MINUTES

Meeting # 6	Location: Golf Course Maintenance Building Mill Woods Golf Course, 4540 - 50 Street		
Date: July 17, 2017	Time: 7:00 p.m 9:00 p.m.		

	Members	Attendance
Leigh Makarewicz	North Millbourne Community League	✓
Mariah Samji	North Millbourne Community League	
Carol Guo	Mill Woods Town Centre	
Joan Kirillo	MCARFA	✓
Mitch Baxter	Leefield Community League	
Wil Tonowski	Leefield Community League (alternate)	
Dennis Emmerling	Woodvale Community League	✓
Al Aben	Woodvale Community League	
(Currently unassigned)	Lakewood Community League	
Michael Neuherz	Public at Large / Mill Woods Seniors Association	✓
Paul Conway	Public at Large	✓
Jack Stuempel	Community Relations Advisor (Facilitator)	✓

	Guests	
Dean Heuman	TransEd LRT	✓
Deo Seebaran	Member of the Public	✓

1.	Welcome and Introductions	Action by:
	Meeting participants introduced themselves.	
2.	Confirmation of Agenda	
	The agenda was confirmed.	
3.	Previous meeting minutes	
	The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as circulated.	



4.	Status of Action Items		
	i.	Community league sign partnership opportunities (TranEd)	
	•	At the previous meeting, it had been noted that due to the locations identified for community league signs, there might be opportunities to partner with TransEd for electrical power for possible remotely-changeable digital signs. This matter is still on TransEd's radar and Dean expects to have more to report at the next meeting. In addition to Woodvale and North Millbourne, there are a number of community leagues along the alignment that have expressed a similar interest. League representatives noted that while the City has resisted digital signs in the past, they might be beneficial to the City as well as the local community leagues by being made available to the City for information-sharing purposes.	TransEd
	ii.	Research on Metro Line effects on parking near Royal Alexandra Hospital (Jack) Jack has discussed with project team colleagues the suggestion that there might be value in researching if the introduction of LRT service on the Metro Line has reduced the amount of non-resident parking in the neighbourhoods surrounding the Royal Alexandra Hospital due to LRT ridership. It was acknowledged that results from such research might be applicable to the Grey Nuns neighbourhood for the Valley Line Southeast, as well as the area surrounding the Misericordia Hospital on Valley Line West.	
	iii. •	Escalated information-sharing (TransEd/Jack) TransEd has added Citizen Working Groups to its information distribution lists. So far, however, members have not noted a significant increase in information received via email. TransEd will review.	TransEd
	iv.	Staircase adequacy at Davies & Churchill (TransEd) The requested information on staircase dimensions at Davies and Churchill had been supplied by TransEd following the previous meeting.	
5.	Projec	t Update	
	•	Dean distributed a summary of upcoming construction activities (attached to these minutes). Dean noted that construction in the Mill Woods area is slated to be completed by early 2019, earlier than other areas, as the segment between Whitemud and Mill Woods Town Centre is to be used for LRT testing in 2019.	
	•	Noise walls are almost complete on the east side of 66 Street. By the end of August, all noise walls on both sides of 66 Street should be completed.	
	•	Underground installations are underway north of 31 Avenue, with railbeds to follow.	
	•	Retaining walls north of 36 Avenue should be completed by mid-August, and by fall, foundations and structural steel should be in place for the	

		utility buildings.	
	•	A pile load test performed recently on the Whitemud bridge was successful, and bridge construction is continuing.	
	•	31 Avenue has been closed with detours marked.	
	•	Installation of temporary signals will begin shortly on 66 Street.	
	•	Some traffic switches will still occur to accommodate pipeline work.	
	•	75 Street should have two lanes of traffic open in each direction by September.	
6.	Round	Table	
	•	There were questions about material lay-down areas and "track-pulling" locations along the alignment. There are two relatively-short term (approximately 5 months) locations (one north of 31 Avenue, the other near Mill Woods Town Centre) to be used for collecting rail for placement on the track bed. TransEd will follow up with exact locations and any additional lay-down zones that might be required.	TransEd
	•	There was a brief discussion over the response to a recent gas line breach. Dean explained that emergency services lead the initial public notification process, and afterward the pipeline owner assumes responsibility for communications as it proceeds with service restoration.	
	•	A meeting was recently held with the City, TransEd, MCARFA and the companies whose pipelines run through the golf course to ensure all of the players are coordinated and working with the same information. The golf course is looking for help to offset unfounded rumours that the Valley Line is causing course closures. It was suggested that showing the LRT line adjacent to 66 Street on the scorecards might help put everything in perspective, although some of the anxiety is the product of stakes for placed for pipeline work.	
	•	The status of the pipeline access gate relocation at the golf course was raised. Jack will check and follow up with MCARFA.	Jack
	•	Bombardier's ability to meet delivery schedules was questioned; Dean noted that the manufacturing process is underway and TransEd is confident its commitments will be met.	
	•	Interest was expressed in TransEd's hiring results. The group was informed that has hired approximately 500 people in various fields, not including sub-trades.	
	•	Concern was expressed over some localized property impacts, especially related to the installation of the noise wall. It was explained that the design criteria have been confirmed, and that property owners with specific complaints are being dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Complaints related to construction have subsided significantly since the beginning of June.	
	•	One of the members remains concerned that the conversion of a 200-	

	metre section of northbound 66 Street south of Whitemud Drive from three lanes to two plus a left-turn-only lane will result in excessive congestion. TransEd has reviewed the section with the City and confirmed the design.	
	 Cohesiveness of planning for the future of Mill Woods Town Centre, the Mill Woods Transit Centre, the Valley Line project and future bus route changes were noted by the group as a concern. 	
	 Some interest was also expressed in seeing LRT service extended to the airport. It was explained that expansion to the airport is well down the list of City Council-approved LRT priorities. 	
	 TransEd is open to opportunities for "streetcorner conversations" and other ways to provide an information exchanging presence, possibly at Mill Woods Town Centre or local events such as those arranged by community leagues. 	
7.	Next meeting	
	 The group agreed that the next meeting should occur on Monday, September 25, 2017, at 7 pm, again at the Mill Woods Golf Course Maintenance Building. 	

Notes by Jack Stuempel