



PAKOSHAYIMOOHK
VILLAGE

WHAT WE HEARD

2026

Community Engagement Report
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Métis Capital Housing Corporation (MCHC) is developing Pakoshayimoohk (Hope) Village, an affordable sober-living housing development in Edmonton’s Blatchford community. This project is being developed in partnership with the City of Edmonton, the Government of Alberta and the Blatchford development team. MCHC will operate Pakoshayimoohk Village in collaboration with the Otipemisiwak Métis Government’s health department.

As part of our commitment to transparent, community-informed development, we conducted a community engagement process in February 2026 to gather feedback from residents, businesses, and the broader Edmonton community. Engagement included an online survey supported by mailed postcards, digital communications, and social media outreach. In total, 83 survey responses were received, along with written submissions and social media interactions.

Across all engagement activities, several consistent themes emerged. Safety and how the site will function day-to-day were key considerations, with participants focusing on visibility, active on-site presence, and design choices that support both residents and the surrounding community. There was also strong interest in shared spaces that support routine, stability, and overall well-being, reflecting the importance of having places for programming, physical activity, cultural practices, and daily living within a sober-living environment.

Participants also spoke to the importance of creating a space that feels connected to both land and community. This included interest in natural landscaping, culturally meaningful elements, and features that reflect Métis identity and create a strong sense of place. Practical considerations, such as access to nearby amenities, transportation options, and the management of construction impacts, were also identified as important factors in how the development will function over time.

The feedback summarized in this report will help inform ongoing design development and project planning, including how the site supports residents’ well-being, integrates into the surrounding community, and responds to the priorities and considerations identified through engagement.

Conceptual renderings in this report reflect early-stage planning and are subject to refinement through ongoing design and permitting.



PROJECT OVERVIEW

- ∞ **A six-storey apartment building with 55 affordable one- and two-bedroom suites**, designed to support individuals transitioning from treatment to stable housing and long-term wellness
- ∞ **Barrier-free suites and accessible design features** incorporated throughout the building, including entrances, corridors, doorways, fixtures, outdoor spaces, and accessible pathways connecting indoor and outdoor amenity areas
- ∞ **A range of shared indoor and outdoor spaces** that support daily living, connection, and routine, including cultural and ceremonial spaces, a community kitchen, multipurpose programming spaces, a computer room, recreation areas, and outdoor gathering spaces such as seating areas and a community garden
- ∞ **On-site operational and support staff** to support day-to-day management and a safe, well-run environment, with access to culturally grounded activities and coordinated supports that promote stability, connection, and continued wellness
- ∞ **On-site underground parking for residents**, including accessible parking, along with secure bicycle storage to support a range of transportation needs
- ∞ **Ground-floor commercial space** to provide convenient services and amenities for residents and the surrounding community
- ∞ **Designed in alignment with Blatchford Green Building standards**, with a focus on energy efficiency and environmentally responsible design to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lower operating costs, and support long-term sustainability

Pakoshayimoohk means “hope,” reflecting the project’s focus on Métis culture, wellness, connection, and supporting residents as they continue their recovery journey.

PROJECT CONTEXT AND TIMELINE

The Pakoshayimoohk Village site is located at 2180 Champion Road NW in Edmonton’s Blatchford community and was identified through a below-market value land sale approved by City Council. The timeline below outlines key milestones in land acquisition, project planning, design and community engagement.



CITY OF EDMONTON PLANNING AND LAND SALE

- **May 2024** – Métis Capital Housing Corporation approached the City of Edmonton to explore an affordable sober-living housing development and identify a suitable site.
- **September 2025** – City Council approved the below-market value sale of land in Blatchford to Métis Capital Housing Corporation for the development of affordable housing.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- **2025** – Métis Capital Housing Corporation advanced planning for Pakoshayimoohk Village following site selection within the Blatchford community.

DESIGN AND TECHNICAL WORK

- **2025–2026** – Site planning, design development and technical coordination progressed in preparation for community engagement.
- **February 2026** – Development permit approved.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- **February 2026** – Community engagement led by Métis Capital Housing Corporation, including an online survey and written submissions received through email and social media interactions. Engagement focused on gathering feedback to help ensure the development reflects community needs, priorities and perspectives.

ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW



The engagement process for Pakoshayimoohk Village was designed to gather meaningful feedback to help ensure the development reflects the community's needs, priorities and perspectives. As an affordable sober-living housing development, engagement focused on understanding how the project can support residents' well-being while integrating thoughtfully into the surrounding community.

Our approach prioritized broad participation from residents and businesses in Blatchford and surrounding neighbourhoods, as well as the broader Edmonton community. Engagement was conducted through digital and written methods to accommodate different preferences and support accessible participation, with opportunities to provide both structured and open-ended feedback.

Engagement Methods

Community input was gathered through the following methods:

- An online survey open to residents and businesses in Blatchford and surrounding neighbourhoods, as well as the broader Edmonton community, throughout February 2026
- Written submissions received via email and social media interactions

Communications and Outreach

To support awareness and participation, Métis Capital Housing Corporation implemented a multi-channel communications approach. Outreach efforts included:

- A dedicated project webpage on the Métis Housing website
 - Geo-targeted paid advertising on Facebook and Instagram
 - Social media posts across Facebook, Instagram, X, and LinkedIn
 - The Métis Housing Hub Newsletter distributed by email
 - Postcards delivered to 2,398 households and businesses across Blatchford, Westwood and Prince Rupert, with partial delivery in Spruce Avenue
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Participation Summary

Engagement activities resulted in a mix of public participation:

- **Online survey:** A total of 83 survey responses were received. The survey was open to anyone in Edmonton to allow for broad input. Residents and businesses located in Blatchford, Prince Charles, Prince Rupert, Westwood and Spruce Avenue were eligible for a gift card draw to encourage local participation. All prizes were distributed following survey closure
- **Written submissions:** Additional input was received via email and social media interactions

Participants included residents and businesses from Blatchford and surrounding neighbourhoods, as well as individuals from the broader Edmonton community.

Engagement Challenges

During the engagement period, the following challenges were identified:

- Postcard delivery was based on pre-defined mailing routes rather than a custom radius
- As a result, some nearby areas originally intended for inclusion were not reached through postcard distribution

- Partial delivery occurred in Spruce Avenue, as route-based delivery was required to ensure full coverage within Westwood and Prince Rupert
- A temporary technical issue affected Instagram ad delivery, resulting in paid advertisements running primarily on Facebook for a portion of the campaign before resuming across both platforms

To help mitigate these limitations, digital outreach methods were used to expand awareness and support broader participation.



WHAT YOU SAID

The themes below reflect patterns and recurring topics identified across survey responses, written submissions and social media interactions. Together, they capture the key priorities, considerations and perspectives shared during engagement and help inform next steps for the project.

THEME 1: Safety and Site Design

WHAT WE HEARD

Safety was a key consideration for current residents, neighbouring homes and businesses, and future residents of Pakoshayimoohk Village. Participants emphasized the importance of well-lit, visible spaces, clearly defined pedestrian routes, accessible movement throughout the site, and on-site staff to support daily operations.

Participants also highlighted the importance of thoughtful design and clear operational practices once the building is in use. This included open layouts with strong sightlines and design choices that reduce hidden or isolated areas. There was interest in how staff presence and building operations will support day-to-day oversight. Some participants also noted the importance of measures that support residents' sobriety, including minimizing opportunities for negative activity and promoting safety, stability, and overall well-being.

OUR RESPONSE

Pakoshayimoohk Village is planned as a sober-living housing development for individuals who have completed mental health or addiction treatment and are committed to maintaining sobriety and independent living. The building is intended to support residents' safety, stability and well-being through staffing, operational practices and site design.

The project includes daytime staffing, overnight security monitoring, and support and programming staff to help residents maintain routine, stability and continued sobriety. In collaboration with the Edmonton Police Service, a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design assessment was completed to help inform elements such as access control, lighting, motion sensors, landscaping, connectivity, signage, fencing, surveillance and visibility throughout the development.

THEME 2: Shared Spaces for Wellness and Daily Living

WHAT WE HEARD

Shared indoor and outdoor spaces were consistently identified as important in supporting residents' well-being and day-to-day living. Participants highlighted multipurpose, cultural and ceremonial spaces; community kitchens; outdoor seating; community gardens; and gathering and daily-use areas.

These spaces were also seen as important in supporting routine, stability, and overall wellness. Participants noted the value of spaces that support physical activity, programming, and opportunities to build structure into daily life, particularly within a sober-living environment.

Participants emphasized the importance of flexible spaces that support a range of uses, including cultural practices, learning, recreation, and everyday activities.

OUR RESPONSE

Pakoshayimoohk Village is planned to include a range of shared indoor and outdoor spaces that support residents' well-being, connection and day-to-day living. These spaces include areas for cultural and ceremonial activities, cooking, gathering, seating and community programming.

Planned amenities include a full-size gym, an outdoor pickleball court and a rooftop patio. These spaces are intended to support opportunities for physical activity, learning, gathering and cultural practice, helping residents build routine, connection and continued wellness.

In addition to supporting residents, shared spaces and programming at Pakoshayimoohk Village are intended to create opportunities for Métis Citizens from the broader community to participate in cultural activities, community programming and connection.

THEME 3: Green Space, Landscaping, and Cultural Elements

WHAT WE HEARD

Green space and landscaping were identified as important in shaping how the development will feel and function within the surrounding area. Participants emphasized the importance of trees, shaded areas, and natural landscaping, including native and low-maintenance plants. There was also strong interest in incorporating plants with cultural significance, reflecting a connection to land and identity.

Participants also highlighted the importance of cultural elements, including Indigenous artwork, murals, traditional patterns and colours, and Métis cultural symbols. Land-based design elements were noted as important in reflecting cultural identity and creating a sense of place.

There was also interest in how the site will connect with surrounding spaces, including walkways and adjacent areas. Overall, participants emphasized the importance of thoughtful landscaping and culturally meaningful elements in creating a space that feels welcoming and connected to both community and culture.

OUR RESPONSE

Pakoshayimoohk Village is intended to incorporate Métis art, culture and land-based elements in ways that support residents' well-being and connection to identity, community and place.

The landscape design includes green space, native and medicinal trees, shrubs and perennials, along with a community garden where residents can grow flowers, vegetables and herbs. These elements are intended to support connection to the land, cultural practice and everyday wellness.

As the project advances, we plan to work with Métis artists to incorporate cultural elements throughout shared indoor and outdoor areas. This may include paintings, murals and other artwork that reflect Métis identity and enhance the interior and exterior spaces.

THEME 4: Commercial Space and Neighbourhood Amenities

WHAT WE HEARD

Participants expressed interest in commercial spaces that provide convenient, everyday services for both residents and the surrounding community. Commonly identified preferences included cafés, grocery or convenience stores, health or wellness services, and smaller retail or creative spaces.

Participants also noted the value of having amenities located nearby and accessible, with some expressing interest in potential leasing opportunities. There was also interest in ensuring that these spaces support small or local businesses and contribute to the area's overall character.

Overall, commercial spaces were seen as an important feature that can support both residents and the broader neighbourhood.

OUR RESPONSE

Pakoshayimoohk Village is planned to include commercial bays on the main floor. These spaces are intended to support the building's operations through leasing while also providing services that complement the development and support residents.

As leasing plans advance, consideration will be given to businesses and services that align with the purpose of the development and contribute positively to the site and the surrounding neighbourhood.

THEME 5: Transportation, Parking, and Site Access

WHAT WE HEARD

Perspectives on transportation, parking, and site access varied. Many participants felt the proposed parking amount is appropriate, while others emphasized the importance of ensuring sufficient parking, particularly for visitors and service needs.

Participants also highlighted how people will move to and from the site, including traffic flow, access points, and the location of entrances and exits. At the same time, the area was recognized as being well connected by transit and supportive of walking and cycling, with existing bike infrastructure and walkability seen as strengths.

Participants emphasized the importance of balancing different transportation needs to ensure a well-functioning, accessible site.

OUR RESPONSE

Pakoshayimoohk Village is planned to be accessed from Champion Road and will include underground parking for residents and surface parking for visitors. Secure bicycle storage will also be provided to support residents who use cycling as a mode of transportation. This aligns with Blatchford's broader community design, which includes walking routes, bike infrastructure and public infrastructure intended to support different ways of moving through the neighbourhood.

THEME 6: Construction Impacts and Neighbourhood Considerations

WHAT WE HEARD

Construction-related impacts were identified as an important consideration for the surrounding community. Participants emphasized managing noise and dust, maintaining safe and accessible sidewalks, and providing clear signage and detours for pedestrians and drivers.

Parking availability during construction was also noted, along with traffic flow, speed management, and the need for barriers around equipment and work areas to support safety. Maintaining access for residents, businesses, and visitors throughout construction was also emphasized.

Participants highlighted the importance of minimizing disruption and adhering to applicable standards and requirements during construction.

OUR RESPONSE

We will work with the selected general contractor to help ensure applicable occupational health and safety requirements are followed throughout construction.

Construction planning will include site management measures such as signage, traffic controls, safe storage of materials and equipment, and barriers around work areas where needed. As the project advances, efforts will be made to minimize disruption where feasible and maintain safe access around the site for residents, businesses, visitors and pedestrians.

THEME 7: Community Perspectives and Sense of Welcome

WHAT WE HEARD

Participants shared a range of perspectives on Pakoshayimookh Village and its role within the community. Many expressed support for the project, describing it as a positive and needed addition that supports individuals transitioning to stable housing and continued wellness. There was also interest in welcoming future residents and fostering an inclusive and supportive community.

Community integration was identified as an important consideration. Participants spoke to building positive relationships between residents and the surrounding neighbourhood, with suggestions such as community tours, information sharing, and opportunities for connection to support a sense of belonging. Some participants also noted that allowing pets could support residents' well-being and ongoing sobriety.

At the same time, participants raised questions about how the development will fit within the surrounding neighbourhood, including potential impacts and how integration will be managed. Overall, feedback reflected support for the project's purpose and a shared interest in thoughtful integration, community connection, and ongoing communication as the project moves forward.

OUR RESPONSE

Pakoshayimookh Village is intended to provide future residents with a safe, stable and supportive place to call home. As the project advances, we will look for opportunities to build positive relationships between residents and neighbours through community-focused activities and opportunities for connection.

We also intend to support community integration by inviting neighbours to Pakoshayimookh Village gatherings and participating in neighbourhood and community opportunities.

Pakoshayimookh Village is planned to be pet-friendly. A pet policy will be in place to support residents' safety and comfort while ensuring pets are managed in accordance with building requirements.

NEXT STEPS

With community engagement complete and the development permit approved, the project will move into the next phase of planning and coordination. The next phase of work for Pakoshayimoohk Village will include the following steps, with additional steps identified through ongoing planning and coordination with MCHC leadership and project partners:

- ∞ Finalizing development design, incorporating community feedback where feasible
- ∞ Advancing detailed design and pre-construction planning activities
- ∞ Ongoing coordination with project partners, including the City of Edmonton, the Government of Alberta and the Blatchford development team
- ∞ Project tendering and award
- ∞ Building permit application and approval process
- ∞ Site preparation activities
- ∞ Ongoing project updates shared through the project webpage, social media channels and the Métis Housing Hub Newsletter
- ∞ Continued coordination with community partners throughout development and occupancy



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Métis Capital Housing Corporation would like to thank all community members, residents, businesses, and stakeholders who took the time to participate in the Pakoshayimoohk Village engagement process.

We appreciate the thoughtful feedback shared through the online survey, written submissions, and social media interactions. Your input has shaped our understanding of community priorities, considerations and perspectives, and will inform the next steps for the project.

We also recognize the contributions of community partners and organizations who supported outreach and helped share information about the engagement process.

We are encouraged to see many neighbours express interest in welcoming future residents and supporting a positive, connected community.

Thank you for your time, perspectives, and ongoing interest in Pakoshayimoohk Village.





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