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Help design the new First Place Program townhomes in Belle Rive

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The City is seeking six to eight Belle Rive residents to help design the new [First Place townhomes in their neighbourhood](#).

For information on how to apply to be considered for the design engagement committee, Belle Rive residents should email firstplace@edmonton.ca using the subject line Belle Rive Design Engagement Application. The deadline to apply is Tuesday, April 25, 2017.

Participants selected for the committee will work with the builder, Rohit Communities, to help ensure the new townhomes are a good fit with the surrounding community. This includes providing input on design elements such as building orientation, shape and rooflines, site access, vistas, and exterior home design details and landscaping.

Participants will be required to attend three to four evening design engagement meetings over a two to four month period. The date, time and location for the meetings will be decided in consultation with the chosen committee members.

Many Edmontonians dream of owning their own home but don't have the financial resources to make it happen. Young professionals, single parents and residents in middle income brackets can find it particularly tough to break into Edmonton's housing market, which is one of the most expensive in Canada.

The City's [First Place program](#) collaborates with banks and builders to develop attractive townhouses on vacant land declared surplus by school boards. The townhomes are market priced, with a five-year deferral on the land portion of the mortgage, making them more accessible to first-time home buyers.

For more information:

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