



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 Belmead. Although I had the opportunity to meet with residents while previously door knocking and attending community events/meetings, I thought it would be a good time to visit and provide answers to some frequently asked questions. As you may have additional questions or comments not covered here, please feel free to contact me using the information on the back page.

Valley Line LRT Update

On May 3rd, Council passed a motion that subject to confirmation of cost and available funding, the priority for the LRT construction be approved for the Valley Line from Downtown to Lewis Estates. This is great news for Edmonton and Ward 1 residents! The 27 km Valley Line (SE to W LRT) links communities running from Mill Woods to Lewis Farms through downtown, and also provides access to major institutional, recreational, commercial, residential, and employment centres. Expanding the LRT system is a key feature of Edmonton's Transportation Master Plan. I spoke often of this important piece of infrastructure during my campaign with residents who were eager to see it completed and am happy to report that we have made significant progress in both the design and construction aspect of the line, as well as the timeline for which we can expect completion. Learn more about the Valley line at http://www.edmonton.ca/ets/transit_projects/southeast-to-west-lrt-mill-woods-to-lewis-farms.aspx

New Website

I am pleased to announce that my new website is now up and running. You'll find all kinds of great information on both City wide issues, as well as ward specific issues. You can look up your community league information, construction in your neighbourhood, and garbage collection schedules. Please take a look and provide your input. If there is anything you'd like to see on the website, please get in touch with my office. You can check it out at <http://www.andrewknack.com>.

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:

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

Jasper Place Leisure Centre Maintenance

Jasper Place Leisure Centre will be shut down October 2016 to Spring 2018 for facility rehabilitation. Work includes life cycle upgrades of pool deck and tank, structural, mechanical and electrical upgrades, acoustic upgrades, salt water conversion (pending engineering study), retrofit of existing change rooms, upgrades to interior finishes, new family change room, new public washrooms in the lobby, new parking facility, and finally the transition of the fitness centre to St. Francis Xavier Sports Centre. The Jasper Place Bowl Grandstand Replacement project is also underway to include more seating, dressing rooms, officials rooms, concession and a spotter's box.

All Jasper Place members can utilize their pass at any other leisure centre and outdoor pool. Additionally, eligible annual and continuous monthly membership pass holders will have their passes upgraded to an all facility pass during this time to use at any of the 18 Community Recreation and Leisure Centres throughout the City.

Construction in your area

Belmead community will be undergoing neighbourhood renewal work in the 2017/2018 construction seasons. This will include re-pavement of roads and curbs, as well as replacement of damaged sidewalk blocks. Arterial and collector road work will begin in 2017, with neighbourhood road work beginning the following season.

Integrated Infrastructure update

While most of our capital projects are on or ahead of schedule (87%) and within or under budget (99%), we cannot ignore the fact that there have been and are still some major problems with some select projects (Metro Line LRT, Groat Road/Walterdale Bridge). While the list of current projects stays the same, the approach to deliver capital infrastructure will change. In an effort to ensure consistent, efficient and transparent delivery of capital projects, the creation of the Integrated Infrastructure Services department was announced in October 2015. I am more confident that this new approach will enable Council to monitor projects more effectively, improve communication between departments and Council, and provide better information to residents of Edmonton on the progress of our capital projects. Check out my website at andrewknack.com for a detailed blog post on the update and my thoughts regarding it.

Community Conversation

Approximately every three months I hold a community conversation to talk about various issues and to provide updates on current issues in the Ward. The next Community Conversation is **Thursday, September 22nd** 6:30-9:00pm (doors open at 6:00) at the Winterburn School Library at 9527 Winterburn Road.

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