

Second Quarter 2015 Update Undeveloped Building Sites

Good afternoon,

Here is the second quarterly 2015 update from the surplus school sites team at the City of Edmonton:

Role of Liaisons

If you are receiving this e-mail, it is because you have volunteered to be a liaison for First Place, Seniors or Remaining sites. This is a friendly reminder of the important role liaisons play in this process. As liaisons, you're the link between the City and residents in your respective communities. Your role includes sharing annual and quarterly



liaison updates which contain important information on school site sign placement, new showhome openings, soil testing, upcoming open houses and more. Your neighbours are relying on you to share information with them, and the City appreciates your time and your help with this.

If you are no longer able to be a liaison, please e-mail me at felicia.michie@edmonton.ca and you will be removed from the list.

Pilot Site Update

Over the spring and summer, the City is working with a homeowners association and community leagues in Ogilvie Ridge and Keheewin in preparation for the fall, when the City will begin testing a new public engagement process in a series of open houses in the communities.

The public engagement process is designed to guide discussions between the City and neighbourhoods about future residential uses on undeveloped school building sites. We will be evaluating the new process based on the criteria discussed with liaison input in 2014, and lessons learned will be applied to other undeveloped sites.

Website Update

In May 2015, the City launched new web pages for each of the surplus school sites. In response to liaison suggestions, we've redesigned the pages for easier access to information that is specific to each site. The web pages provide residents with updates on upcoming open houses, opportunities for public engagement and more. We welcome your feedback on the new [website](#) layout.

Signage on Surplus School Sites

At Council's direction, the City has been finalizing the placement of large signs on all surplus school building sites, to create better understanding and awareness of areas approved as building sites, open space, and the future development that will occur on school building sites. Sign placement is nearly complete with a total of 25 signs now installed.

Sign placement will occur on Blue Quill, Bulyea Heights and Wedgewood Heights after building location reports have been reviewed by Council over the summer.

Reports To Council

On June 23, Council discussed next steps required for developing First Place homes in [Blue Quill](#).

Council directed Administration to prepare changes to Blue Quill site zoning and statutory plans to support the recommendation to move the First Place building site to the alternate location described in the [report](#) (at the corner of 112 Street and Saddleback Road). This location was preferred by the majority of residents who responded to the public engagement efforts for this site.

The next step will be for Council to consider the related amendments and rezoning at a public hearing. Once confirmed, the public hearing date will appear on the [Agendas](#) page and will also be shared on the City's [Blue Quill](#) page.

On July 7, Council will discuss next steps for the First Place building site in Bulyea Heights. This fall, Council will discuss the seniors' building location in Wedgewood Heights. The recommendations will take community input into account.

Please be in touch if you have questions.

Regards,

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