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What makes our main streets great?

City seeking input on building design regulations in shopping and restaurant districts

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When Edmontonians think of main streets, they may automatically think of Whyte Avenue, an area known for its mix of stores and restaurants, and its vibrant street life with lots of people walking and enjoying the area.

The City of Edmonton wants to foster high quality, pedestrian-oriented development along all of Edmonton's main streets. Beginning on February 16th, 2017, City staff will begin hosting several formal and informal engagement opportunities where Edmontonians can provide feedback on what they'd like to see on Edmonton's key main streets. Businesses and residents can share their views through open houses, pop-up events as well as through social media, and an online survey.

Feedback provided will be used by the City as it reviews and updates regulations that support high quality, pedestrian-oriented development along Edmonton's main streets. City staff began a review of the Pedestrian Commercial Shopping Street Overlay in March 2016.

Features that promote lively main streets include constructing buildings next to the sidewalk instead of behind a front parking lot and allowing space for patios and street furniture.

Dates and times of how Edmontonians can share their views on developing great main streets are listed on the City's [website](#).

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