



Citizen Working Group -
 Zone "C" (85/83 Street Corridor) & Zone "D" (Upper Mill Creek)

MINUTES

Meeting # 4	Location: W.P. Wagner School, 6310 Wagner Road
Date: May 8, 2017	Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

<i>Zone "C"</i>		
Jonathan Lai	Bonnie Doon Community League	✓
Shauna Kuiper	Bonnie Doon Community League	
Scott Wylie	King Edward Park Community League	✓
Sarah Vilay	King Edward Park Community League	
Marcus Nordin	Idylwylde Community League	
Eric Flanagan	Idylwylde Community League	
Michael Chocho	Holyrood Community League	✓
Geoff Harder	Holyrood Community League	
Andrea Hagan	Holyrood Community League	
Jean Johnson	French Quarter BRZ	✓
Martin Van Keimpema	French Quarter BRZ (alternate)	
Karen Sheridan	Southeast Edmonton Seniors Association	
Jean-Daniel Tremblay	École publique Gabrielle-Roy	
Brad Wotherspoon	Public at Large	✓
Bryan Zuch	Public at Large	



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Zone "D"		
Shane Thomson	Avonmore Community League	✓
Ken Stadt	Avonmore Community League	
Trina Empson	EPSB - W.P. Wagner School	✓
Currently unassigned	Metro Edmonton Continuing Education	
Monique Lapalme	Public at Large	✓
Jacqueline Landry	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. Dean Heuman is TransEd's new Stakeholder Relations Manager, and Monique Lapalme is replacing Tague Chisholm in the Upper Mill Creek zone. 	
2.	Confirmation of agenda	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The agenda was confirmed. 	
3.	Previous meeting minutes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of the previous meeting of the combined groups were accepted. 	
4.	Status of Action Items	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <u>Communicating traffic pattern changes & sharing traffic management plans (TransEd)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dean indicated that sharing traffic management plans is a challenge as they are constantly in flux and subject to negotiation with the City until they are approved, typically a short time before implementation, at which time notices are issued. Generally speaking, TransEd is attempting to avoid closing lanes except where such closures will become a permanent condition. As many access points into neighbourhoods will be kept open as possible. ii. <u>Communication with schools re construction activities that may affect student loading periods (TransEd)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TransEd does not expect its construction activities to directly affect 	



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	<p>school loading. Certain noisy works near W.P. Wagner School are being arranged to minimize disturbance during departmental exams.</p> <p>iii. <u>Visit TransEd website for updates (all members)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TransEd is updating its website on a continual basis. <p>iv. <u>Community League Newsletters as info-sharing opportunity (TransEd)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TransEd has been increasing its involvement with community leagues and has a standing offer to provide information to community league newsletters. <p>v. <u>Renderings (TransEd)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It had been previously noted that the ability to visualize more elements of the new LRT infrastructure would be helpful. TransEd has been developing more renderings (many of which are in the gallery on their website), and Dean shared work-in-progress renderings of LRT stops and traction power substations (small powerhouses that are designed and landscaped to blend into the community). • The Edmonton Arts Council has issued calls for public art to be displayed at LRT stops, stations and other major elements. Information on the calls for public art, as well as opportunities to participate in an art jury, can be found on the Arts Council website (www.edmontonarts.ca). • TransEd will be planting many times more trees and shrubs than it has had to remove for construction. While it won't be possible to plant mature trees, many trees will be "large" for planting purposes, with bottom branches being about six feet above the ground. <p>vi. <u>French Quarter Identity (TransEd)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been some initial exploration of ways with both TransEd designers and the Edmonton Arts Council to have the French Quarter identity reflected in some way at the Bonnie Doon stop. More discussion is required. Re-naming the stop is not a viable option. It was suggested that bilingual signs at the stop would be a welcome feature. <p>vii. <u>School Safety (TransEd)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the next school year, TransEd intends to roll out a construction safety initiative for schools. As the testing and opening of the Valley Line approaches, there will be a school and public safety program focused on operational LRT. <p>viii. <u>Bonnie Doon Shopping Centre participation (Jack/TransEd)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been follow-up contact with the shopping centre, and Morguard has expressed interest in participating in the working group. TransEd has established an information centre at the mall. 	<p>TransEd/ French Quarter BIA</p> <p>TransEd</p>
5.	Project Update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dean provided an overview of upcoming construction, noting that work will be performed on half the road at a time, and the sidewalk on at 	



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	<p>least one side of the road will be maintained at all times.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In addition to the spring/summer construction schedule brochures provided to the group (also available for download from the TransEd website), TransEd is producing more detailed and localized Community Updates, which are also shared via social media. When construction is complete, non-signalized intersections will be limited to right turns only as the LRT tracks can be crossed only at controlled intersections. Construction will result in the removal of service roads, but street parking will be restored where feasible. Work this spring and summer will include caissons (pier foundations) and piers that will support the elevated guideway over Argyll Road. This work may cause some noise and vibration but the majority of construction noise will be similar to regular street construction. TransEd will try to avoid the need for night work. 	
6.	Round Table	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Avonmore community is exploring a community garden in the vicinity of Community of Christ Church, but there has been some confusion over whether the area being considered has been reserved for LRT construction. Dean will follow up with Monique. There are continuing concerns over shortcutting through neighbourhoods and non-resident parking. TransEd is working with the City to address such concerns. Measures such as flashing speed signs may help to slow traffic and reduce the attractiveness of some shortcuts. The City is also beginning to work with communities on potential pre-emptive parking measures. It was suggested that TransEd consider offering summer employment opportunities for students. Dean indicated that several positions will be posted in the near future, although not necessarily targeting students. It was observed that the landscaping plan provides for a number of elm trees, but it was explained that it's a variety of elm that is quite resistant to Dutch elm disease. There was interest in the catenary design and how it relates to street lighting. 	TransEd
7.	Next meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that the next meeting would be another combined session of both groups "C" and "D", with September 18 as the target. 	

Notes by Jack Stuempel