

Trumpeter

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 Trumpeter. 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.

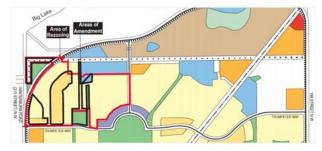
The latest results show (as of September 2016) that most of our significant capital projects are on or ahead of schedule (86%) and within or under budget (94%). For a full summary of the staffing, reporting and process changes that have been made over the last few years, please read my posts from February and July on my website (andrewknack.com). 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.

Trumpeter Neighbourhood Structure Plan (NSP) Update



12923 WINTERBURN ROAD NW

To allow for residential, park, and public utility uses.



RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION

Sustainable Development is in SUPPORT of this application because:

- it provides the opportunity for a variety of housing choices, including residential development that efficiently utilizes undeveloped land;
- the reconfigured stormwater management facility and park space sustain pedestrian connectivity and provide opportunities for passive and active recreation; and
- · the proposed uses will integrate well with surrounding land designations.

On November 7th 2016 there was an amendment made to the Trumpeter Neighbourhood Structure Plan (NSP) to reduce some of the density in an undeveloped section.

You can read the full report and justification for this application at Edmonton.ca – City Government – Council and Committee Meetings – City Council Agendas, Minutes & Video – Nov 7 Agenda – item 3.5

Because this was an amendment to the NSP, it gave me a chance to talk about 199th Street and 137th Avenue. When the NSP was approved in 2008, there should have been something built into the NSP to address the condition of these roads depending on the amount of development that occurred as well as whether the non-participating land owner sold their property.



The reason I brought this up is because since there is no guarantee when the non-participating land owner will sell their land to allow for the creation of the realigned road, I don't believe it's fair to leave those portions of road untouched for however long it takes for the land to be acquired so the new road can be built.

Although I can't change the past or rewrite the servicing agreements the city would have signed around the same time, I did make a motion to ask Council to have Administration provide a report on ways to address roadway safety concerns along 199th Street (North of Trumpeter Way) and along 137th Avenue (West of Starling Drive) based on future land subdivisions in the Big Lake area. When this report comes back to Executive Committee, tentatively scheduled on September 5th it will give residents the chance to register to speak to the committee members and share your comments on the condition of the roads. Feel free to get in touch with my office for more details on how to register for this.

Lewis Farms Schematic Design

At the December 5th, 2016 Community and Public Services Committee meeting, a motion passed to have Administration proceed with the Schematic Design to include a 53 metre lane pool as well as a 1 metre and 3 metre springboard, and 5, 7.5 and 10 metre dive platforms. This was based on the feedback that was gathered from community members during the consultation phase of this project, as well as options and cost comparisons from Sustainable Development. This schematic design and funding strategy will be brought to the Community and Public Services Committee for review which is tentatively set for April 3, 2017.

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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