



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 La Perle. 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.

Building Housing Options

The Building Housing Choices initiative will see 17 undeveloped building sites (locations that were previously earmarked for a school but where a school has never been built) be repurposed for residential development as one way to provide Edmontonians with more housing choices.

The site at 18715-97A Avenue is one of 17 undeveloped building sites that were placed on the City's land inventory in 2009. Eight of these sites are being developed for seniors' housing initiatives. The nine remaining undeveloped building sites, including the one in La Perle, are to undergo a comprehensive public engagement process. The purpose of this engagement process is to determine what type and form of housing should be developed in consultation with the community. The final development proposal will be taken to Council as a recommendation and Council will make a decision on approval.

Two sites have been selected to pilot the engagement process: Keheewin and Ogilvie Ridge. There is no specific timeline as to when community engagement will begin in La Perle until the pilot study of the two selected sites is completed. We do know this area will be developed, however the type and specific location will be determined by the community.

For more information and status on this project please visit: http://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/urban_planning_and_design/more-housing-options.aspx . Specifically for La Perle, please visit http://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/urban_planning_and_design/la-perle-west-surplus-school-site.aspx.

I also recommend you review Council policy direction that will guide residential development of the undeveloped building site at http://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/documents/C583.pdf.

New Website

I am pleased to announce that my new website is now up and running. You'll find all kinds of great information on both 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 <http://www.andrewknack.com>.

Update on the Lewis Farms Recreation Centre

Based on the consultation completed to date, the following program is recommended for the Lewis Farms Community Recreation Centre:

- Aquatic facility providing a second competitive training venue in Edmonton that will support synchronized swimming, water polo and diving in a 25x30m deep tank with two, 1m and 3m springboards and 3m and 5m dive platforms, and spectator seating for local competitions. A leisure pool with water play features, a tot pool, a 25m ten lane pool, whirlpool and steam room.
- Fitness centre that includes large cardio and weight training area, two fitness studios and a non-competitive running / walking track.
- Three gymnasiums that include large playing surfaces and assembly areas that can be divided into smaller functional areas.
- Multi-purpose spaces that include an indoor child development space, child minding space, bouldering wall, and three multi-purpose rooms that can be expanded into larger rooms by removing dividers.

- Twin NHL indoor ice rinks, outdoor leisure ice and a skate rental kiosk.
- Support and other services that includes a lobby area, washrooms, dressing rooms, food retail units, commercial retail unit, administration and storage space.

Project Schedule:

Our design and public engagement process will take place in three (3) phases in 2015-16:

To learn more about Lewis Farms Recreation Centre please visit

<http://www.edmonton.ca/>

[city_government/projects_redevelopment/lewis-farms-community-recreation-facility.aspx](http://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/projects_redevelopment/lewis-farms-community-recreation-facility.aspx)

Sharing Ideas	Needs assessment stage	April -July 2015
Exploring Options	Focuses on a review of the concept design options	Early 2016
Setting the Direction	Opportunity to review the draft schematic design	Mid 2016

Jasper Place Leisure Centre Maintenance

Jasper Place Leisure Centre will be shut down October 2016 to Spring 2018 for facility rehabilitation. Work includes life cycle upgrades of pool deck and tank, structural, mechanical and electrical upgrades, acoustic upgrades, salt water conversion (pending engineering study), retrofit of existing change rooms, upgrades to interior finishes, new family change room, new public washrooms in the lobby, new parking facility, and finally the transition of the fitness centre to St. Francis Xavier Sports Centre. The Jasper Place Bowl Grandstand Replacement project is also underway to include more seating, dressing rooms, officials rooms, concession and a spotter's box.

All Jasper Place members can utilize their pass at any other leisure centre and outdoor pool. Additionally, eligible annual and continuous monthly membership pass holders will have their passes upgraded to an all facility pass during this time to use at any of the 18 Community Recreation and Leisure Centres throughout the City.

Integrated Infrastructure update

While most of our capital projects are on or ahead of schedule (87%) and within or under budget (99%), we cannot ignore the fact that there have been and are still some major problems with some select projects (Metro Line LRT, Groat Road/Walterdale Bridge). While the list of current projects stays the same, the approach to deliver capital infrastructure will change. 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. I am more 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. Check out my website at andrewknack.com for a detailed blog post on the update and my thoughts regarding it.

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 **Thursday, September 22nd** 6:30-9:00pm (doors open at 6:00) at the Winterburn School Library at 9527 Winterburn Road.

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