

What We Heard

53 & 81 Salisbury Avenue Reserve Designation Removal



RESERVE DESIGNATION REMOVAL

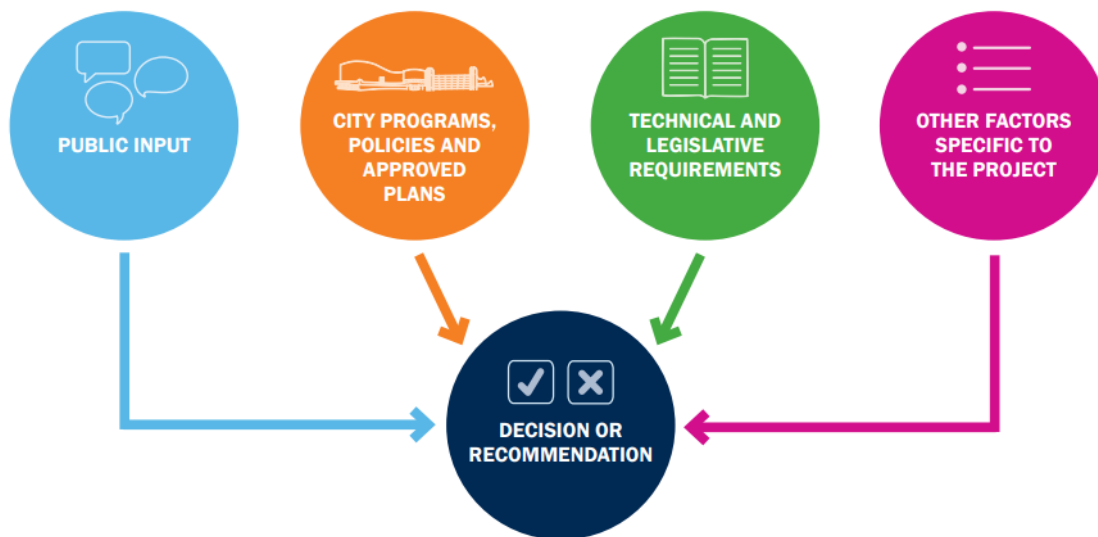
Thank you to everyone who was involved in reviewing or providing input into the 53 and 81 Salisbury Avenue Reserve Designation Removal.

As of April 16, 2021 when circulation closed, there were a total of 198 visitors to the project page. Some residents chose to engage with us via email, phone and website contributions. Thank you for your feedback.

The summary information is intended to provide high-level, overall themes to general input. It is not statistically valid, and interpretation is discretionary. This information is one of many influencing factors in helping Council make decisions.

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GENERAL THEMES

The areas where there seemed to be the most consensus included:

- The desire to protect and preserve as much park land as possible within the Sturgeon Heights neighbourhood.
- The desire to protect the investment made in the rink, and soccer fields, which are heavily used recreational amenities in Salisbury Park.
- A desire to potentially include other recreational amenities, such as tennis courts, when rebuilding the site.

- The desire to protect and preserve the off-leash dog area.
- The desire to keep the surface structures of the new reservoir as small of a footprint as possible.
- Concerns regarding how the change will impact property values and taxes.
- Concerns regarding how access to the park and recreational spaces will be preserved during construction.
- Concerns about timelines of the project.

The areas where feedback seemed to be divided included:

- Which parcel the new reservoir will be located on. Some respondents preferred the reservoir be placed on 53 Salisbury Avenue, while others recommended 81 Salisbury Avenue.

Additionally, there were a few frequently asked questions:

- **Will this change the developability of the lands?**

Not at this time. Both 53 and 81 Salisbury Avenue are still going to be districted Public Park (P) District, where a public utility is a discretionary use. Even though the City is requesting to remove the Reserve designation, at this time we are not changing the land use district. A district change would require a new bylaw process to be completed. That process would require a new circulation to landowners within 100 meters notifying them of the intent to change the District. The Public Park district from our Land Use Bylaw can be found here:

https://stalbert.ca/site/assets/files/1615/part10_special_districts.pdf

The uses listed in the Public Park portion of the attachment are what is available for development on lands districted Public Park.

- **Why are we losing valuable park space?**

The park space can be thought of as an exchange, rather than a loss. Once the new reservoir is fully operational, the old facility will be removed, and the area will be remediated. Public input received during the design portion of the project will also help shape what this portion of the park will look like in the future. The City recognizes that Salisbury Park is highly used, visible by a variety of users and is adjacent to homes and Vital Grandin school. As such, community consultation will be a key aspect to provide an opportunity to upgrade the existing park space.

- **Why is the reserve designation being removed from both parcels?**

As the preliminary design has not been completed, the City's Planning department has requested the Reserve designation be removed from both parcels, to allow maximum flexibility in design options. As the location is open to public feedback, the City did not want to give the impression that a location had already been chosen. Once the appropriate location at Salisbury Park is selected, design of the new facility will take place starting spring 2021.

- **Will the Reserve (R) designation be put back on the lands after the project is finished?**

No. The Reserve (R) designation that is on the parcels is old and isn't used anymore. Our understanding is that the original Reserve designation was made in the 1960s when the survey plan was registered with land titles. That legislation is not in force anymore. Today, we use the Municipal Reserve (MR) designation. This MR is dedicated at the time of subdivision. At this time, there is no subdivision being contemplated by the City, so a new designation would not be put on the lands.

- **Why can't the reservoir be placed somewhere else?**

There were some questions asked about why the reservoir must be replaced in the same area. This is because of the current underground infrastructure and to maintain water pressure and meet demand requirements.

- **Specific engineering questions**

There were many specific questions asked about the existing water system in St. Albert, and how the new reservoir will impact this system. The water reservoir and pump station, located at 37 Sunset Boulevard, is the main St. Albert reservoir which receives water from the City of Edmonton supply line and works with two other structures in the community to distribute potable water to St. Albert residents and businesses. Specific questions were deferred until public participation sessions can occur for the preliminary design of the new reservoir.

WHAT'S NEXT

There will be a second round of public participation focused on the preliminary design of the new reservoir beginning in May or June, 2021.

The information regarding the Reserve Designation removal will be presented to Council on July 5, 2021 at a public hearing. The public can participate in the public

hearing. If you would like to register to speak, please email legislative@stalbert.ca. If you would prefer to submit a written statement, please email hearings@stalbert.ca.

For more information please visit: <https://conversation.stalbert.ca/>