



Lewis Estates



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 Lewis Estates. 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). 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.

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

The major project components are:

Recreation Centre



District Park



Public Library



Academic Centre



Service Yard



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.

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. 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



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.

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.

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. Please check the website at www.andrewknack.com for the next community conversation likely taking place in June.

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