



# Rosenthal



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 Rosenthal. 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 December 2016) that most of our significant capital projects are on or ahead of schedule (88%) and within or under budget (99%). 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, 2016 on my website ([andrewknack.com](http://andrewknack.com)). Over the past two years since the re-organization and project management changes, these numbers have remained consistently positive. 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. I am confident this approach has and will continue to 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.

## 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. To learn more about this project, please visit [www.edmonton.ca/projects\\_plans/valley-line-lrt-mill-woods-to-lewis-farms.aspx](http://www.edmonton.ca/projects_plans/valley-line-lrt-mill-woods-to-lewis-farms.aspx)



- Highlights:**
- Travel time from Lewis Estates to downtown in 25 to 28 minutes;
  - Over 60,000 future daily boardings;
  - Service to West Edmonton Mall, Misericordia Hospital, Meadowlark Mall, Jasper Place Transit Centre, Jasper Gates, Oliver Square and Grant MacEwan City Centre Campus;
  - Connection with the Southeast LRT line through street-level Downtown LRT Connector and opportunities for transfers to the existing LRT system in the downtown core;
  - Low-floor urban style.



## Crosswalk upgrades in Rosenthal

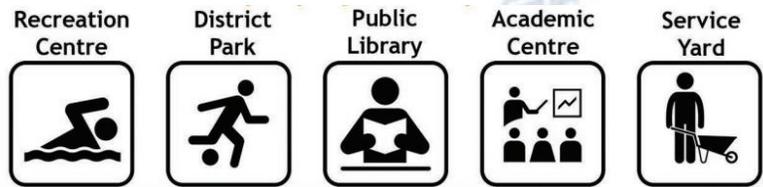
City Operations has assessed our request for a marked and signed crosswalk at Winterburn Road and Rosenthal Link. The City will be taking a pro-active approach considering the current and future intersection design of this location. As the intersection currently serves three Edmonton Transit bus stops, and is identified for a future developer funded traffic signal that will see increased use with the continued build out of the developing neighbourhood, City Operations will be installing a marked and signed crosswalk at this location.

City Operations also re-assessed the intersection of Winterburn Road and Rosenthal Boulevard. Due to same reasons above as well as the existing multi-family condominium, City Operations will also be installing a marked and signed crosswalk at this location. Both crosswalks will be installed after the winter season.

## Lewis Farms Schematic Design

At the December 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 set for April 21, 2017.

The major project components are:



## Rosenthal Community Gathering

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Thursday. April 6 at 6:45pm at the Winterburn Golden Age Club (21307 98 Ave NW.) Join us to find out important updates and information on traffic safety including planned crosswalks for your community. This will also give residents a chance to learn about the community league and opportunities to get involved. To learn more, visit Rosenthal Community Edmonton on Facebook.

## 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. You can check it out at [www.andrewknack.com](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 conversation will take place on **March 29th, 6:30-9:00pm** (doors open at 6:00) at **Boys and Girls-Big Brothers Big Sisters West Club, 16030-104 Avenue.**

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