

Chinatown Strategy Implementation Update - Initiatives and Progress

PILLAR A: IMPROVE SAFETY AND SECURITY					
Action #	Action	Lead	Support	Progress	Current Status
2.0	Undertake a safety audit of Chinatown to document community safety factors that inform and prioritize further actions.	City of Edmonton BIA		In Progress	The City worked with REACH Edmonton and Neighbourhood Empowerment Team (NET) to collaborate on the Safety Report. The report has been completed and will contribute data to the safety audit.
2.1	Evaluate findings of the safety audit and determine appropriate actions that could help identify and leverage resources.	City of Edmonton	CTC BIA	In Progress	The City of Edmonton completed a data audit to provide a baseline of existing level of safety data. Remaining work to complete this action is ongoing.
2.2	Ensure that safety audit findings are shared with the business community and community stakeholders so that they can take action on specific improvements to their own properties and areas.	City of Edmonton	CTC BIA	In Progress	The City of Edmonton shared the data audit with the stakeholders for their review and input. Remaining work to complete this action is ongoing.
2.3	Work with the Chinatown Safety Council to include a list of social service providers and the services they provide.	City of Edmonton	Chinatown Safety Council	In Progress	Chinatown Safety Council has resumed its meetings. Community Safety Liaisons from the Healthy Streets Operation Centre team are currently on the Safety Council.
3.0	Pilot enhanced programs to address issues around general cleanliness impacting safety.	City of Edmonton		In Progress	The City of Edmonton has been sharing status updates from the Centre City Servicing pilot with stakeholders. Ongoing needle cleanups and targeted pressure washing continue in the Chinatown area.

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3.1	Engage stakeholders of Chinatown to steward maintenance of the area through “adoption” programs that will instill pride by assigning furniture, flower baskets, blocks, or specific forms of public infrastructure to be cared for.	City of Edmonton		In Progress	A number of activities continue to take place in the community to engage stakeholders to steward maintenance of the region. Some of the programs that were undertaken in the community, include the Big Bin event, that facilitates annual junk removal, with Hire Good removing over ten truck loads in June 2024. In addition, residents have the ability to call 311 to report any illegal dumpings in the area and the Giovanni Caboto Park is an available programmable space for the stakeholders to use.
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PILLAR C: CELEBRATE CHINATOWN AS A CULTURAL DESTINATION

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8.1	Develop a coordinated strategy to manage events and activities so that they are offered in a complementary fashion, do not compete for market share, and are leveraged to secure the broadest appeal.	BIA CBA CTC		In Progress	The City of Edmonton has created an Events Committee that allows multiple stakeholders to come together and plan events in the Chinatown area. The Committee met on a monthly basis after its inception and moved to quarterly meetings. In addition, the team manages an events calendar that promotes events in the community.

PILLAR D: Chinatown INFRASTRUCTURE Capital Plan

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11.0	Undertake an analysis of transportation requirements in Chinatown to ensure adequate vehicle and bike parking facilities exist and are managed most	City of Edmonton		In Progress	The City of Edmonton is working with multiple internal and external stakeholders in determining the community needs, including transit needs of the senior population.

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	effectively to meet the needs of visitors.				
11.2	Ensure existing and future alignments with pedestrian and cycle infrastructure are considered and initiated so that Chinatown is easily accessible for people of all ages and abilities via multiple modes of transportation.	BIA City of Edmonton		In Progress	In consultation with the BIA, 14 new bike racks are scheduled for installation in the fall of 2024. This is in addition to racks scheduled through Neighbourhood Renewal.
12.0	Develop a concept and execute a future renewal of Mary Burlie Park that enables an inclusive and programmable public space for the community.	City of Edmonton	CTC BIA Burlie Family Indigenous Groups	In Progress	The final concept rendering will be determined in early Fall with construction to start in Spring 2025.
12.1	Ensure that future development scenarios address perception of safety, and focus on creating a space that is programmable and flexible for all peoples, events and activities.	City of Edmonton		In Progress	Stakeholder engagement was undertaken by the City of Edmonton design team in May and July 2024.
12.2	Ensure that future development scenarios involve stakeholder consultation and broad community input to create new opportunities to support local businesses and programming that enhances destination appeal.	City of Edmonton		In Progress	Stakeholder engagement was undertaken by the design team in May and July 2024.
13.0	Ensure the vitality of Chinatown's mainstreet, 97 Street, is enhanced with strong elements of design that will secure commercial	City of Edmonton BIA CTC	Chinatown Friends	In Progress	\$2.1M has been allocated towards streetscaping enhancements. Various stakeholders have been engaged to identify key priority areas for the work.

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	destination appeal, enhance placemaking, and bolster economic development of the area.				
13.1	Coordinate opportunities to integrate ancillary design enhancements with scheduled infrastructure renewals that could include the addition of secondary power to street poles and use of colour or prints in pavement and asphalt.	City of Edmonton BIA	Community	In Progress	Various stakeholders have been engaged to identify key priority areas for the work. As part of the McCauley Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal project, 98 Street between 106 Avenue and 107A Avenue will become a streetscape with decorative colored concrete in the sidewalks, plantings/trees, bike racks, and benches. 108 Avenue from 98 Street to 99 Street, and 107 Avenue between 100 Street and 101 Street will see similar streetscape elements. Decorative colored crossings will be installed at select key intersections. Further enhancements are being considered in coordination with the CTC and BIA, including colored decorative street lighting in select areas.
13.2	Encourage new uses that contribute to active street frontages to support a mainstreet pedestrian appeal to advance the sense of place in Chinatown.	City of Edmonton BIA	Community	In Progress	Various stakeholders have been engaged to identify key priority areas for the work.
13.3	Conduct community Consultation on design elements.	City of Edmonton	Community	In Progress	Various stakeholders have been engaged to identify key priority areas for the work.