

June 5, 2013

Re: Update #1 on Millbourne Flood Prevention

The first meeting of the Millbourne Flood Prevention Task Force was held last night at Leefield Community Hall. The terms of reference for the group were confirmed as were the members. They are:

- Leigh Makarewicz, North Millbourne Community League
- Karrie Baker, North Millbourne Community League
- Wil Tonowski, Leefield Community League
- Denise Tonowski, Leefield Community League
- Kathy Brower, Tweddle Place
- Carmen Messer, Tweddle Place
- Richard Medlock, Michaels Park
- Philip Richardson, Lee Ridge
- Barb Bonner, Richfield
- Anthony Canada, Richfield
- Ward 11 Councillor Kerry Diotte
- Todd Wyman, Director of Drainage Services for the City of Edmonton
- Godfrey Huybregts, City of Edmonton consultant and Task Force coordinator

The Task Force's mandate is to provide input, advice and counsel to the City of Edmonton concerning flood prevention and damage relief measures for Millbourne area residents that are effective and viable. A number of issues were discussed at the first meeting including possible berm removal and replacement along 91 Street from 34 Avenue to the Whitemud Freeway to allow large capacity dry ponds to be built. The group will discuss berm options in more detail at its next meeting in July.

As an interim measure, and to alleviate some flooding issues adjacent to the berm, the Task Force agreed the City should proceed as fast as possible to install temporary pipes through the berm to the existing dry pond located along 91 Street west of Tweddle Place. Mr. Wyman confirmed this work is being fast-tracked.

At the Task Force's request, the City will also investigate doing the same through the berm into the ditch along 91 Street west of Richfield. The City will be plugging the holes in sanitary sewer manhole covers in low lying areas to prevent pooling water from entering the sanitary sewer. This will not increase the risk of surface flooding but will reduce the risk of sanitary backup in homes. Installation of a backwater valve is still strongly recommended. The City has subsidies available. Call 780-496-5454.

In addition to meetings, the Task Force will be receiving progress updates every two weeks. The community at large will be kept informed through Task Force members, the North Millbourne and Leefield Community Leagues' newsletters and websites, direct mail/email, the City's website and other methods. Millbourne residents who want to receive updates directly by mail or email should contact todd.wyman@edmonton.ca