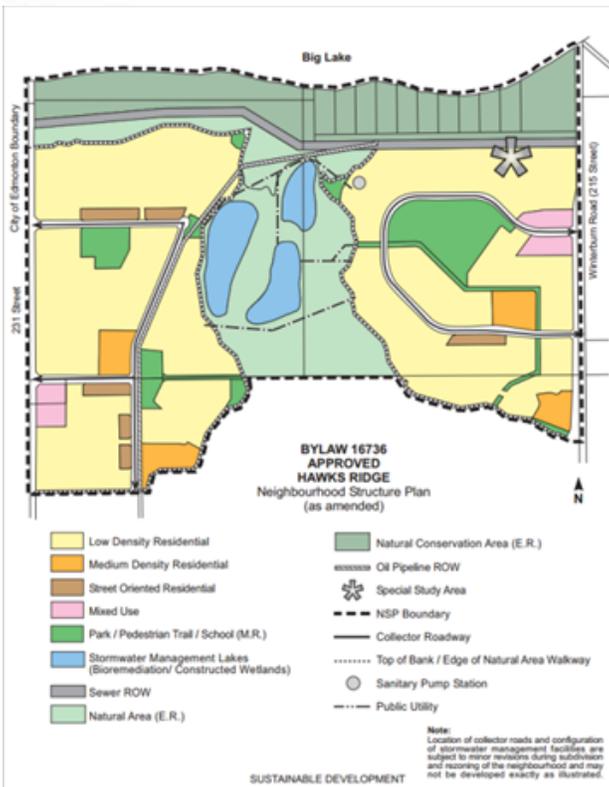




# Hawks Ridge



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 Hawks Ridge. 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.



## Hawks Ridge Neighbourhood Structure Plan

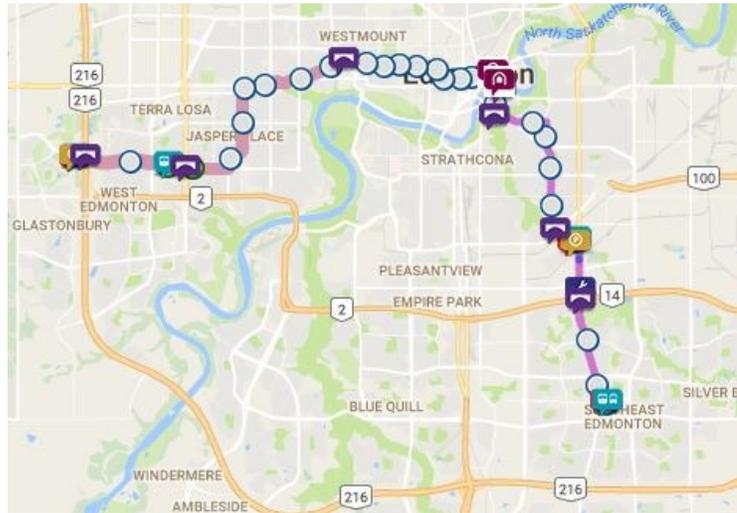
The Hawks Ridge Neighbourhood Structure Plan (NSP) was originally drafted in September 2010 with amendments finalized May 2014. The purpose of the Hawks Ridge NSP is to define the land use and development needs for the community based on current and anticipated demands. This includes the location, configuration and area of various land uses such as: residential, commercial, parks and open spaces, and public utility land uses.

Check out [https://www.edmonton.ca/residential\\_neighbourhoods/plans\\_in\\_effect/Hawks\\_Ridge\\_NSP\\_Consolidation.pdf](https://www.edmonton.ca/residential_neighbourhoods/plans_in_effect/Hawks_Ridge_NSP_Consolidation.pdf) to see what housing options are encouraged for your specific property, as well as in your community.

## 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 June 2016) that most of our significant capital projects are on or ahead of schedule (84%) and within or under budget (97.9%). 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](http://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.



## 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.

Learn more about the Valley line at [http://www.edmonton.ca/ets/transit\\_projects/southeast-to-west-lrt-mill-woods-to-lewis-farms.aspx](http://www.edmonton.ca/ets/transit_projects/southeast-to-west-lrt-mill-woods-to-lewis-farms.aspx)

## New Website

I am pleased to announce that my new website is now up and running. You'll find all kinds of great information and 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 <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 **Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** 6:30-9:00pm (doors open at 6:00) at the Winterburn School Library at 9527 Winterburn Road.

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