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[letter to Twin Brooks Community League Executive]

Thank you for reaching out to discuss the First Place program in Twin Brooks. I'd like to take this opportunity to provide you with the information you requested about the timelines and the process we use for sharing information with residents about the First Place program. Please share this information and my contact details with your League Executive for their reference.

As you are aware, the First Place program is a Council-supported housing program designed to help young families and recent graduates purchase their first home. Administration is following Council's direction and implementing First Place on vacant school building sites throughout the city, including one in Twin Brooks.

As part of the First Place program implementation, soil tests are conducted on the site to ensure suitability for development. In each area, this testing is followed by a community open house with City staff on hand to answer residents' questions, and to collect names of 6 - 8 community volunteers to work with the City and builder in designing the new homes. As we have multiple sites at different stages of development, we have had to schedule the open houses well in advance to accommodate overall timelines and needs for each community.

In effort to share information and answer questions, in March 2015, upon request of the Twin Brooks Community League Executive, the City provided responses to 35 questions around the future First Place homes in Twin Brooks. For future reference, this Q & A document is available on the City's website at:

[http://www.edmonton.ca/city\\_government/urban\\_planning\\_and\\_design/twin-brooks-surplus-school-site.aspx](http://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/urban_planning_and_design/twin-brooks-surplus-school-site.aspx)

Soil testing in Twin Brooks is currently scheduled for 2016, followed by the community open house in 2017. However, due to the significant levels of feedback from some residents related to First Place in Twin Brooks at this early stage of the process, the City has determined that reaching out to residents as soon as possible may help to address any concerns.

I will be in touch to advise on next steps for further discussion between the City and Twin Brooks residents. In the meantime, if you or other members of the League Executive have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly.

Best regards,

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