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# DESIGNING NEW NEIGHBOURHOODS: GUIDELINES FOR EDMONTON'S FUTURE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES

## WHAT THE GUIDELINES DO - A NEW VISION FOR NEW NEIGHBOURHOODS

Design guidelines for Edmonton's future residential communities will be used to inform the physical structure and layout of brand new neighbourhoods in Urban Growth Areas. These high-level guidelines focus on the results that neighbourhoods will achieve and will encourage the development of unique, innovative and sustainable new communities. The following twelve outcomes establish a shared vision for great new neighbourhoods in Edmonton:

1. Neighbourhoods are **connected**.
2. Neighbourhoods are **unique** and **inviting**.
3. Neighbourhoods are **inclusive**.
4. Neighbourhoods provide residents with convenient access to a full range of **transportation options**.
5. Neighbourhoods support **viable uses, services, and facilities**.
6. Neighbourhoods are **cost effective**.
7. Neighbourhoods conserve and enhance **ecosystems and biodiversity**.
8. Neighbourhood amenities and facilities support the **social and recreational needs** of residents.
9. Neighbourhoods embrace **all seasons**.
10. Neighbourhoods are **safe** and **secure**.
11. Neighbourhoods are **flexible** and **adaptable**.
12. **Resources** are used efficiently and responsibly in neighbourhoods.

Each outcome is supported by design principles.

## WHY THE GUIDELINES WERE PREPARED - ADVANCING OUR STRATEGIC GOALS

The design guidelines will help Edmonton fulfill its 30 year vision of becoming a more socially, environmentally and financially sustainable city. The guidelines support The Way We Grow, Move, Green, Live, and Prosper within the context of new neighbourhood design.

## WHERE THE GUIDELINES WILL APPLY - URBAN GROWTH AREAS

The design guidelines will apply to new Neighbourhood Structure Plans that are prepared in Edmonton's urban growth areas - the rural northeast, southeast and southwest. Approved Areas Structure Plans must be in place before new Neighbourhood Structure Plans can be advanced to Council.

## HOW THE GUIDELINES WERE PREPARED - A COLLABORATIVE PROCESS

The design guidelines were created collaboratively, based on input from the public, key stakeholders and the project's multi-disciplinary Design Team. Ideas from the public and stakeholders about the important features of great new neighbourhoods led the development of the guidelines.

## HOW THE GUIDELINES WILL BE USED

The design guidelines provide a common understanding of what new neighbourhoods will deliver for residents, city-builders, decision-makers and the City's Administration. When new Neighbourhood Structure Plans are being prepared, plan proponents and the City will work together to ensure that principles are addressed to achieve the 12 outcomes. This will ensure that desired outcomes are realized within the context of the unique vision for the community.

## PROJECT WEBSITE

[www.edmonton.ca/DesigningNewNeighbourhoods](http://www.edmonton.ca/DesigningNewNeighbourhoods)