

City Council Meeting

August 28, 2025

Item 3.27 Bylaw 21269

City's proposal to rezone the Historic
Highlands Transit Loop for a 12 Unit
building

Presenter: Christine Prokop

The location in discussion today is the Historic Highlands streetcar stop and trolley bus loop located at 11137-61 Street.

At one time, this bus loop marked the outskirts of the City of Edmonton.

Many people on vacation, often go on tours of a City's historic areas.

In Edmonton, the Highlands is well known for its annual historic tours.

Once this historic site is taken away....it is gone forever!

Why are we here?

History: *Edmontonians want to keep historic structures of our past. It tells us who we are and where we came from.*

Lack of Transparency & Broken Trust: In 2019, the City proposed this site as a Historic pocket park. This proposal was abandoned without notifying the Highlands residences.

Representation Gap: Recused councilor means no voice for the Highlands residences at the table.

How can we get a WIN / WIN from this situation:

One thing Edmonton has that many other City's do not, is 4 large tracts of inner-city land that desperately needs to be developed.

These spaces are an open canvas where new neighborhoods can be designed according to the present needs of the new homeowners, newcomers, students and transitional / supportive housing.

This will also increase the utilization of our existing LRT stations.

Inner City areas in need of development

Description	Land Coverage (in acres)	Nearby LRT Stations
The Quarters – North of Jasper Ave. and East of 97 St.	106	Quarters LRT
Rexall Place and Northlands	200	Coliseum LRT
Blatchford Field	503	Blatchford Market LRT Blatchford Gate LRT
Downtown Edmonton – Jasper Ave. between 101 St. and 109 St.	-	Central LRT Bay LRT Corona LRT

In Closing

1. Let's defer this decision so City Council can work with the Highlands Neighborhood to make the best decision.
2. Let's open the communication for full transparency.
3. Let's think out of the box and get those large open tracts of land utilized!
4. ***Let's hold on to our history and build new neighborhoods at the same time!***