



Hi everyone! My name is Andrew Knack and I am very fortunate to be serving as the City Councillor for Ward 1 which includes the community of Lewis Estates. Although I have had the opportunity to connect with the community a number of times, I thought it would be good to visit, share and provide answers to some frequently asked questions that I have received from residents in Lewis Estates. As you may have additional questions or comments not covered here, please feel free to contact me using the information below.

Project management within the City of Edmonton

Most of you are aware of the challenges the City has faced in managing a few of its projects. We've reviewed our staffing, reporting, and process procedures here at the City and I thought I'd review some of these changes with you:

Staffing: Although it was discussed at the August 2015 Audit Committee meeting, there wasn't a lot of coverage about personnel changes within the leadership positions of the Transportation Department, which have had the most issues on some fairly high profile projects (Metro Line, Groat Road Bridge and Walterdale Bridge). In that August meeting, our General Manager of Transportation, Dorian Wandzura who started with the City in September 2013, told the Audit Committee that since he became GM, 70% of the personnel in those leadership positions within the Transportation Department have changed for a number of reasons.

Reporting: Another critical change is something that should have been the case back in 2009/10 when the Metro Line contract was approved and work started: written reporting. The audit showed that far too much of the critical reporting was verbal and therefore was rarely making it to the previous GM of Transportation let alone the City Manager or City Council. This was changed back in late 2013 which is why Council started getting regular updates on the progress on the Metro Line. Administration wasn't the only group to change reporting. City Council made a change so that we would have quarterly updates on all Capital projects that are \$20 million and more, along with a few critical projects that fall below that \$20 million mark. Since this report comes to Council at our regular meetings, everyone can see it, including the media.

Process: We have made some further changes to better streamline our project management. Using our existing staffing resources we have reorganized our project management into one single department (Integrated Infrastructure Services) rather than having each department responsible for their own project management. Many years ago the City used to have a Chief Engineer and this new department is the modern day equivalent of that. This new department should provide greater oversight to our Capital projects.

Outcomes in 2015: Many of you have asked if these changes have made a difference. Although I'd encourage you to refer to the full report available on the City of Edmonton's website, let me provide you with a brief summary on Capital projects within the City:

- 88% of the 92 projects listed are on or ahead of schedule.
- 96.7% of the 92 projects listed are on or under budget.

No matter how many personnel, process, or reporting changes are made, it is unlikely we will be perfect on every single project. The purpose of those changes is to minimize the opportunity for mistakes to be made and if they are made, to ensure everyone, including the public, is made well aware of any issues and what is being done to resolve them.

Update on the Lewis Farms Recreation Centre

Based on the consultation completed to date, the following program is recommended for the Lewis Farms Community Recreation Centre:

- Aquatic facility providing a second competitive training venue in Edmonton that will support synchronized swimming, water polo and diving in a 25x30m deep tank with two, 1m and 3m springboards and 3m and 5m dive platforms, and spectator seating for local competitions. A leisure pool with water play features, a tot pool, a 25m ten lane pool, whirlpool and steam room.
- Fitness centre that includes large cardio and weight training area, two fitness studios and a non-competitive running / walking track.
- Three gymnasiums that include large playing surfaces and assembly areas that can be divided into smaller functional areas.
- Multi-purpose spaces that include an indoor child development space, child minding space, bouldering wall, and three multi-purpose rooms that can be expanded into larger rooms by removing dividers.
- Twin NHL indoor ice rinks, outdoor leisure ice and a skate rental kiosk.
- Support and other services that includes a lobby area, washrooms, dressing rooms, food retail units, commercial retail unit, administration and storage space.

Project Schedule: Our design and public engagement process will take place in three (3) phases in 2015-16:

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| Sharing Ideas | Needs assessment stage | April - July 2015 |
| Exploring Options | Focuses on a review of the concept design options | Early 2016 |
| Setting the Direction | Opportunity to review the draft schematic design | Mid 2016 |

To learn more about Lewis Farms Recreation Centre please visit:

http://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/projects_redevelopment/lewis-farms-community-recreation-facility.aspx

Community Conversation

Approximately every three months I hold a community conversation to talk about various topics in Edmonton. The next Community Conversation is **Thursday, March 24th** 6:30-9:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:00) at the Boys and Girls-Big Brothers Big Sisters West Club, 16030-104 Avenue.

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