



## City marks two years of infill progress

*Progress and Achievements of Edmonton's Infill Roadmap*

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The infill conversation has come a long way and it continues to grow and evolve, along with the City of Edmonton. Tomorrow, City staff will share a progress [report](#) on Edmonton's Infill Roadmap with City Council's Urban Planning Committee.



### Highlights:

- The 23 actions in the Infill Roadmap were collaboratively identified by citizens, builders and Administration through a robust eight month public engagement process known as Evolving Infill. The City has made significant progress on all of the 23 action items identified in the plan, with 15 completed and the remaining eight in the process of being implemented.
- Some of the completed actions items include: the development of an infill website to provide updated information on infill projects, signage now required on all infill building sites to alert neighbours about upcoming development, the creation of a Good Neighbour Guide to help foster positive neighbour relations, and the creation of the Community Infill Panel (made up of residents, community leaders and builders to provide feedback to Administration).
- Some key lessons learned included the need for the City to adopt a flexible and responsive approach to implementing infill projects and to be more proactive communicating about infill in Edmonton.
- The City identified 30 supplementary actions along the way. Known as "detours," these additional measures support better quality infill in Edmonton. Some of these "detour" actions included: creating an infill compliance team to inspect building sites, passing bylaw amendments requiring lot grading plans for all infill developments, setting landscaping requirements and incentives for preserving trees and shrubs, and increased fines for non-compliance to the noise bylaw.

"As Edmonton's population grows, the City needs to provide a broader diversity of housing options," said Kalen Anderson, Director of Planning Coordination. "We're really pleased with the progress to date and excited for what's to come. Edmontonians are looking to the future and working with the City of Edmonton to build that future together. The infill story is a truly Edmonton story and as it continues to evolve, so does the City."

Started in August 2014, Edmonton's Infill Roadmap aims to support more and better residential infill in Edmonton's mature and established neighbourhoods. The Infill Roadmap also helps guide a key part of Edmonton's growth strategy to accommodate our growing population.

Providing infill opportunities helps revitalize aging neighbourhoods, many of which have lost population over the past 40 years, while making Edmonton a more compact and sustainable city. A second Evolving Infill conversation will begin this spring, looking ahead to see what's working well, and how the City can continue to evolve infill in Edmonton.

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### For more information:

[Edmonton's Infill Roadmap Project Summary 2017](#)  
[Edmonton's Infill Roadmap](#)  
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