



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

MINUTES

Meeting # 6	Location: Riverdale Community League (main hall), 9231 100 Ave.
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2017	Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Members		Attendance
David Kahane	Riverdale Community League	✓
Sandra Sperounes	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)	
Ken Saunders	Edmonton Ski Club	
Chris Perl	Edmonton Ski Club	
Bob Meyer	Edmonton Folk Music Festival	✓
Patrick Tso	Edmonton Chinese Garden Society	✓
Rhonda Norman	Muttart Conservatory	
Michael Duerr	Muttart Conservatory (alternate)	
Marguerite Trussler / Lorrie Deutscher	Public at Large	
Matt Knight	Public at Large	✓
Jack Stuempel	Community Relations Advisor (Facilitator)	✓

Guests		
Dean Heuman	TransEd LRT	✓



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1.	Welcome & introductions	Action by:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting attendees introduced themselves. 	
2.	Confirmation of agenda	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The agenda was confirmed. 	
3.	Previous meeting minutes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With an amendment noting concern that Strathearn had not been included in preliminary drawings for construction in the neighborhoods and maps for tree planting, the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted. 	
4.	Status of action items	
	<p>i. <u>98 Avenue traffic signals (Jack)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jack provided the following summary of the results of the public engagement held on April 19, 2017 regarding the conversion of one of the pedestrian-activated signals on 98 Avenue at Cloverdale into a full-function signal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 comment forms were received; 37 responded to intersection usage questions 31 respondents (84%) use 95 St. access most often; 23 (75% of those 31) would continue to use 95 St. even if 92 St. became full-function 6 (16%) use 92 St. most often; 3 (50% of those 6) would continue to do so if 95 St. became full-function 9 (24%) urged that both be made full-function 8 (22%) expressed concern over speeds coming down the hill on 98 Ave. Based on usage and traffic operations, it is likely that the signal at 95 Street will be the one to be converted. The conversion will probably occur in 2018. <p>ii. <u>Confirmation of tunnel access road alignment (TransEd)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dean explained that the tunnel portal access road will be kept as far from the riverbank as possible, and will cut into the hill as it moves north. Final designs and landscaping plans are not yet available. <p>iii. <u>Opportunities for input into aesthetic elements - both structural and landscaping (TransEd)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dean showed some preliminary landscaping concepts, and noted that graffiti-resistant finishes will be use on the infrastructure. The group reiterated its desire to be consulted in the appearance of the finishes before they are finalized. Concerns also still remain about the safety and security implications of the landscaping due to potential changes in the usage of the area of the river valley around the new LRT, 	Dean



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	<p>bridge and tunnel. Dean will follow up.</p> <p>iv. <u>Local (Cameron Ave) traffic restrictions / signage (Jack)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jack has been in touch with the Office of Traffic Safety which has asked that the community's concerns and suggestions be forwarded to that area for its attention. This has been done. <p>v. <u>Cloverdale Bridge Deck Timbers (Community Leagues / TransEd)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to concerns over the chemical treatment of bridge deck timbers (though some pockets of interest remain), this is no longer being pursued. The bridge benches had been offered to the community, but little or no interest had been expressed and they are no longer available. <p>vi. <u>Edible Forest / soil condition report (Jack)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jack reported that the report on soil conditions in Louise McKinney Riverfront Park still has not been finalized as there is still a need to confirm the final surface grades. The report won't be ready to share until it has been submitted to Alberta Environment, which may still take a few months. Despite the concerns regarding LMRP soil conditions, there may still be an opportunity to explore the edible forest concept outside the affected area and the LRT construction zone, and the City's Roots for Trees initiative has been receptive. It was agreed that it would make sense to first await the outcome of the soil conditions report. <p>vii. <u>Engagement on traffic management plans / detours (TransEd)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new traffic management plans are anticipated to be under development in the river valley area in the foreseeable future. The closure of the northbound Muttart service road is still pending, and overnight closures to allow the placement of girders over 98 Avenue are not planned until Spring 2018. EPCOR is expected to do some work that may require a closure on Connors Road. The timing is uncertain but March 2018 is a possibility. <p>viii. <u>Advance sharing of information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attempts will be made to share more information in advance where possible. 	Jack
5.	Construction Schedule Update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dean provided a summary of work planned as part of the fall construction program (copy of handout is attached to these minutes). The tunnel excavation is expected to be completed in spring 2018. Dean will supply images of the traction power substations, which are designed to fit into the neighbourhoods with landscaping and public art. The Bonnie Doon traffic circle will continue to be in operation while construction to convert it to an intersection occurs. The actual conversion will be an overnight event, likely in late 2018 or early 2019. 	Dean

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Downtown to Tawatinâ Bridge

Ongoing

- Tunnel and intermittent road surveys being conducted along Jasper Avenue, 95 Street, and 101A Avenue.
- Tunneling below 95 st continues with anticipated break through early spring 2018.
- Work on the power station above where the tunnel portal will be has begun and will continue throughout the winter.
- Work will continue in the coffer dam and bridge supports will be constructed.
- EPCOR will do a water extension off Cameron ave to facilitate early spring construction on the east access to the tunnel portal
- Installation of caissons into the hill side to provide support for LRT are continuing and will be complete before the end of the year.
- There will be a short closure of Jasper ave for testing and paving in Nov.
- Traffic changes have been implemented on 102 ave, 102 ave will be closed approximately 50 feet from 97 st most of the time with a Full closure for approximately a week for removal of the Harbin Gate this fall.
- There will be large drainage project at the corner of 96st and 102 Ave which will take at least 8 weeks. Traffic will have access to 102 ave east bound only from 96 to 95 street from Jasper ave and from 101A ave.
- 102 Ave west of 97 street will be closed intermittently for utility work and preparation work for spring 2018 construction.
- 99th street between 102 and 103 street will be closed until April 2019 for construction of the Churchill connector.

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Tawatinâ Bridge to top of Connors Road

Ongoing

- A retaining wall will be constructed on the north side of the service road just west of the Muttart greenhouses
- Begin work on south side of Connors Road to build the retaining wall and noise walls, this work will continue all winter
- Frame and pour bridge supports both north and south of 98th Ave on top of the piles continues. These will be completed over the winter
- Bridge sections will be constructed and put into place only in the work areas both north and south of 98th ave, the sections over 98th ave will not be done until next spring.
- Preliminary work on the new bridge over Connors Road will begin this fall and winter.

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95 Avenue and 85 Street

Ongoing and upcoming

- Some drainage work may start this fall on 95 Avenue at 91 street working east on the south side. Some parking will be affected however it will be returned before winter.
- The east side of 85th street south of 93 ave will be rebuilt with fire access and sidewalks. Parking will not be returned.
- Further construction and drainage work will be done on the north section of 85th street north of 93 ave as weather permits.
- Construction of the intersection will commence in the traffic circle, there will be some temp paving to expand the lanes however two lanes will remain open while work goes on inside the circle. This will continue into next spring.