

Edmonton launches Evolving Infill project

Citizens invited to contribute their stories and ideas

The City of Edmonton is engaging citizens in a conversation about residential infill and neighbourhood change. Infill is the term for new residential development taking place on lots within an established neighbourhood.



Evolving Infill is a project to advance residential infill in the city's established neighbourhoods. It is led by the City of Edmonton, in collaboration with citizens and stakeholders.

Over the coming months, the project will help build a better understanding of stakeholder values, priorities and ideas to move infill forward. The next stage of engagement in early 2014 will build on this understanding and help to identify the next steps and approaches for supporting the development of more new housing in Edmonton's older communities. The result will be an action plan to serve as a roadmap for the City's work to support infill.

"Edmonton is changing and growing due to our strong economy and enviable quality of life," Peter Ohm, manager of the Urban Planning and Environment Branch, said Friday. "Supporting infill in established neighbourhoods is a critical part of accommodating population growth and change in our city and communities."

This is a complex discussion about issues such as housing, growth, and change and maintaining a vibrant city, Ohm added. "Our first objective is to have a thorough conversation with citizens. The project requires Edmontonians' voice and participation to ensure sustainable results."

Evolving Infill will provide a variety of opportunities for public engagement, including an awareness campaign utilizing advertising, social media and the City's web pages. A discussion guide will be available in hard copy or online to guide the infill conversation and collect feedback. Citizen volunteers are invited to train as conversation leaders. Two City-led public forums are also planned and an online discussion will be held.

For more information about the Evolving Infill project and how to get involved, visit edmonton.ca/evolvinginfill.

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