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## Community Liaison follow up - remaining sites

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Hello,

During our meetings earlier this year we were asked to provide information regarding the City of Edmonton's authority to change zoning and designation on lands currently designated as Municipal Reserve (MR). I would like to offer this information in reply.

- Sections 674 and 675 of the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c. M-26, (the "MGA") provide the legal basis for the City's authority to proceed in developing the surplus school building sites.
- When dealing with land that is designated as Municipal Reserve, section 674 of the MGA directs Council to hold a public hearing in accordance with section 230 and advertise in accordance with section 606 in the event that Council wishes to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of land designated as municipal reserve.
- Section 675 specifically allows Council, after considering representations made at the public hearing, to remove the municipal reserve designation and sell, lease or otherwise dispose of the land.
- As Council complies with the relevant provisions of the MGA, Council has the authority to utilize the surplus school building sites to support its plans and strategic directions.

Administration has followed the above legislative process with the 2012 approval of new seniors' housing on eight building sites. It consulted with communities and the public in order to gain input.

Moving forward with the remaining 11 building sites, Administration is planning a public engagement process to gain public input prior to finalizing new use recommendations.

Currently, because no new uses have yet been finalized or approved, no new residential development of these building sites can occur at this time.

Following this engagement process, Administration will follow all appropriate land use change processes and comply with legislative requirements, which will include public notifications and a public hearing,

pursuant to section 675 of the MGA.