



# Sherwood



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 West Jasper Place/Sherwood. 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.

## 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 September 2016) that most of our significant capital projects are on or ahead of schedule (86%) and within or under budget (94%). 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.

## Infill Construction Related Initiatives Update

In an effort to alleviate many concerns Council and residents have regarding infill projects in mature communities, City Council directed Administration to create an integrated inspection and enforcement team to perform proactive inspections at infill sites under construction in mature neighbourhoods. Since this decision on March 22nd, three teams have been established so far with a fourth team planned for early this year.

### Infill Compliance Team:

Since this Infill Compliance team was established in July, the team has inspected 169 sites and responded to 164 complaints. The most common complaints were:

- Permitting
- Excavation
- Tree protection
- Debris control and cleanliness
- Perimeter and excavation fencing
- Noise
- Material on sidewalks or roadways
- Tracking mud onto the roadway
- Obstructions and occupying the road right of way
- Vehicles

Residents are encouraged to file complaints:

- by phone: 311
- by email: [311@edmonton.ca](mailto:311@edmonton.ca)
- online: [Contact 311 Form](#)
- through app: Edmonton 311 (available for both Android and Apple)

### Infill Liaison Team:

Currently two principal planners make up this team but they are in the midst of hiring new staff to fill all roles on the team. Launched in August, this team works to coordinate City infill initiatives, analyze infill issues and complaints, serve as point of contact for all questions relating to infill, and support ongoing policy development.

## Residential Infill Development Approvals Team (RIDA):

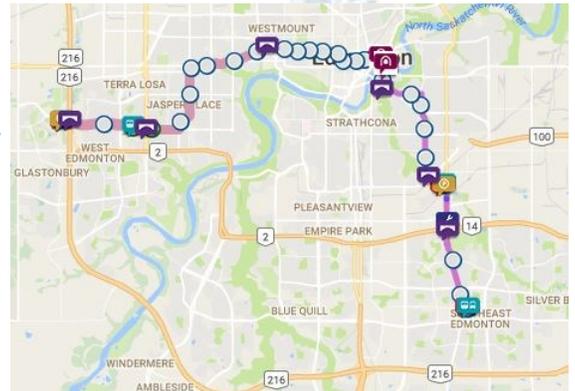
This team has been in place since 2015 and consists of 6 planners and one principal planner that review and approve infill development permit applications. Due to the complexity of infill applications, ongoing communication between applicants, home builders and community members is very important. This team answers all technical questions regarding interpretation and implementation of Zoning Bylaw regulations. Since 2015, this team has reviewed over 4700 applications.

## Development Completion Permit:

Early this year, this team will be responsible for issuing a DCP (development completion permit) once confirmation of a development is in accordance with the approved permit conditions and plans. This will be a requirement before the building or site can be utilized. Six planning technicians and planners will make up the team and will inspect all major and minor development permits including low density residential housing in core and mature neighbourhoods. These inspections will be automatically scheduled if they are not requested by the applicant prior to occupancy.

## Valley Line LRT Update

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, 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

Thank you to everyone who has been going to my website. For those who haven't checked it out yet, you'll find all kinds of great information. 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. The most recent post is about our budget that was approved unanimously. You can check it out at <http://www.andrewknack.com>.

## 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 **Wednesday, March 29th, 6:30pm to 9:00pm (doors open at 6:00) at the Boys & Girls Clubs Big Brothers Big Sisters, 16030 104 Avenue.**

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