

Secord



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 Secord. 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 September 2016) that most of our significant capital projects are on or ahead of schedule (86%) and within or under budget (94%). 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). 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.

Parking Restrictions on Secord Boulevard

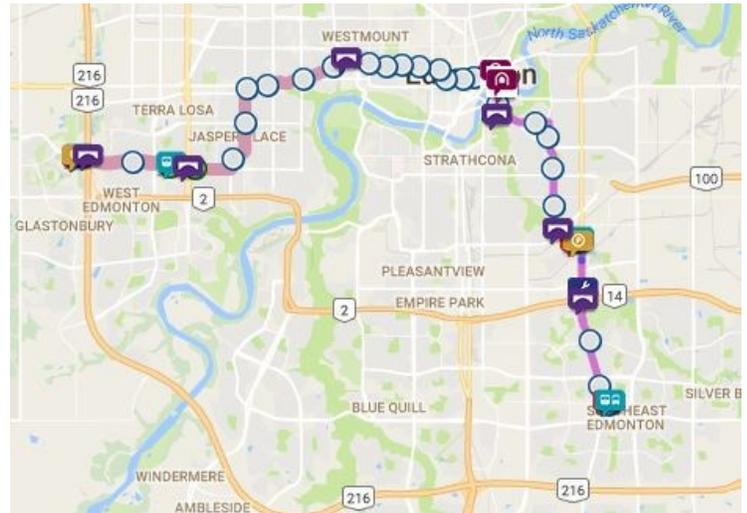
I have received numerous calls from concerned residents regarding traffic flow both in and outbound on Secord Boulevard at 215 Street. After raising these concerns with our Traffic Operations department, it was determined that there was a clear need for ease of access to and from the neighbourhood. Therefore, parking has been restricted along the south side (outbound) of Secord Boulevard between 215 Street and 95A Avenue and along the north side of Secord Boulevard (inbound) between 215 Street and the pathway located between 215 Street and 217 Street. This will help alleviate traffic congestion and improve safety for residents travelling this route.

Lewis Farms Recreation Centre Design Update

At the December 5th Community and Public Services Committee, it was determined that Administration proceed with the Schematic Design of a 53 metre lane pool as well as one metre and three metre springboards, five metre, 7.5 and 10 metre dive platforms. This was based on feedback I received from community members that expressed a desire to increase the size of the pool and it's amenities to allow for more swim programs for local residents as well as providing another training location for those who swim competitively. I am happy with the design and confident this will serve the needs of the community well.



Learn more about the Valley line at http://www.edmonton.ca/ets/transit_projects/southeast-to-west-lrt-mill-woods-to-lewis-farms.aspx



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.

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. The most recent post is about our budget that was approved unanimously. You can check it out at www.andrewknack.com.

Know Your Snow Day

After a snow event, Secord will have neighbourhood blading take place on Mondays.

https://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/on_your_streets/snow-ice.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. Once a date and location has been confirmed for the next Community Conversation, it will be posted on my website under 'Ward 1 Info' and 'FAQ'.

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