



**RE: Highlands Decorative Street Light Local Improvement  
Expression of Interest Information Sheet**

September 28, 2018

To: Registered Property Owner

In 2019, Highlands will begin reconstruction as part of the Neighbourhood Renewal Program. Neighbourhoods undergoing reconstruction have the option to pay for an upgrade to decorative street lights. As an upgrade from the current standard galvanized street lights, decorative street lights have features that include colour, pole styles and pole arm type.

To assist with the completion of the Expression of Interest, please review this information sheet and the expression of interest form. There may be additional information provided by your neighbourhood committee for decorative street lights.

**Proposed Decorative Street Light Option for Highlands**

The proposed decorative street light option for Highlands:

- Black
- Fluted pole
- Heritage arm

**NO UPGRADE  
STANDARD STREET LIGHT**



**HIGHLANDS UPGRADE OPTION  
DECORATIVE STREET LIGHT**



**Message from your Community League:**

*Thank you to all of the residents who provided their input into the decorative streetlight process. The Highlands Community League Board considered this insight as we assessed the options for renewing our neighbourhood lamp posts. The board unanimously chose the Heritage Arm Fluted posts, because they were the only option that supports walkability and safety while considering our unique tree canopy, complementing the aesthetic of our mature neighbourhood, and being financially responsible.*

**Important Contacts and Where to submit completed forms:**

Questions or comments can be directed to: [info@highlandscommunity.ca](mailto:info@highlandscommunity.ca)

**City of Edmonton Contact:**

Local Improvement representative: Natalia Bondarik  
Phone: 780-944-7665, M – F (8:00 AM – 4:30 PM)

**Deadline: Tuesday, November 20, 2018**

All completed Expression of Interest forms must be received by the City by **November 20, 2018**. Your community representatives are requesting that all completed Expression of Interest forms be submitted by one of the following:

- **Scan and Email to: [decorativestreetlighting@gmail.com](mailto:decorativestreetlighting@gmail.com)**
- **Mail to:**  
**Attention: Expression of Interest,**  
**City of Edmonton, 8th Floor, Century Place, 9803-102A Avenue, T5J 3A3**
- **Drop off at Mandolin Books & Coffee Company (6419-112 Avenue)**

### **What are decorative street lights?**

Decorative street lights are a local improvement option initiated by your community. Highlands representatives have requested to move forward with an Expression of Interest for the decorative black fluted pole with a heritage arm.

### **How much will it cost and who pays for decorative street lights?**

The incremental cost of the upgrade is shared amongst the property owners in the neighbourhood. The City pays for the equivalent cost of the standard galvanized street light, and neighbourhood residents are responsible for the cost difference between the standard poles and the decorative street lights.

The cost for your individual property is based on the local improvement assessment calculations (option selected, the borrowing finance rate, the number of street lights, the number of property owners sharing the expense, and the assessable property dimensions). The estimated unit rate for decorative street lights in Highlands is \$16.89/m (cash cost) or \$1.48/m per year amortized over 15 years (approximately \$258 or \$22.50 per year for a typical 50 ft lot). Please note that this is an estimated value and is subject to change.

### **How do I express my support or disagreement?**

Complete and return the attached Expression of Interest form.

If you are **in favour** of this decorative street light upgrade for your neighbourhood, please check "Yes" on the attached Expression of Interest form.

If you are **not in favour** of this decorative streetlight upgrade for your neighbourhood, please check "No" on the attached Expression of Interest form.

### **How many responses do we need?**

A revised process for decorative street light Expression of Interest is being implemented. The City will establish community support through an Expression of Interest of all property owners with a requirement that there is a reasonably representative number of respondents with 50%+1 of the **representative sample** responding in favour of decorative street lights. **For Highlands, the number of required submissions must meet or exceed 413 in order for it to be considered a representative sample .**

If a neighbourhood does not have sufficient support for this upgrade option by the due date required, the standard street lights will be installed with LED bulbs, as planned. The City will cover the entire cost for these standard street lights. There will be no extra charges to property owners.

### **For more information on decorative street lights, please visit**

[http://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/on\\_your\\_streets/decorative-lighting.aspx](http://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/on_your_streets/decorative-lighting.aspx)

For more information about the Neighbourhood Renewal Program, including information specific to your neighbourhood, please visit [edmonton.ca/buildinggreatneighbourhoods](http://edmonton.ca/buildinggreatneighbourhoods) or call 311.