

# Parkview

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 Parkview. 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,



## Traffic Safety in Parkview

Thanks to the Parkview Traffic Safety Committee for their continuous work on improving traffic safety in your community. We were able to implement a few changes to mitigate some concerns while we work towards an overall traffic safety plan for Parkview. The following items have been implemented:

- A School Zone designation has been issued for the section along 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue from 143 Street, just before the 4-way stop.
- Larger stop signs have been installed at the 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue/146 Street intersection.
- Repainting of crosswalk lines at the above mentioned controlled intersection.

We are in the beginning stages of developing a traffic safety plan for the community of Parkview. As plans progress, Parkview Community League and the City will be hosting meetings with members of the community to hear your thoughts and concerns and share potential strategies to alleviate traffic safety concerns.

## Integrated Infrastructure Update

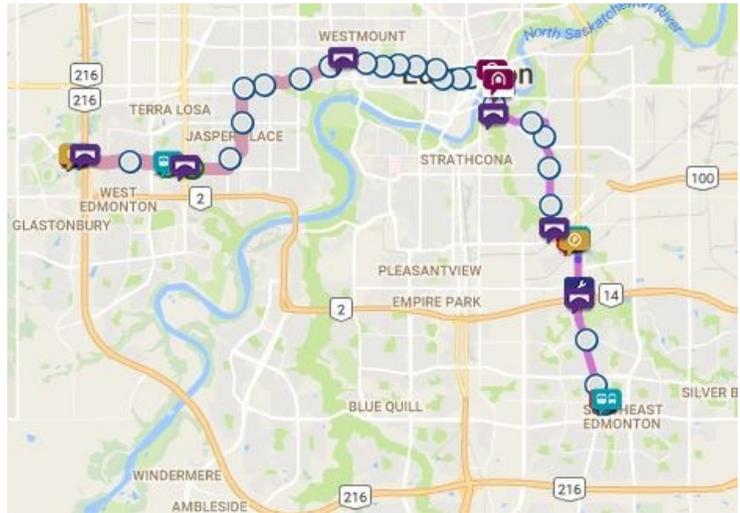
While out door knocking, I learned that many people are aware of the change in City Manager but did not know about the many other changes that have been made around project management within the City. In an effort to ensure consistent, efficient and transparent delivery of capital projects, the creation of the Integrated Infrastructure Services department was announced in October 2015 and formally started on April 1, 2016. I am 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.

The latest results show (as of June 2016) that most of our significant capital projects are on or ahead of schedule (84%) and within or under budget (97.9%). For a full summary of the staffing, reporting and process changes that have been made over the last few years, please read my posts from February and July on my website ([andrewknack.com](http://andrewknack.com)). While there are still some select issues that remain, many of the changes that have come into effect have helped to create a new culture that has a proper focus on oversight and project management.

## Valley Line LRT Update

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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. The Federal and Provincial funding commitments that were recently announced will allow us to take the next steps in the planning phase. 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](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 and occasionally I will write my thoughts on 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>.

## Infill Update

I would like to thank the Parkview Community League for hosting a community conversation on Infill this past June. Many of you attended to share your thoughts and concerns which I appreciate very much. At this meeting I had an opportunity to share and discuss changes that have been made to alleviate concerns regarding construction practices. Please refer to my website for a detailed post on the updated Infill Related Construction Practices, as well as a link to the new City of Edmonton Infill Website where you'll find great information for community members, home buyers, and builders.

We are still working through the Mature Neighbourhood Overlay (MNO) Review. The MNO was created in 2001 and is part of the Zoning Bylaw that requires development that better suits older communities. With the increase in development within our mature communities, it is important to review these regulations to improve the development process experience for all community members. I encourage you to take part in one of several public engagement events throughout the City to share your thoughts on the MNO. Check out the City of Edmonton's website at [http://www.edmonton.ca/city\\_government/urban\\_planning\\_and\\_design/mature-neighbourhood-overlay](http://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/urban_planning_and_design/mature-neighbourhood-overlay) for a list of upcoming dates.

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup>** 6:30-9:00pm (doors open at 6:00) at the Winterburn School Library at 9527 Winterburn Road.

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