

**West Jasper Sherwood Drainage Task Force  
Minutes of Meeting #7  
May 2, 2017 at Gospel Centre Church**

Present:

- Wendy Woodruff, resident, West Jasper Place
- Brenda Briggs, resident, West Jasper Place
- Shirley Thompson, resident, West Jasper Place
- Peter Doell, resident, West Jasper Place
- Karl Holba, resident, West Jasper Place
- Andrew Knack, Councillor, Ward 1
- Todd Wyman, Director, Network Integration, Sustainable Development, City of Edmonton
- Sabra Saleh, Communications Advisor, Integrated Infrastructure Services, City of Edmonton
- Byron Nicholson, Director, Utility Infrastructure Delivery, City of Edmonton
- John Cairns, Project Manager, Infrastructure Delivery, City of Edmonton
- Godfrey Huybregts, Task Force Coordinator

Regrets:

- Sherina Dhala, resident, West Jasper Place
- Sandro Marrocco, resident, West Jasper Place
- Dave Briggs, resident, West Jasper Place

**1. Agenda**

The transfer of drainage services to EPCOR was added to the agenda. John Cairns was introduced to the group.

**2. Update/Community Meeting Presentation and Materials**

Mr. Nicholson provided an update on construction and explained the need for another shaft to be dug at 150 Street and 99 Avenue to allow access for inspection and repairs. He also explained that three flow diversion pipes need to be built on 97, 95 and 94 Avenue to divert flow from the 151 Street sewer tunnel into an adjacent but deeper W13 sewer storage tunnel. The diversions will allow for inspections and repairs on the 151 Street line south of 99 Avenue to be done safely and more quickly.

He reviewed the content of the presentation and materials for the May 9 community meeting (*go to [edmonton.ca/westedmontonsewer](http://edmonton.ca/westedmontonsewer) for May 9 community meeting notes with presentation summary, and for the PowerPoint presentation itself*).

Task Force members had several suggestions to improve understanding and provide more clarity to residents:

- Start the presentation with good news about the inspection outcomes for sewer lines running west along 100 Avenue from 151 Street and north of 100 Avenue along 151 Street.
- Discuss timelines in concert with the work to be done. I.e. Indicate what was done when, and what has yet to be done and when.
- Discuss construction risks such as weather and how this may impact the schedule.
- Add an image showing the new work to be done - the new shaft at 150 Street and 99 Avenue, and flow diversions at 97, 95 and 94 Streets. Add flow diversions to the legend but distinguish them from the shafts.
- Describe what surface elements will be disturbed during diversion construction (e.g. trees, sidewalks, roads).
- Indicate when surface disruptions will begin and end as part of Project Milestones
- Discuss inspections yet to come and possible scenarios (A. Ok B. Some repairs needed but not immediate. C. Full rehab required now)\*
- Include photos of shafts and by-pass tunnel.
- Match colours in legend with map colours.
- Label the 3D image with street locations.
- Note where the scrubber will be located and how it will affect impact traffic, pedestrians and homes\*\*.
- Emphasize City is sensitive to minimizing pedestrian and vehicle barriers and will work to minimize disruptions.

\*Mr. Nicholson said any sewer tunnel work that may be required east of 150 Street along 99 Avenue would very likely be done from the community of Crestwood.

\*\*A Task Force member raised a concern that scrubbers may be causing a negative draw in the street sewer. This resulted in houses compensating for the air imbalance, and causing toilets and drains to bubble. City staff were asked to investigate this possibility and report back to the Task Force and community on their findings.

### **3. Street and Sidewalk Disruptions**

The Task Force remains concerned that pavement, sidewalks and alleys in and around the construction areas are in poor shape. They recognized full street reconstruction can't and shouldn't be done until construction is finished but they felt streets should be regularly cleaned and potholes, lifted sidewalks and other hazards be repaired to improve the general

environment of the neighbourhood. Councillor Knack and Mr. Cairns noted they have spoken to Transportation Services and asked that they triage neighbourhood streets until a full renewal can be done.

The Task Force requested that the City follow-up on two other matters:

- Improve the seal on the pump station shaft cover to prevent odours.
- Move worker vehicles so they don't interfere with resident access to their homes or services like street sweepers.

Task Force members noted that noise was being well managed and requests to make changes, such as truck routes, was being followed through.

#### **4. EPCOR**

On April 12, City Council approved the transfer of the drainage utility to EPCOR. Councillor Knack noted that he has a number of posts on his website that details the steps that led to Council's decision.

Mr. Wyman shared a transition plan is being developed and he is a member of the transition team. A Letter of Intent for City Council is being developed that will outline when the transition will happen and how. This letter will be shared with the Task Force when it becomes available. Mr. Wyman anticipated that the transfer to EPCOR would have no negative impacts to approved projects or their timelines.

#### **5. Next Meeting**

The Task Force requested that it meet again near the end of August.