

Highlands Historical Transit Loop

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I am here in opposition
to Bylaw 21269
allowing for a range of small to
medium scale housing in
Highlands.



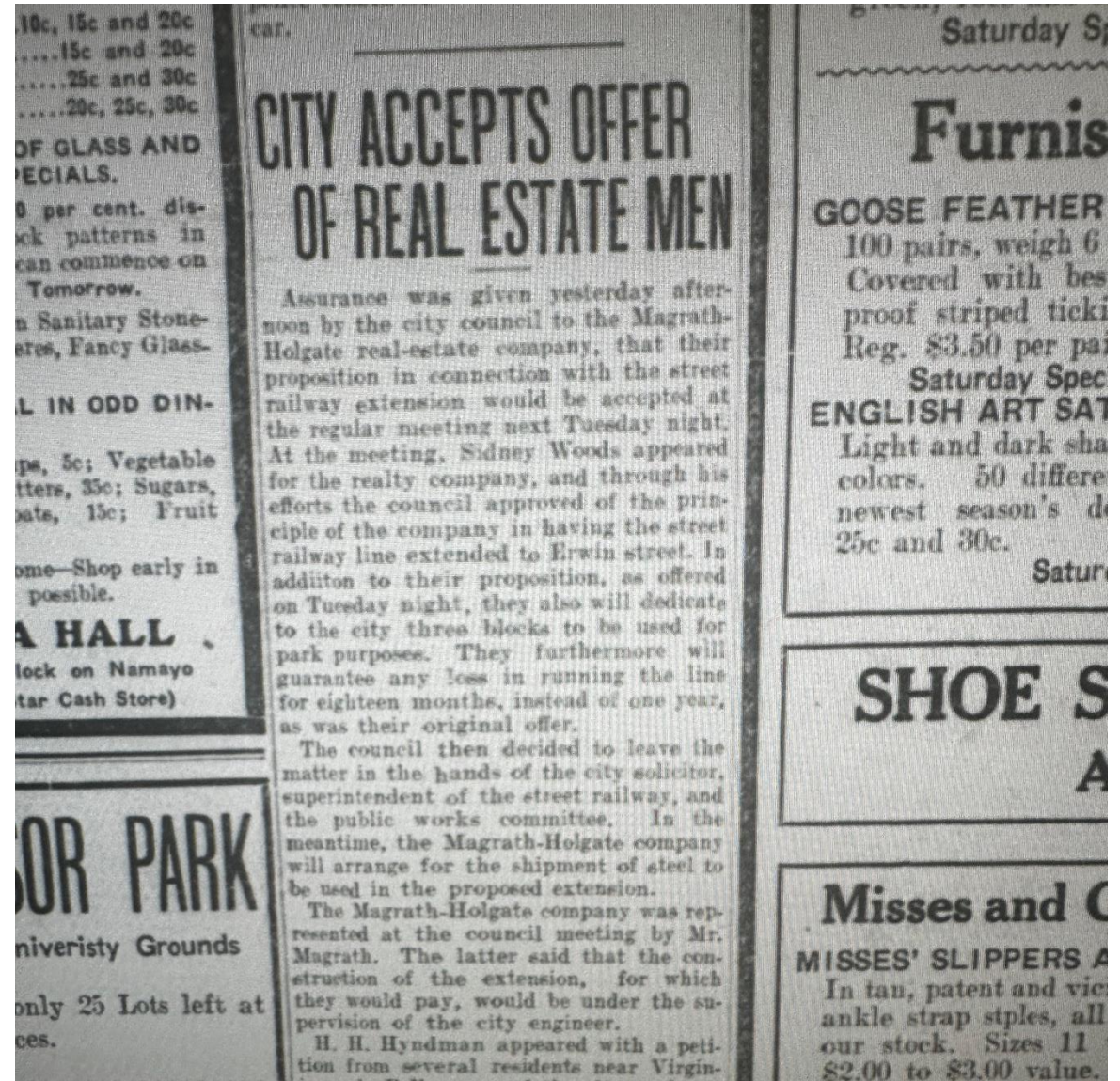
For the record, I'd like to state that over 200 hard copy letters have been submitted in opposition to the rezoning of the Highlands Transit Loop including the grand-daughter of Motorman Collingwood, a streetcar conductor on the White Line.





The Highlands streetcar is an important part of our collective history.

The White Streetcar Line was extended down Jasper Ave to Highlands by a \$25,000 deal between the City & Magrath Holgate Real Estate Company. The Streetcar connected the residents of the newly created Highlands to rest of Edmonton.





Today, the historical streetcar attracts riders on 1905 St. at Fort Edmonton Park



and across the High Level Bridge from Strathcona to 109 St.



Back in the day, this site was the Highlands Stop. The end of the White Line.



As line was long, the streetcar was notoriously late. Passengers arriving on time had long waits. It was a gathering place of sorts and was depicted on a 1913 postcard captioned, "Waiting for the Highlands car".



Highlands Historical Society

Honouring the Life and Times of a Neighbourhood in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada



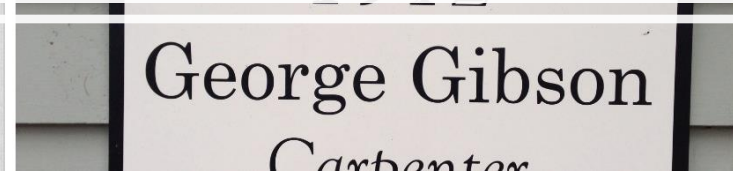
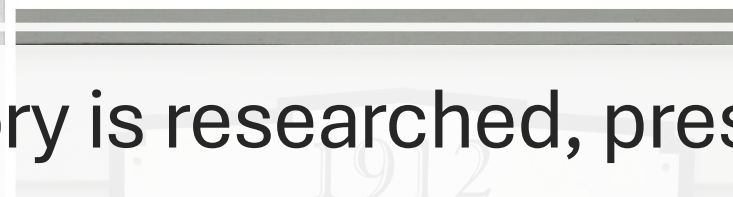
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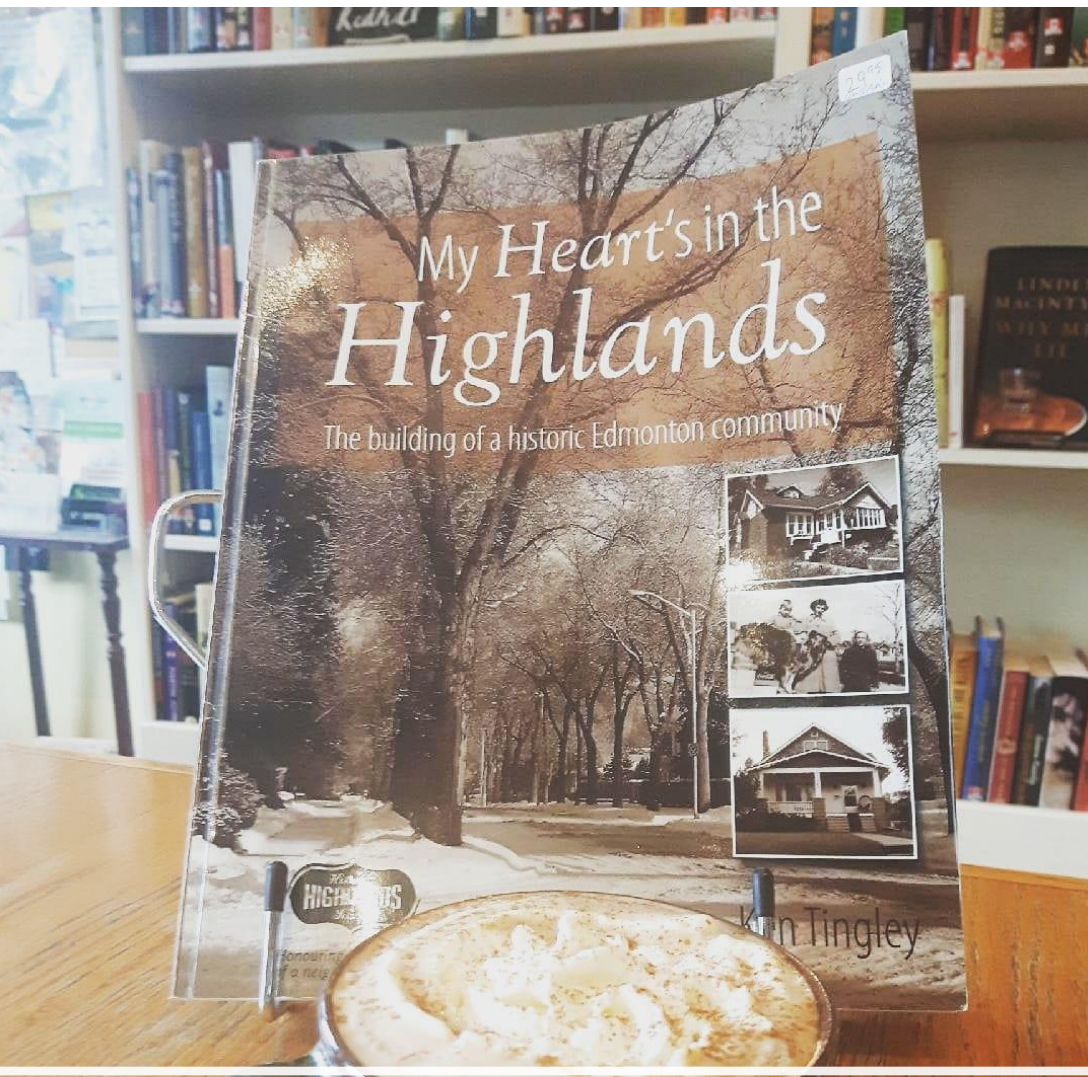


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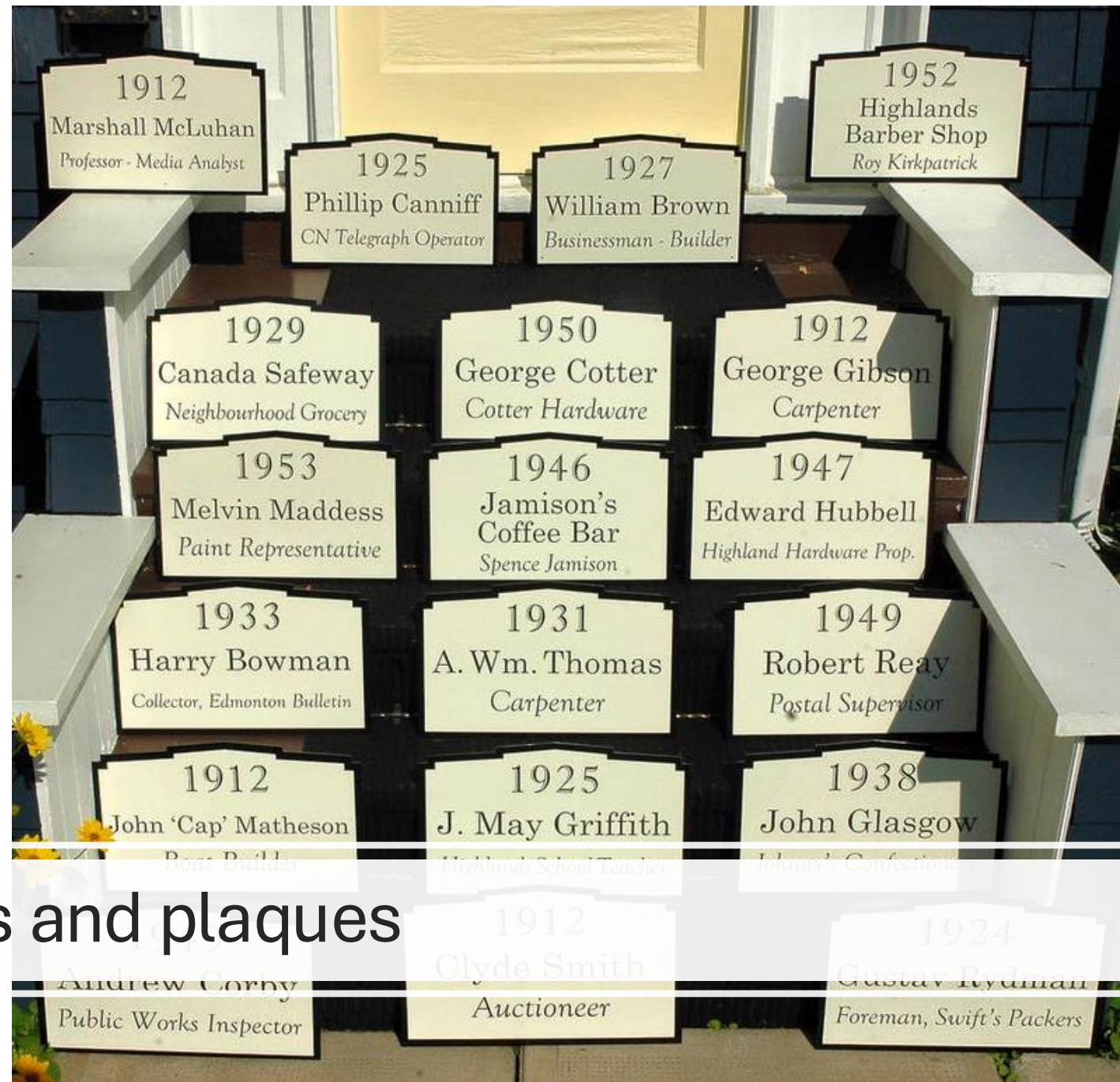


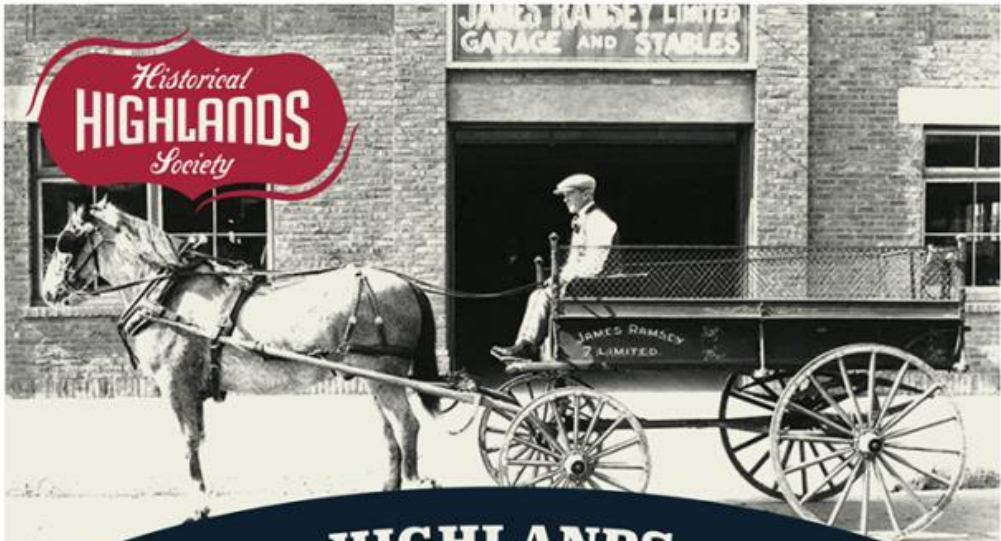
It is shared publicly through open houses, garden tours,





books and plaques





HIGHLANDS
VIP WAGON TOUR

SEPTEMBER 14

FAMILY WAGON TOUR

\$20

Package includes 45-minute wagon ride and historical tour of the Highlands

followed by a sweet treat from Be-A-Bella Candy and Gifts.

DATE NIGHT PACKAGE

\$35

Price: Members \$35
 Non-Members \$45

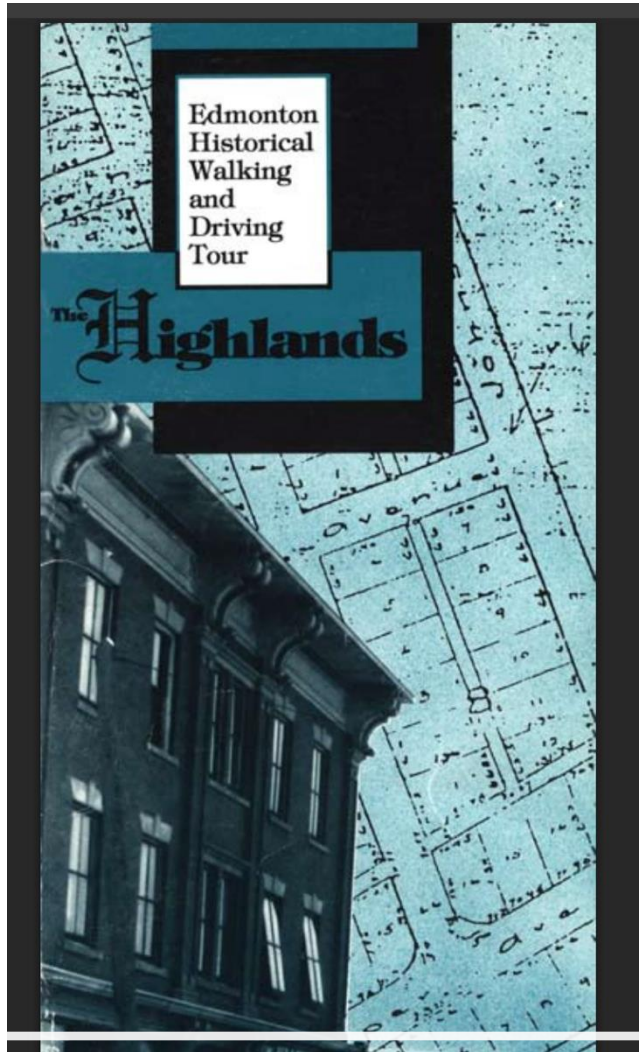
Package includes 1-hour wagon ride and historical tour of the Highlands followed by Beer, Burger and Fries at Fox Burger

in the iconic Gizzard Block, with a sweet finish from Be-A-Bella

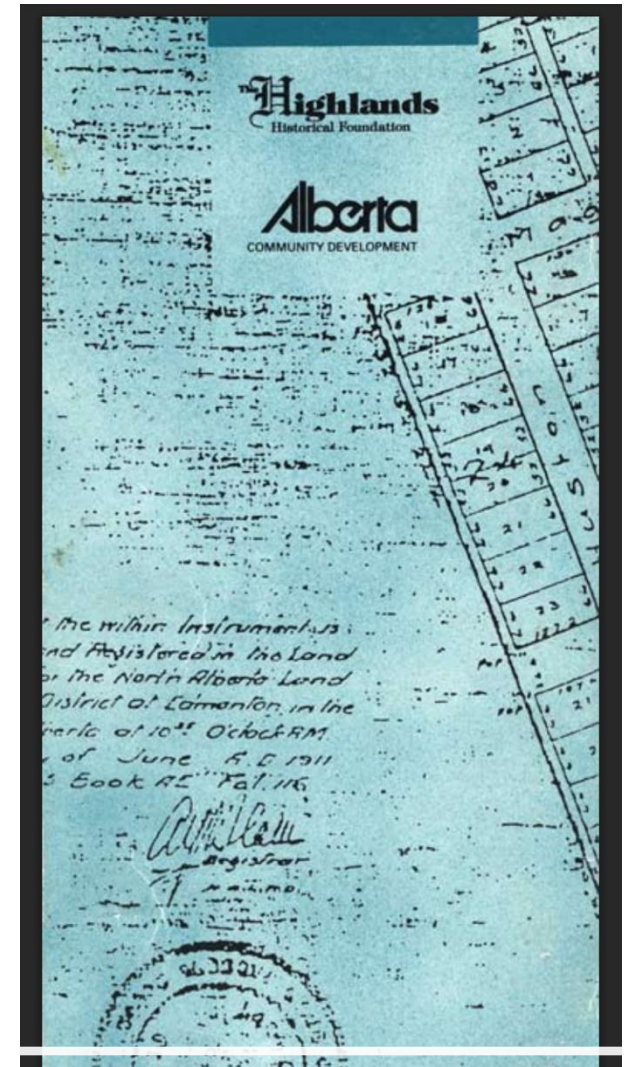
Visit the Highlands Historical Society website to buy your tickets:
www.edmontonhighlands.ca



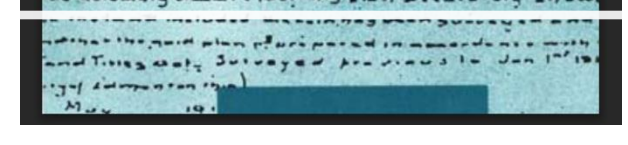
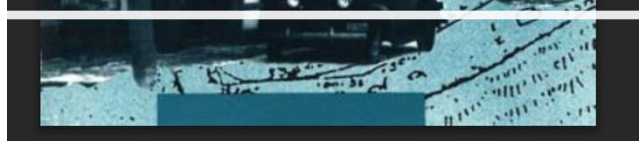
coach bus and wagon tours,



- 1. Gibbard Block
- 2. Owen Residence
- 3. Atkinson Residence
- 4. Gray Residence
- 5. Hill Residence
- 6. Highlands Community League Hall
- 7. Chown Residence
- 8. Humshreve Residence
- 9. Bury Residence
- 10. Margaret Marshall Residence
- 11. Coach House
- 12. Grierson Residence
- 13. Sheldon Residence
- 14. Mackenzie Residence
- 15. Ward Residence
- 16. Hooson Residence
- 17. Field Residence
- 18. Drake Residence
- 19. Daker Residence
- 20. Highlands Golf Course
- 21. William Brown Residence
- 22. R.C. Marshall Residence
- 23. Ernest Brown Residence
- 24. Morehouse Residence



As well as the Highlands Historical Walking Tour





Which features over 30 historical assets collected and catalogued by the City.



In 2019, the Urban Design Analysis for Highlands identified the site and recommended it for development as a pocket park.

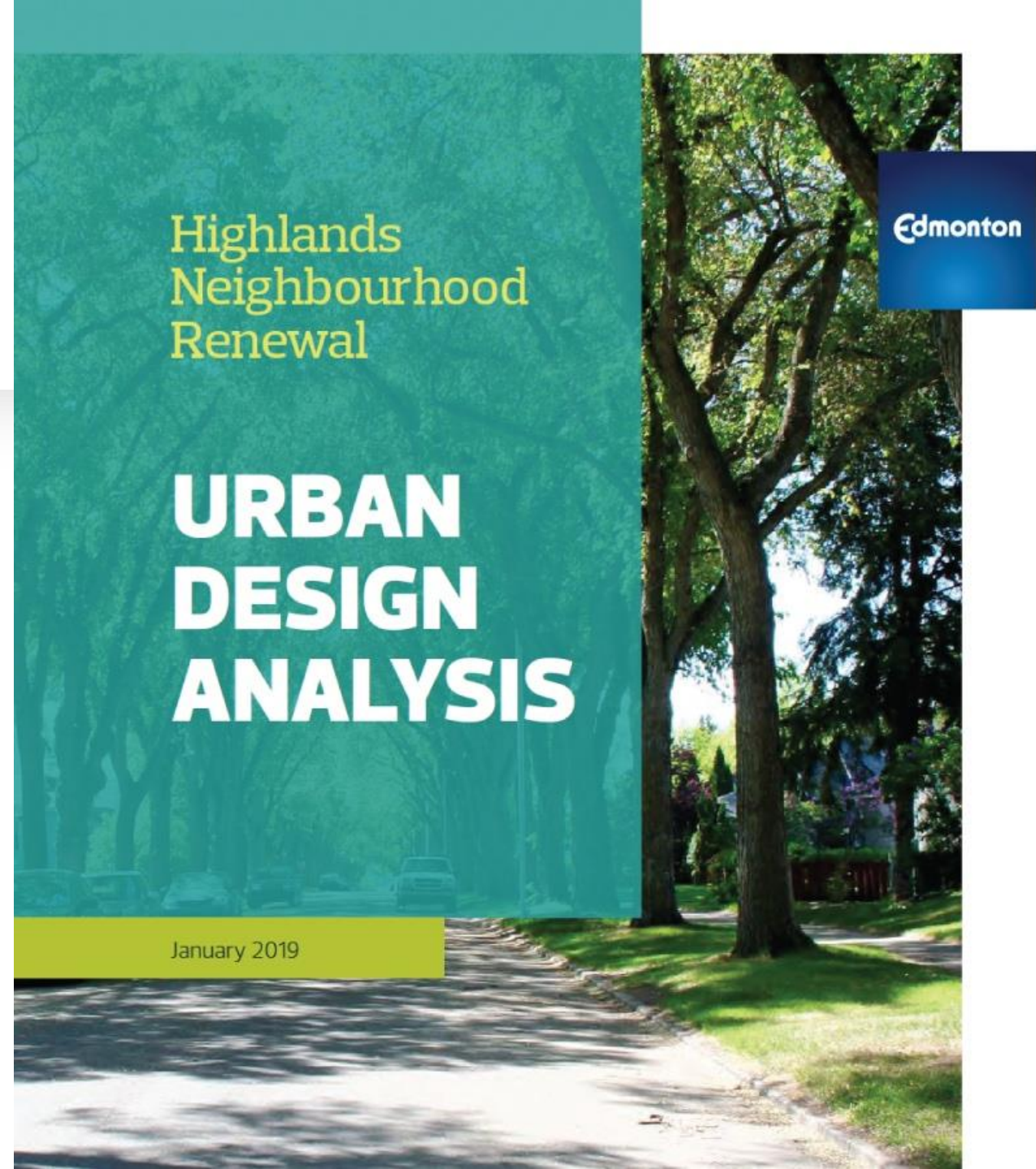


FIGURE 20 – Transit Turnaround Concept

The benefits cited were the recognition of the historic streetcar stop that encourages “placemaking” and the creation of a community gathering space.



Benefits:

- The design concept provides an opportunity for a temporary art display to beautify the neighbourhood and display local talent
- The design will encourage placemaking with exposure on a highly visible traffic route
- Adding a name to the park would help with placemaking and wayfinding
- Creating a gathering space increases opportunity for social interaction
- This space is currently underutilized

Trade-offs:

- The conversion of the turnaround to a recreational plaza space would force the ETS bus to block one lane of traffic along 112 Avenue when the existing ETS staff washroom is in use
- 112 Avenue is a busy arterial road. An increase in public activity along the turnaround may require traffic calming at the intersection of 61 Street and 112 Avenue, such as curb extensions and pedestrian crossing signals

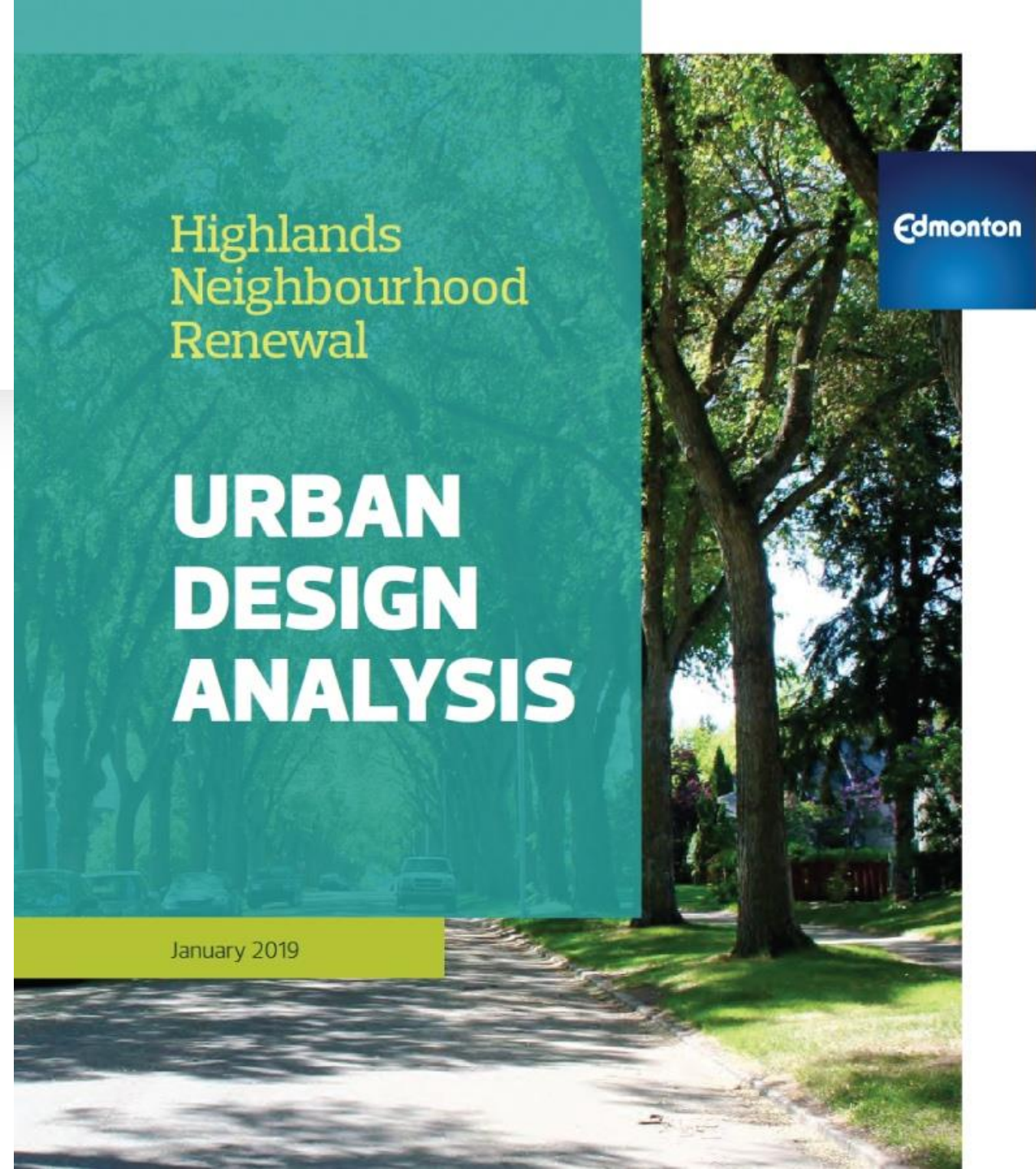
Edmonton Transit, who had owned and used the property for over a century were still using it, so it was not available in 2019.

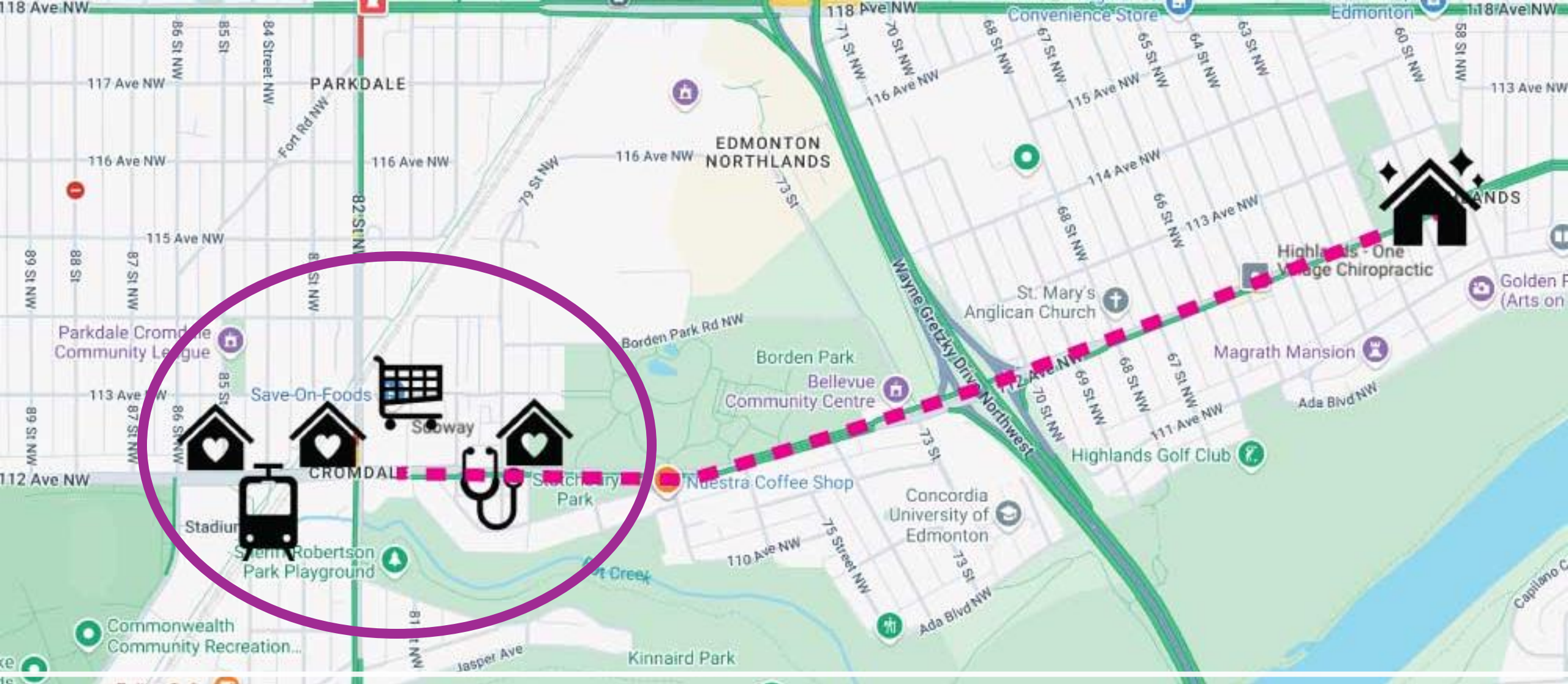
A conversation was promised when it did become available.



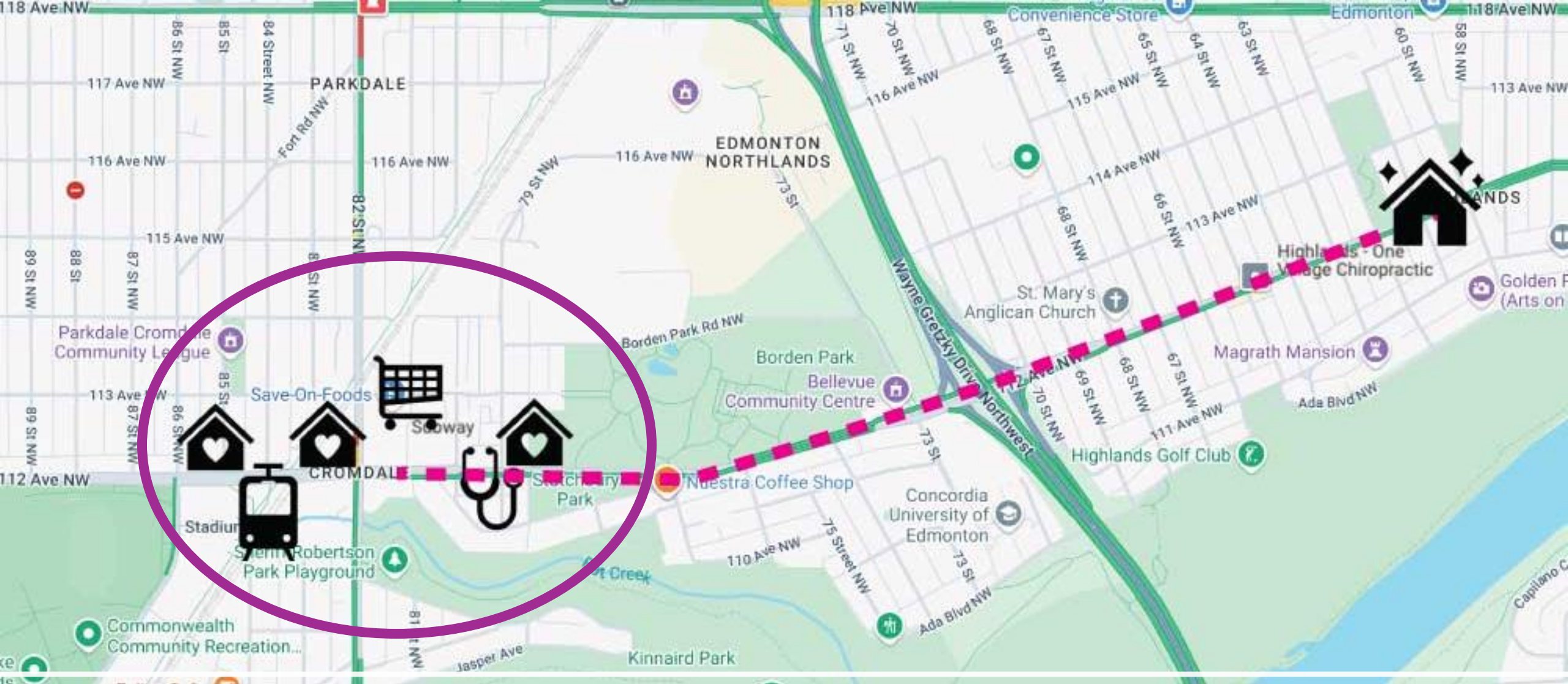
The City reneged on that promise without community consultation and now has it up for rezoning to accommodate transitional housing.

A FOIP Request has been submitted to learn more.

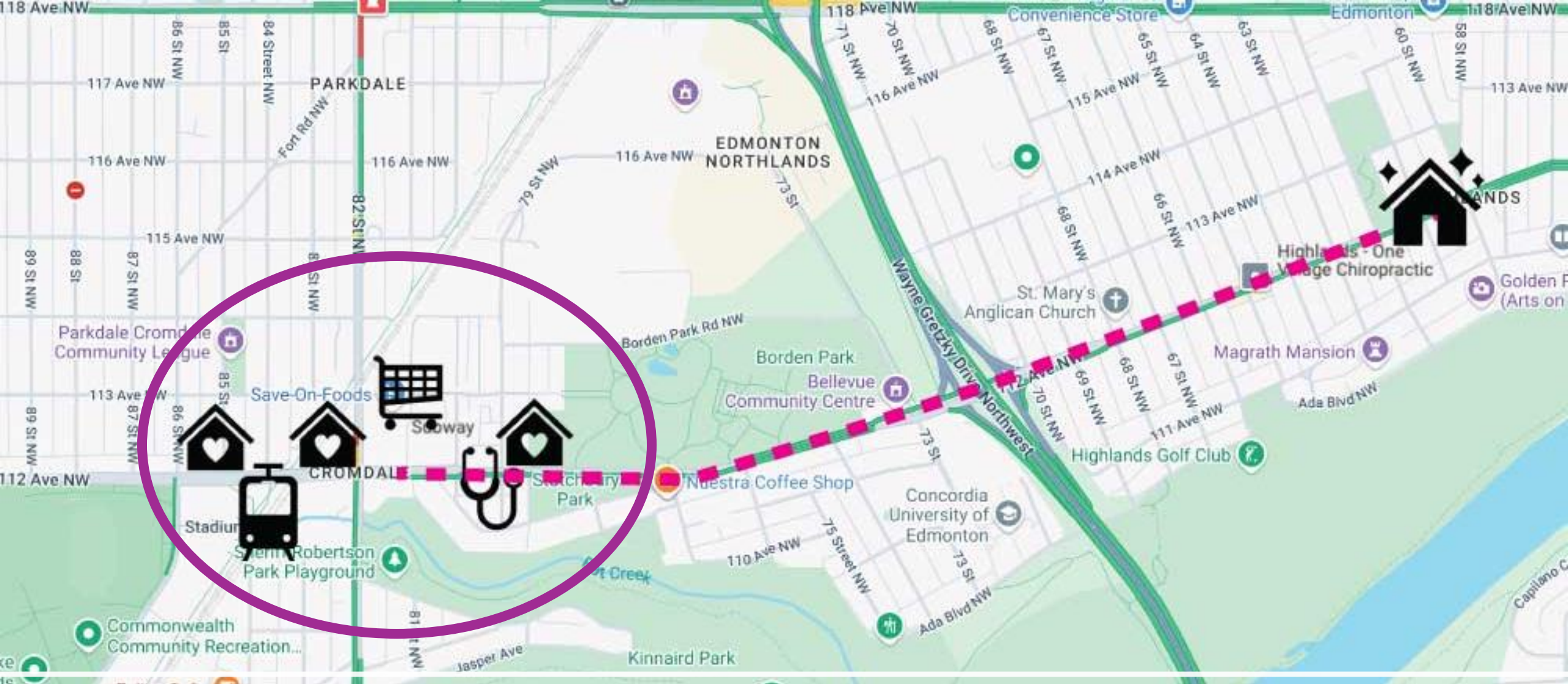




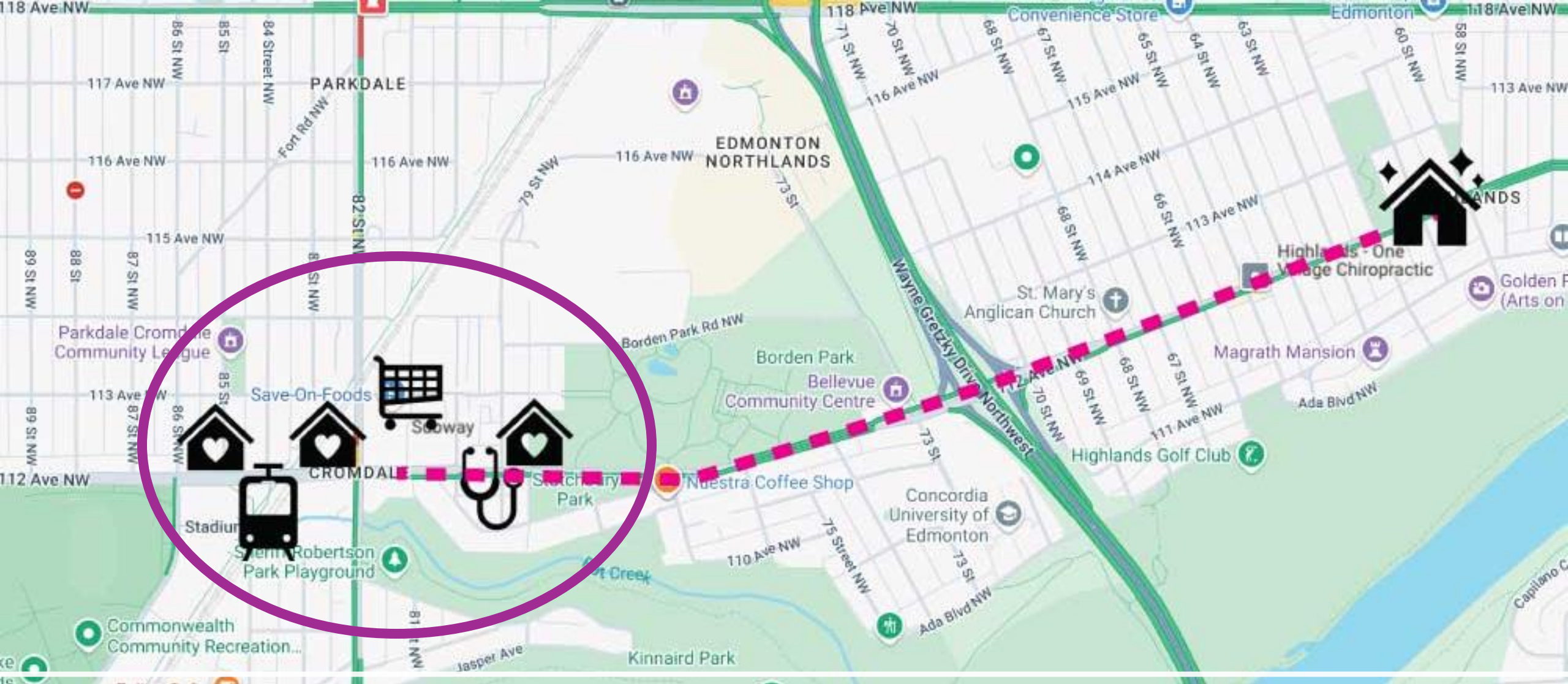
The site in Highlands is conveniently free as the city owns it, but is it the correct site for Transitional Housing?



Bus Service to/from the site are limited to hourly from 5am – 11pm & every 30 minutes during peak hours.



It is a 36 minute walk from the site to essential supports and services like food, healthcare and an LRT connection.



In -40C, it is a long, cold and windy walk, over the freeway bridge past an isolated and dimly lit Borden Park. Neither of which offer any shelter from harsh cold winds.



All of this is happening quickly and with the recusal of Ward Métis Councillor, we are left without representation or guidance.



Glenora has Alexander Circle.





Strathcona has End of Steel Park.



These are creative and historical pocket parks that are relevant and endearing landmarks for everyone to enjoy. This is what we propose for the Highlands Historical Transit Loop.

I ask this council to please, respect our communities desire to honour our past and to protect a historical space for everyone.

Please reject Item 3.27
To allow for a range of small to
medium scale housing in Highlands

If you cannot reject, please defer until we can have a proper stakeholder conversation with all pertinent partners and information.