

Valley Line West - MINUTES

Citizen Working Groups F & G
(Downtown/Groat & Stony Plain Road)

Edmonton

October 24, 2023 7 to 8:30 P.M. | GOOGLE MEET

Members	Attendance
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Zone "F"		
Andrew Chau	First Capital Realty – Brewery District & Long Street	
Andrew MacIsaac	Downtown Edmonton Community League	
Cadence Bergman	Edmonton Chamber of Commerce	
Christine (Co-Director)	Co-Civics Director, Oliver Community League	
Dan Young	City Market Downtown	
Emma Zurawell	Oliver Community League	
Haylie Thomlison	BentallGreenOak – Unity Square	
Jared Candlish	Oliver Community League	
Kajsa Duke	Public at Large	✓
Karen VanDerLaan	Queen Mary Park Community League	
Luwam Kiflemariam	124 Street Business Association	
Martyn Bell	Queen Mary Park Community League	
Natalie Tremblay	Co-Civics Director, Oliver Community League	✓
Puneeta McBryan	Edmonton Downtown Business Association	
Robert Summers	Westmount Community League	
Sarah Proudlock	124 Street Business Association	
Sarah Ricardo	Edmonton City Centre	
Thomas Oster	Public at Large	
Tony Nunes	Altus Group / BentallGreenOak – Unity Square	

Zone “G”		
Allan Bly	Grovenor Community League	
Barb Busse	Britannia Youngstown Community League	
Brandon Schatz	Stony Plain Road and Area Business Association	
Christine Lefebvre	Old Glenora Conservation Association	
Peter Doell	School sector - Glenora School Parent Advisory Council	✓
Stephen Fay	Glenora Elementary School	✓
Currently unassigned	Glenora Community League	
Dinah Plamondon	Public at Large	
Peter Doell	West Jasper / Sherwood Community League	✓
Rod Matheson	Crestwood Community League	
Taylor Soroka	Jasper Place Wellness Centre	
Todd Janes	Stony Plain Road and Area Business Association	✓
Tony Lovell	Canora Community League	

COE / MIP / Guests

Meilai Ha	Partnerships Manager, COE	✓
Tania Gonzalez	Communications Advisor, COE	X
Wade Wilson	Valley Line LRT Stakeholder Relations	✓
Jennifer Sheehan	Communications Manager, Marigold Infrastructure Partners	✓
Lynley Kotyk	Sr. Communications Advisor & Stakeholder Relations Support, Marigold Infrastructure Partners	✓

	DISCUSSION ITEMS	ACTION BY:
1	Welcome & Introductions	All
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting participants introduced themselves Received regrets from: Christine Lefebvre and Luwam Kiflemariam 	
2	Confirmation of Agenda	Wade
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The agenda was adopted as circulated. 	
3	Previous Minutes	Wade
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as circulated. 	
4	Status of Action Items	
	<p>All is Bright festival (124 Street) - MIP willing to promote to gain possible MIP volunteers. (MIP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met with 124 St. BIA. There is a process in place to secure volunteers 	COMPLETE
	<p>COE will provide CWG members with the proper contacts for future land use inquiries. (Wade)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send inquiries to lrprojects@edmonton.ca or send inquiries directly to Wade There are a variety of land contacts working on various pieces, therefore, depending on the inquiry, the appropriate contact can be provided 	COMPLETE
	<p>City will look into additional communication materials and efforts for residents about the upcoming traffic change. (related to 136 st change)(Wade)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jenn S. will cover this during the construction update and will comment on the traffic changes while updating on the Stony Plain Road progress 	COMPLETE
5	City of Edmonton Update	
	<p>Stakeholder Relations Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing stakeholder meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City and MIP continue to meet with the Orange Hub, West Block, 134 Street Business Plaza, Unity Village/Square, MacEwan University, Seventh Street Lofts, and Fire Hall 2 BIAs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stony Plain Road and 124 Street BIA AGMs and ongoing meetings Downtown BIA meetings July 25 and October 24 Community Leagues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Valley Line West LRT stakeholder teams would be happy to attend any community league meetings Have reached out to Glenora Community League Businesses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outreach to Longstreet Shopping Centre earlier this summer Recent proactive outreach to 107 Street and 102 Ave to 106 Street We plan to continue small business stakeholder outreach 	

	<p>Financial Loss During Major Construction Projects Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On October 4, 2023, a motion was passed for Administration to update a draft policy about “Financial Loss During Major Construction Projects” for consideration by City Council. ● The draft policy will focus on providing financial compensation to business owners, which will be repaid in years subsequent to construction completion should revenue increase to a level higher than pre-construction values. ● The draft policy is anticipated to be submitted to City Council for review in January 2024. 	
6	<p>MIP Construction Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● See presentation attached (below are key points) 	
	<p>Drainage work starting this winter along 104 Ave (109 St to 107 St. and 121 St.) and SPR (123 St. to 129 St.)</p>	
	<p>Stony Plain Road Bridge is still on track to open by fall 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kajsa asked if the bridge will be opened to pedestrians at that time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MIP shared that there are a couple options on the table for discussion: a) open bridge up to vehicles only (but not to pedestrians) as work will need to be completed when the weather is better or b) open the bridge completely, but will need to close it down again to do work ○ Pedestrian access will be opened earliest in the summer 	
	<p>Stony Plain Road (SPR): 129 St. to 139 st.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nov 2023 - reopening of Stony Plain Road with cross streets opened as well <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 134 St. cross street is now opened to accommodate businesses ○ There will be no permanent paving (due to weather) on SPR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Temporary pavement will mean that in 2024, MIP will come back to do permanent paving and waterproofing ■ Permanent paving will be completed before the SPR bridge opens ■ Curb and gutter (the intense work) is now done, so permanent paving should go up fairly quickly ○ There will be lane restrictions with the opening of SPR, however, vehicles will still be able to drive all the way down SPR ● Cross streets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 134 St. cross street is now opened to accommodate businesses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The temporary parking lot that was constructed for the 136 St. businesses will remain until the parkette is required to be built for the Glenora Stop ○ Final configuration will mean that intersections will be right-in-right -out only with the exception of 132 St., 134 St, and 138 St. (which will be controlled intersections) ○ Connaught Drive will be right-in-right -out for this season 	
	<p>Stony Plain Road (SPR): 138 St. to 142 st.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The following will be reopened in mid-November: 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Northbound to eastbound right turn bay on 142 St at SPR ○ A second eastbound lane on 102 Ave 	
	<p>Stony Plain Road (SPR): 151 St. to 154 St.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 151 St. and 154 St. will be reopened ● 152 St. and 153 St. will remain closed during the winter months ● Sidewalks will be poured near the building on the southside of SPR between 152 St. and 154 St. 	
	<p>See presentation for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Area Renderings ● Business Support ● Project Notifications ● Community Events ● Construction Update Contacts 	
	<p>Questions/Discussion:</p>	
	<p>Todd noted that the updates did not provide a lot of new information. He suggested that future updates provide what is new, changed and delayed, rather than pretext.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MIP assured that the information shared is new, as the technical/civil teams met earlier this week and the presentation was updated accordingly 	
	<p>Stephen asked if the controlled intersections at 132 St., 134 St., and 138 St. will have pedestrian access. If so, what kind of pedestrian access?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MIP noted that there will be pedestrian access and would be pedestrian activated ● ACTION - COE to confirm the pedestrian signals that will be installed at 132 St., 134 St., and 138 St. intersections. 	<p>Wade/Meilai</p>
	<p>Todd congratulated MIP on their success with the work completed on the Anthony Henday bridge and the Stony Plain Road bridge over Groat Road. He noted that work on Stony Plain Road over the summer has not been as optimal and inquired how MIP will keep the area safe and secured so that there are less open excavations, specifically between 155 St. and 150 St.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MIP will be hiring security around that area while they are doing that work. There are still internal discussions on what this will look like ● ACTION - MIP will be setting up a meeting with Todd and the businesses that will be impacted to discuss this further 	<p>Jenn S./Lynley</p>
	<p>Todd inquired what are the lessons learned and how/what practices will be changed so that work will progress at a more efficient pace next summer along Stony Plain Road (i.e. if subcontractors are not performing, what will be done?)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MIP noted that there will be meetings to bring in additional folks to discuss what the heating and hoarding will look like to complete the sidewalks. They will also meet regularly to determine next steps for the spring. ● MIP acknowledges that there is room for improvement from 156 St. to 159 St. Their teams are reviewing the sequencing and work required to get a better start in April. 	
	<p>Peter recalled that at the last CWG meetings, the Valley Line West booklets would be updated and inquired about the progress.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● City noted that the updated Valley Line West booklets are in its final approval stages. There has been a hold-up due to the map details required by lead engineers to review. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The new updated version will be uploaded onto the City website and printed copies will be available ● The current Valley Line West booklet is still available here. 	
	<p>Peter noted that at 156 St. and Meadowlark Road, the detour has been routed through the library parking lot. This is a safety concern since the parking lot has perpendicular parking and gets a lot of pedestrian traffic. Vehicles are driving 40 km/hr with bad sightlines. He inquired if there can be any traffic calming measures implemented for this and how long will it take for the construction to be completed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It was noted that designated detours do <u>not</u> route traffic through parking lots. ● It is expected that drivers follow and obey signage, otherwise, it is an enforcement issue ● ACTION - MIP will take this back and check detour 	Jenn S./Lynley
7	Round Table	
	<p>Natalie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Happy to be involved and find the engagement and status updates for constructions to be good. 	
	<p>Stephen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Appreciate the updated information and changes to traffic/pedestrian flow. This is helpful to communicate back to the community. 	
	<p>Peter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Personally pleased that the intersection at 151 St. is opened; this means there will be less u-turn occurrences over the winter months. 	
	<p>Todd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Stony Plain Road BIA partnered with the City of Edmonton to create the microsite: Rally for the Roads (www.rallyfortheroad.com) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This is a “one stop shop” that is consumer friendly to highlight the businesses along Stony Plain Road, help consumers navigate through Stony Plain Road during construction, and direct consumers to construction updates. ● The Stony Plain Road area has a lot of fencing up. Is there an opportunity to collaborate with MIP to put up lighting/something festive for the holiday season. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MIP noted that they can look into that, but would need to specify exactly where they would like the lighting to go. ○ ACTION - Todd to send email to Jenn S. on where they would like lighting to go. 	Todd
	<p>Meilai</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If there are any ideas of how we can support your community, please email lrprojects@edmonton.ca 	
	<p>Jenn S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If there are any concerns, please call/email MIP so that they can get teams to activate on it. 	
8	Next Meeting	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Date is TBD• ACTION - Wade will be reaching out to CWG members to confirm attendance and gather feedback on CWG meetings.	Wade
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Notes by Meilai Ha