or their equivalent) have been maintained and others from the recently-developed Stewarding Great Neighbourhoods dataset have been added. This updated set of 31 indicators reflecting social need, urban form, housing, safety, parks and open space, and local economy will support a more integrated, evidence based and holistic approach to select, monitor and evaluate revitalization initiatives in higher need neighbourhoods.

A revitalization need score (weighted average of the indicator categories) will be used as a base measure and then considered with other capital and social integration and leverage opportunities in the respective neighbourhood. Funded Investment, alignment and timing opportunities, corporate strategies and tactical implementation plans will be married to rank individual neighbourhood opportunity levels for selection of the next revitalization neighbourhood.

Identified Neighbourhood(s):
Social Need Trend (2001/2006/2011): ↑↓

	Indicators of Revitalization Need						Revitalization Need Score	Evaluation of Opportunities Score
	Social Need	Urban Form	Housing	Safety	Parks & Open Space	Local Economy		
Measure (Score #)								
Position Rank (Out of 197 neigh- bourhoods)								

POTENTIAL Integration and Leverage Opportunities

Key consideration in evaluation of opportunities is whether timing allows Neighbourhood Revitalization to mobilize

<i>community capacity and leadership in advance of other investments & initiatives.</i>			
	Investments and Initiatives	Status / Timing	Evaluation of Integration and Leverage Opportunity
Arterial Renewal & Neighbourhood Renewal			
Social Need E.g. Edmonton's Poverty Elimination; Indigenous Peoples Strategy; CDC			
Urban Form E.g. Growth Coordination; Nodes & Corridors; LRT Expansion; Transit Strategy; Main Streets; Active Transp.; Revit. Levy			
Housing E.g. Edmonton's Infill Roadmap; First Place Program			
Safety E.g. Traffic Management			
Parks & Open Space E.g. Mature Area Land Acquisition & Park Development; Stormwater Management Facility			
Local Economy / BIA Health Indicator Standing E.g. Emerging Economy; Facade Improvement; Development Incentive; Local Improvement Levy; Corner Stores			
ELEVATE Surplus School Site Land Acquisition; Joint Capl Planning			
External Partners E.g. EPCOR; EPL			
Stewarding Great Neighbourhoods Projects, initiatives, business intelligence			
Adjacent Neighbourhood Capital Opportunities influence			
City Investment leveraging Private Investment			

