

DRAINAGE SERVICES PROJECT UPDATE

West Jasper Place/Sherwood Information Session Update

The City of Edmonton's Drainage Services held a public information session on September 15, 2015 for residents of West Jasper Place and Sherwood. The session included a [presentation](#) providing background information on the sewer rehabilitation project, next steps and what actions have been taken to respond to concerns from community members. City staff and representatives from Alberta Health Services were also on hand to respond directly to your questions.

The following are four main concerns we heard and the next steps we are taking to address them:

Lack of communication

Updates will be provided to all of you who live in this area on a more frequent basis to keep everyone aware of the project status and what can be expected as part of the construction. We also asked community members interested in joining a community task force to indicate their interest at the meeting. The purpose of the task force is to have some thorough discussions and share communications on a monthly basis and work with task force members to provide information back to the community.

Health risks

Alberta Health Services (AHS) has been reviewing data provided by the City from ambient air monitors outside the shaft starting in late August. From the air monitoring data it reviewed, AHS does not see the site as a risk to people's health at this time, but AHS continues to investigate residents' concerns. The City will continue to work closely with AHS especially when construction begins in early October.

Sewer smells and other concerns at Tegler Terrace

Several people who live in Tegler Terrace talked at the meeting about strong sewer smells in their apartments and in the building overall. They mentioned it is affecting their health and that it has been going on for some time. Chris Ward, Branch Manager of Drainage Services, made a commitment to all residents who were at the meeting, that the City would look into this. Alberta Health Services also said they would follow up.

Monitoring of Gases

The City of Edmonton is aware of residents' concerns and will not resume construction until H2S monitors are in place. We are currently investigating options for monitoring additional gases. Data from these monitors will be made available to both AHS and the community.

We regret the concern this project has caused you. Please know that we want to start to rebuild our trust with all of you who live in this community. Over the next several weeks and months, we hope our actions will show you that we sincerely care and want to do a better job of communicating and letting you know what we are doing.

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