

# WHAT WE HEARD REPORT

## MACEWAN WEST CAMPUS

LDA17-0301

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**PROJECT ADDRESS:** 10035 - 156 Street NW

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

- Rezoning from (US) Urban Services Zone to (UI) Urban Institutional Zone to allow for the adaptation of the former MacEwan University Arts & Communications campus to a community-cultural hub by the City of Edmonton

**EVENT TYPE:** Open House

**MEETING DATE:** Thursday, June 22, 2017. 4:30 - 8:00 pm  
Room 333, MacEwan West Campus, 10035 - 156 St NW

**NUMBER OF ATTENDEES:** 45

**REZONING WEBPAGE:** [https://www.edmonton.ca/residential\\_neighbourhoods/neighbourhoods/macewan-university-west-campus-rezoning.aspx](https://www.edmonton.ca/residential_neighbourhoods/neighbourhoods/macewan-university-west-campus-rezoning.aspx)

**PROJECT WEBPAGE:** [https://www.edmonton.ca/projects\\_plans/communities\\_neighbourhoods/jasper\\_place/macewan-west-campus.aspx](https://www.edmonton.ca/projects_plans/communities_neighbourhoods/jasper_place/macewan-west-campus.aspx)

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### ABOUT THIS REPORT

The information in this report includes feedback gathered during the June 22, 2017 open house. This report is shared with all attendees who provided their email address during the event on June 22, 2017. This summary will also be shared with the applicant and the Ward Councillor. If/when the proposed rezoning advances to Public Hearing these comments will be summarized in a report to Council.

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### MEETING FORMAT

The meeting format was a station-based open house where attendees were able to view display boards with project information. Participants were encouraged to ask questions of City Staff and the applicant (also the City of Edmonton). Participants were invited to share their feedback on a "Graffiti wall" by offering general feedback.

16 feedback forms with written comments were also received. The comments & questions we received are summarized by main themes below.

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### Building Uses:

- Opportunity for a business incubator/startup space, businesses, arts and family spaces
- Spaces for Clubs (like card playing)
- Keep gym for basketball & other activities
- Opportunity for a rec room like the YMCA
- Opportunity to keep the building for the Arts
- Opportunity for repurposing the building to optimize use of existing strengths of the facility (i.e. theater, dance, the visual arts)
- Concerned that the building could be used for a pawn shop and a XXX shop
- Concerned about the impact to the community if a marijuana dispensary or safe injection site is put in the building

### Program Uses:

- Opportunity to provide youth/middle aged recreation services (this is lacking in the neighbourhood now)
- Opportunity for educational classes (for example, languages such as aboriginal, english, etc)
- Opportunity for a senior drop-in centre
- Opportunity for more family activities
- Concerned site will be used for a safe-injection site, social housing (for drug addicts and homelessness) or marijuana dispensing site

### Zoning Uses:

- Concerned with Health services or extended medical treatment being included
- Concerned with the proposed zoning uses
- Opportunity to have a Direct Control zone
- Community should have input into decision making of “permitted” uses
- Please provide definitions for zoning uses (i.e. what is extended health services?)

### Parking or Traffic Impacts:

- Concerned with parking (especially if you live across the street)
- Opportunity to have angle parking on 156 Street
- Opportunity for the LRT to get to this area...get going on this!
- Great facility that people can get to by walking or riding their bike or using a bus

**Community:**

- Concerned that resident concerns aren't being heard
- Concerned about the safety and integrity
- Concerned about the trust we have with the City (because of the school/park space, sewer issues); would prefer site to be rezoned a DC2.

**Comments:**

- Opportunity for an amazing hub for all of the City

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**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS**

What does "feedback" mean?

- Any response, ideas, thoughts, or concerns residents wish to share with the project team or City Planning.

How does the proposed rezoning prevent safe injection sites and other non-welcoming health services into the community?

- The City of Edmonton will own and operate the building, and is not proposing any of these facilities. Please see the project website.

Where can I find more info on the Jasper Place Area Redevelopment Plan?

- Please see the City Plans in Effect Page:  
[https://www.edmonton.ca/city\\_government/urban\\_planning\\_and\\_design/plans-in-effect.aspx](https://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/urban_planning_and_design/plans-in-effect.aspx)

How would non-for-profit organization benefit from the space knowing that we have school for kids with limited rooms?

- Please contact the MacEwan West project team:  
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