



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 Sherwood. Although I have the opportunity to meet with residents while attending community events and meetings, I also like to go door-knocking once or twice a month to chat with people one-on-one. That gives me the chance to connect with those who are not able to attend the public meetings and gather a wide range of feedback. As you may have additional questions or comments not covered here, please feel free to contact me using the information on the back page.

Valley Line West LRT

Grade Separation at Key Intersections

When we first raised the idea of separating the LRT from traffic a few years ago, it was done based on substantial feedback from people who wanted to minimize the traffic impact at key intersections. Originally the only options being considered were having the LRT go above or below 149th Street. As the process to evaluate that intersection continued, there were suggestions brought forward to look at having 149th Street go under Stony Plain Road (SPR).

While the City Administration was analyzing those first three options, the Stony Plain Road Business Improvement Area brought forward a suggestion to turn SPR into a one-way road west of 149th Street. The thinking behind this is most of the commuter traffic already uses 100th Avenue and the eastbound traffic lane on SPR only begins at Mayfield Common.

I put forward a motion to have the detailed analysis of that option also come forward as part of the discussion. The more I have thought about this and talked with residents, the more I think this can address the traffic congestion concerns without incurring the cost of grade separation and property acquisition. Assuming it can, I think this would be the preferred choice.

This additional information will be included in the Crossing Assessment report presented to council March 21st. Everyone is welcome to attend the City Council Public Hearing on March 21st and for those wishing to speak, you can do so by calling the City Clerk's office at (780) 496-8178 or register online at Edmonton.ca - request to speak.

For those of you that use Facebook, I will be hosting a Facebook live conversation regarding this topic on March 19th at noon. For more detailed information on the West Valley Line LRT check out my website andrewknack.com.

New Ways We Move

Edmonton's transit needs are changing and will continue to change as our city grows. The transit needs of Edmontonians don't stop at our transit hubs, or outside the Henday. Therefore I put forward a notice of motion that Administration provide a report on how emerging transportation technology could work across Edmonton and throughout the Edmonton Metropolitan Region. If after completing the review we determine emerging technology is not viable, then we simply proceed as planned and put the West LRT project out to tender in 2018. But if it is viable and more cost effective, we should look to provide better service to more parts of Edmonton in a shorter amount of time.

I look forward to exploring all options utilizing the information from this report. As transit is one of the City's largest expenditures, it is crucial that council does our due diligence before making key decisions regarding our transit network plan. This report will be presented to the Urban Planning Committee on June 19th.

Citizen Working Groups

As part of its ongoing commitment to public engagement, the City of Edmonton has established five Citizen Working Groups along the Valley Line West LRT alignment. Citizen Working Groups are a major method of engaging with neighbouring communities during the updating of preliminary design, procurement, detailed design and construction of the Valley Line West LRT. These groups are made up of local, neighbourhood based members.

You can check out the Citizen Working Group Fact Sheet at www.edmonton.ca/documents/RoadsTraffic/ValleyLineWest_CWG_Fact_Sheet_30082017.pdf to see details on each working group and dates for upcoming meetings that are open to the public.

The Orange Hub (formerly MacEwan West Campus)

General Updates

We are pleased to announce that the City of Edmonton assumed ownership of "The Orange Hub", previously named MacEwan West, on September 29, 2017. It will be an intercultural, interagency community hub for arts, recreation, wellness and learning and one of the largest non-profit hubs in Canada. Recent work has focused on facility maintenance, preparing rooms, moving furniture and updating the security system. Tenant leases are in the process of being finalized. Once leases are signed, confirmed tenants will begin to be announced. Watch for more details soon.

Exciting New Opportunities

Space Rental Opportunities

Space is currently available for short-term rentals or one-time meetings, workshops and events. Rental rates vary based on size and type of room, and there is a 25% reduction available for non-profit groups. For more details, email theorangehub@edmonton.ca

Leisure Access Program update

The City of Edmonton's Leisure Access Program provides free and discounted admission to recreation facilities and attractions to low-income Edmontonians. Historically, program eligibility has been limited to those living below the low income cut-off determined by the Government of Canada. At the April 11/12, 2017 City Council meeting, a new "sliding scale" approach was approved by City Council. Applications to the Leisure Access Program will be available at any City of Edmonton Recreation Centre and Edmonton Tower Service Centre. For more information go to www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/leisure-access-program.aspx

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 will be held on Monday, **March 26, 6:30 - 9:00 pm** at the Boys & Girls/Big Brothers Big Sisters West Club at 16030 104 Avenue. All Ward 1 residents are welcome.

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