

## UTILITIES INFRASTRUCTURE West Jasper Place/Sherwood Bi-Weekly Project Update – March 18, 2016

The City of Edmonton is committed to providing the residents of West Jasper Place and Sherwood with regular information updates about the City's sewer rehabilitation project in your neighbourhoods. You can go to [edmonton.ca/westedmontonsewer](http://edmonton.ca/westedmontonsewer) for more information or call 311 if you have a concern or comment (when you call, please identify that you are from the West Jasper Place or Sherwood communities).

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### March 10 Task Force Meeting: New community members welcome

- The [West Jasper Sherwood Drainage Task Force](#) works with The City of Edmonton to improve communications and consultation with residents; to provide input, advice and suggestions; and to hold the City accountable for monitoring and responding to issues arising from the neighbourhood sewer projects. The Task Force meets about every six weeks. Minutes are posted on the [City's website](#) and sent to the local community league. Additional community members on the Task Force are welcome. Call Task Force Coordinator Godfrey Huybregts at 780-953-0525 or email [Godfrey@marcommworks.ca](mailto:Godfrey@marcommworks.ca) if you are interested or would like to learn more.
- The Task Force decided that the Project Updates can be distributed monthly, rather than biweekly, unless there is new or important information.

### Residents' concerns about home assessments

- At the February 22 open house, Councillor Knack heard concerns from residents about the issue of increased home assessments despite construction occurring in the immediate vicinity of homes. Councillor Knack contacted the City's taxation office and obtained the following information:
  - The fee to appeal to the Assessment Review Board (ARB) cannot be waived.
  - Assessments can only be considered on an individual basis. It is not possible to group several homes together and make one application to the ARB.
  - The ARB mostly considers just the previous sales of homes in the area; however, it may be worthwhile to **1) get a realtor's opinion of what the house would sell for** and **2) argue that the construction in the area is not short term** (currently they see it as short term). To help you do so, use the [Drainage Work Status Report - West Jasper Place](#) (will also be linked on the [edmonton.ca/westedmontonsewer](http://edmonton.ca/westedmontonsewer) site under Related Documents) to show the continuous history of construction in the area.

### Noise levels from two scrubbers and general construction work

- Work is ongoing to ensure noise levels from the air scrubbers' fans do not exceed the City's Community Standards Bylaw. The City's Engineering Services group will conduct regular noise monitoring and record noise levels when the air scrubbers are installed. The air scrubbers will only operate if the noise levels remain within the Community Standards Bylaw.

**Explore moving one of the air scrubbers.**

- The air scrubber on 99 Avenue will be moved further west toward the corner instead of directly in front of a home.

**Ten-centimetre difference in pipes connecting**

- Some residents did express concerns at the February 22 open house about rumours of a one-metre gap in the sewer pipe connection between WESS W13 and the existing sewer. This information is not accurate. In a series of [media interviews](#) on November 18, 2015, Clem Yong, Drainage Director, Project Delivery explained there was a 10-centimetre difference (just under 4 inches). This difference is within design parameters and it will be fixed under the current budget.

**Construction Update****Phase 1**

- There are no planned activities which may cause changes to the impacts of traffic, pedestrian access and odour control over the next two weeks.
- Work is continuing on the installation of the bypass system components within the shaft at 151 Street and 100 Avenue. This work is being contracted out to Lorac Construction Ltd. and Schendel Mechanical Contracting Ltd., and is planned to be completed by early April. If you have any questions or concerns about the contractor, please contact us

**Phase 2**

- There are no planned activities which may cause changes to the impacts of traffic, pedestrian access and odour control over the next two weeks.
- Crews have finished excavating the shaft on 99 Avenue and have begun excavating the west hand tunnel.

**Bioxide**

- With the introduction of the nitrates and peroxide into the sewer system at pump stations, Bioxide will no longer be injected locally on site as it is no longer needed.

**For More Information:**

Call: 311 -- Email: [drainageprojects@edmonton.ca](mailto:drainageprojects@edmonton.ca)

Website: [edmonton.ca/westedmontonsewer](http://edmonton.ca/westedmontonsewer)

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