

The Strong Neighbourhood Project

The City of Kelowna is home to many diverse and unique neighbourhoods and we want to celebrate those neighbourhoods and the people in them!

The Strong Neighbourhood Project is designed to help build connection and engagement in our neighbourhoods as we work towards making Kelowna the best mid-sized city in North America.

Do you have a neighbourhood-enhancing idea but aren't sure where to start? Contact the Strong Neighbourhood team at the City of Kelowna.

We can help!

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- *Project Planning* - **TIPS**



Taking an idea from concept to fruition takes a little planning... and we've got some tips for you!



There are many neighbourhood project ideas out there.

You could plan a...

- Block party
- Buying club
- Gardening workshop
- Neighbourhood cleanup
- Name tag day
- Block patrol
- Porch concert
- Walking school bus
- Public space enhancement
- Little free library
- Apartment or condo BBQ
- Park picnic
- Public art project
- Design jam

The sky's the limit!

Some things to consider...

1 What is your goal?

Pick a project that will help achieve it!

If you want to spruce up your neighbourhood or meet your neighbours, maybe a neighbourhood art project or block party are in order!

2 Organizing!

Recruit a group of neighbours, have a brainstorming session, create a to-do list, and assign tasks. Get stuck along the way? We have plenty of resources to share with you. Whether you need a mentor, matching funds, or event support, our Strong Neighbourhood team is here to help.

3 Keep it fun!

If people are enjoying themselves then the planning work hardly seems like work! Use contests and games to keep meetings fun and creative!

4 Evaluate

Congratulations – project complete! Did you meet your goal? What worked well? What didn't? Answering these questions can help you in planning your next project.

5 Repeat

Take all the learning, leadership, and team-building you've done and use it to start your next neighbourhood-enhancing project!

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. **What if I have a project idea but don't know how to get my neighbours involved?**
- A. Check out our 'Easy Ways to Meet Your Neighbour' tool at kelowna.ca/neighbourhoods for ideas!
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- Q. **I have an idea for a project but I don't want to pay for it out of my own pocket.**
- A. The Strong Neighbourhood Project offers a Neighbourhood Grant which provides up to \$1,000 in matching funds. Apply today at kelowna.ca/neighbourhoods.
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- Q. **I want to have a block party but I don't know where to start.**
- A. We've got just the tool for you! Check out our Block Party planning tool at kelowna.ca/neighbourhoods.

