



Citizen Working Group - Zone "B" (River Valley)

MINUTES

Meeting # 11	Location: Cloverdale Community League Hall 9411 97 Ave
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2019	Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Members		Attendance
David Kahane	Riverdale Community League	
Jodine Chase	Riverdale Community League	
Paul Bunner	Cloverdale Community League	✓
Peter McFarlane	Cloverdale Community League	✓
Jason Yeung	Strathearn Community League	
Dan Jancewicz	Strathearn Community League	
Nancy Rempel	Bonnie Doon Community League	
Andrew Leach	Bonnie Doon Community League	
Alice Harkness	Bonnie Doon Community League (alternate)	
Currently Vacant	Edmonton Ski Club	
Bob Meyer	Edmonton Folk Music Festival	✓
Patrick Tso	Edmonton Chinese Garden Society	
Lorrie Deutscher	Public at Large	
Marguerite Trussler	Public at Large	✓
Matt Knight	Public at Large	
Jack Stuempel	Community Relations Advisor (Facilitator)	✓

Guests		
Dean Heuman	TransEd LRT	✓
Ginny Kulak	Valley Line Communications Team	✓



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1.	Welcome & introductions	Action by:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendees introduced themselves. 	
2.	Confirmation of agenda	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The agenda was confirmed as distributed. 	
3.	Previous meeting minutes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as circulated. 	
4.	Status of action items	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Send portal access alignment to David Kahane (Dean) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dean has completed this. ii. Resend images of traction power substations (TPSS) (Dean) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dean has completed this, and Paul inquired whether the TPSS structures will be enclosed, and Dean confirmed they will, by precast brick with a piece of public art on it, surrounded by landscaping. iii. Status of LMRP (Louise McKinney Riverfront Park) soils report (Jack) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft versions of this report recommended against planting edible species in LMRP due to soil contamination from the area’s early history as a garbage dump. The report is currently with Alberta Environment and has not yet been publicly released. Jack will continue to pursue this. iv. Notice boards in LRT stop shelters (Jack) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jack has conveyed interest in this to the Project team while the configuration of the interior of the stops remains to be finalized. v. Nature of paid advertising at LRT stops (Jack) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details are still being worked out by ETS. Jack will invite a representative from ETS to attend a future meeting. vi. Purpose of scaffolding north of 98 Ave. (Dean) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The scaffolding is for a form for the elevated guideway across 98 Ave. 	<p>Jack</p> <p>Jack</p>
5.	Project/Construction update	
	<p><u>Bonnie Doon/Idylwylde/Holyrood/Strathearn</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TransEd is preparing to install rail in front of Bonnie Doon Centre. Traffic on 83 St will be reduced to one lane in each direction for the summer to accommodate track installation. The 84 Ave entrance to Bonnie Doon Centre will be built with access remaining open at all times. The 87 Ave entrance will also be built this summer. 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bonnie Doon traffic circle - 2 lanes will be open during the daytime; there may be some closures overnight. It will be in its final intersection configuration by the end of 2019. Responding to a concern that Connors road will not be easily reachable for drivers coming from Bonnie Doon (west side), Dean indicated that TransEd is working with the City’s Network Operations to try to address issues. There may be further traffic pattern changes once the LRT is operational. ● There are several intersections whose configuration will be changed when the line is operational. As well, when the construction barriers come down, the LRT should be considered “live”, with live power and as if trains were already running. TransEd will publicize tips and precautions for safety around tracks and trains. ● There was interest in the future plans for the shopping centre, with it being noted that there is a mall development information centre at the mall. (Further information is also available online at http://connectbonniedoon.com/). ● Rail bed on 85 St will be complete this year and tie ins will be complete. The 85 St & 95 Ave intersection will be complete this year. ● Sidewalks on part of 95 Ave are complete. ● 95 Ave from 85-87 St will be open by the end of the summer. Project is still on track for Dec completion. TransEd is sponsoring a community event June 27 in Strathearn. <p><u>Connors Road/Cloverdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Retaining walls are finished; last pieces of noise wall are being completed. A curb will also be built to define the edge of the roadway. ● There still some local resistance to the wildlife tunnel under Connors Road, and concern that it appears larger than the public had been led to believe, but it is being built to the specifications in the Project Agreement as posted on the City’s website. ● Traffic will be shifted to run alongside the new retaining wall (target end of July), to be following by construction of the shared use path, sidewalk removal and rail bed. ● The triangle of land beside Montgomery Place will accommodate a TPSS, surrounded by a pocket park. ● It is expected that 95 St will reopen by the end of this construction season. ● The replacement of the pedestrian bridge is targeted for this year. ● Trees removed from the hill will be replanted where appropriate. Stumps from trees that TransEd cut down will be removed. ● The segment of 98 Ave behind the greenhouses will be closed this summer for reconstruction. ● The spans are being readied from Muttart Station onward to the south support for the Tawatinâ Bridge. The span crossing 98 Ave will be installed before the end of the year. ● The Tawatinâ Bridge is to be completed in 2020. The bottom pedestrian deck is expected to open for use before the LRT is operational. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was curiosity about the likelihood of “Accidental Beach” recurring. TransEd is not planning any activities considered likely to influence nature’s path. Dean confirmed that access for pedestrians will be available for the Edmonton Folk Music Festival. Further discussions are to occur between TransEd and EFMF. <p><u>Other areas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Light rail vehicle (LRV) testing will begin later in the year at the south end of the alignment. The intersection of 101 St & 102 Ave is complete and has reopened. The intersection of 100 St is closed, and 97 St will be closed after that. The group briefly discussed redevelopment in the vicinity of the LRT, the anticipated uplift in property values and other factors affecting the real estate market. Dean confirmed that access for pedestrians will be available for pedestrians. A map showing the flow for pedestrians will be prepared within the next couple weeks. 	
6.	Potential to add art to infrastructure	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following up on concerns expressed by the group and the Cloverdale Community League over the aesthetics of LRT-related structures, Jack reported that the LRT infrastructure is capable of being retrofitted with art in the future. However, doing so will not be added to TransEd’s contract. During group discussion, it was suggested that wood could also be used to “soften” the look. 	
7.	Round Table	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jack will gather further information regarding the size of the wildlife tunnel. Group members expressed concern about the quality of art that will be used for infrastructure, and the Arts Council’s public input process around the selection of art. There was a question regarding the value of continuing meetings in the face of low attendance. Jack indicated that this meeting was unusual in that aspect, and that absent members still see value in reading the minutes. However, this may be a discussion topic at a future meeting, with consideration being given to remaining construction activities that form the basis of updates. There was a brief discussion regarding the ceremonial launch of LRT service, with the suggestion that Citizen Working Group members might welcome an invitation to ride the first train. Parking in neighbourhoods by construction workers is a recurring concern. TransEd frequently reminds crews not to park heavily in residential areas. 	Jack
8.	Next meeting	
	The group agreed to target November 28, 2019, for their next meeting.	

Notes by Ginny Kulak & Jack Stuempel