

Secord Community League Board Meeting – March 19, 2018

Location: David Thomas King(DTK) School

Meeting Called to Order 7:09pm

Attendees - Candace Smashnuk (President), Brittney Pechtel (Memberships), Maxime Belanger (Civics), Fiona Dwyer (Secretary), Candice Simpson (Treasurer) & Paul Hicks (Communications)

Absentees – Carmen Kristel (Vice-President), Shaun Boyle, Melody Wilson, Aleks Miklas, Tami Dmytruk

Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve: Candice Simpson

Second: Maxime Belanger

Approval of Minutes

Approval of November 20, 2017 and January 15, 2018 minutes was left until AGM

It was discussed that all minutes should be approved at the AGM.

Introductions – Candace introduced our new Communications Director, Paul Hicks

Guest Speakers – Christie Delano (Playground Committee)

Christie Delano, Playground Project

- ❖ The Playground Committee met with the Project Team from the City of Edmonton and the Landscape Architect. They went through the process of what will happen moving forward with the new playground. The committee was informed that the design of the whole site would be done first and then built in phases after the estimate is received.
- ❖ It was decided that the playground would be done first with a combination of sand, chips & pour in synthetic. The Pour In Synthetic is much more expensive than the wood chips. Wood Chips cost \$30 per square metre and Pour in Synthetic cost \$230 per square metre. A rough estimate given by the Landscape Architect assuming the entire playground would be synthetic surface would be over \$200,000. The Landscape Architect suggested using a combination of sand, wood chips and pour in synthetic because of the play value. This was accepted by the committee. This may change once estimate is received by the committee.
- ❖ The playground committee debated around the idea of a splash park or a bike track. In the end the committee elected to go with an asphalt bike track instead of a splash park. There is already a splash park in Rosenthal and which is only used in warm weather. This bike track can be used year-round, is suitable for all ages and would be the first asphalt bike track in the City. That may be for phase 2. The third space would be an asphalt multipurpose basketball/hockey area.
- ❖ The Market fundraiser and silent auction event was successful, over \$7,500 was raised.
- ❖ Residential letter campaign were mailed out a few weeks ago– So far, only one donation was received. The committee plans to have donation forms at the AGM. We need minimum \$75,000 to \$100,000. To move from the present Concept phase to Design phase, a 10% cash down

payment is needed (excludes City grant amount, but includes Provincial Grant). The expected funding to be received from the city is \$250,000 and \$250,000 from the province. Construction cannot start until 100% of the funds is secured. There is a list of grants that can be applied for, but they first want to see what has been raised in addition to other funding.

- ❖ The playground committee has started approaching corporations for donations. Donation information packages are available (also available on SCL website). Donors have the option of receiving a tax receipt or other recognition (e.g. free advertising).
- ❖ Christie informed the Board that our current City Liaison mainly focuses on playground.
- ❖ There was some miscommunication at the last meeting as to how the \$250,000 City grant can be spent. This city liaison clarified that we use all or nothing, and it can only be used for playground. In order to apply for other smaller funding streams, we have to match it. One is \$75,000 and the other is \$15,000.
- ❖ Christie reported that once the design is received and accepted by the committee any changes to it will be very expensive. It is important that we get the design right from the start.

Candace Smashnuk, President Report

- ❖ Garage Sale – Saturday May 5, 2018 – Maxime volunteered to plan the Garage Sale
 - Maxime will advertise on Facebook and create a map of participating houses.
 - We have Community Signage from previous years.
- ❖ Spring Cleanup and Big Bin Event could be done on the same day, a week following the garage sales – May 12, 2018. There was discussion about selling compost in partnership with the City.
- ❖ AGM – April 16, 2018
- ❖ Candace mentioned that the following positions will be coming to an end:
 - Candice Simpson - Treasurer
 - Carmen Kristel – Vice President
 - Brittney Pechtel – Membership Director
 - All Director at Large Positions
- ❖ Candace asked the board members to bring a brief description about their position to the AGM
- ❖ Items needed for AGM
 - Timbits and water
 - Door Prizes - Gift Cards
- ❖ Candace suggested that Paul could talk about plans for a future dog park at the AGM
- ❖ Excessive dog faeces continues to be a problem in our community, some owners are not picking up after their pets.

Maxime Belanger, Civics Director Report

- ❖ Development & re-zoning
 - Rezoning application from RA7 to RA8. Maxime did a presentation at the public hearing. Council voted against the re-zoning, so it remains at RA7. Reason: it is right in the middle of Secord, lack of transit and amenities nearby.

- The commercial site north of the Winterburn school on Winterburn Road– Have not heard anything since last summer. Waiting to hear on when public hearing will be.
- The South-end of Secord is in the process of being rezoned. The Town centre area has now changed with the pond being moved there. Still partially commercial. Originally intended as commercial and residential together.
- Not much happening at Secord Crossing (i.e. North West of Secord)
- ❖ Transportation
 - 92nd avenue (Webber Green Drive Extension) is supposed to be done in 2018.
 - The City of Edmonton confirmed that 231st street is scheduled for construction in 2018 from Stony Plain Road to 97 Avenue, then from 97th Avenue down to Secord Road will be 2019.
- ❖ Community Ice Rink is still open
 - As soon as ice gets soft, it will be closed and taken down.
 - Candace would like to be involved with the removal of the ice rink to see how it is set-up.
- ❖ Off leash dog & Off leash dog area
 - Maxime spoke with Andrew Knack and City of Edmonton personnel that is in charge of the “Dogs in Open Space Strategy”. She suggested that we create a small group (i.e. 5 persons) so that when it’s time for the city to go ahead with a plan for the off-leash area that we have a group created, where we can talk to her about ideas for sites. This will probably be 2019 as the city has to approve the budget for this and there is no funding at this time. For new sites, the city decides internally which sites will work, then they will ask the people for suggestions as to where they want it and what they want in a dog park, then they will come up with a plan to build a site. Some site suggestion they had were:
 - Anthony Henday Corridor, by the park and ride
 - The Recreation Centre
 - Paul Hicks already started taking names of people who are interested in an off-leash park in the area, and will assist with the creation of this group.
- ❖ Public Transit
 - Andrew Knack is still in discussion with Director of Planning to extend transit further west in Secord. Last we heard is that nothing will happen until 2019 due to lack of funding.
 - The Valley Line West LRT will now cost more because of additional grade separation and larger Lewis Farms Park and Ride. Council will be deciding in the next week whether to go ahead with the additional recommendations.
- ❖ Crimes in Secord
 - Two (2) break and entry in January 2018.
 - Many vehicles have seemed to be the target of theft.
- ❖ The large pond by Secord Landing cannot keep its water. Maxime contacted the City about it as some residents are concerned about the look of the pond. The city will be working with Hopewell in Summer 2018 to ensure that this issue is corrected.

- ❖ Traffic noise from Stony Plain road is getting louder. Maxime contacted the City to see what can be done to reduce noise levels. The City mentioned that the College Woods area do not have a noise wall yet and that should help reduce noise levels.
- ❖ Civics Directors Report - Maxime will provide his summary of Civics updates and issues on the website/Facebook. This may become a monthly summary for all to see.

Brittney Pechtel, Membership Director's Report

- ❖ Nothing to report.
- ❖ Having trouble with accessing emails.

Candice Simpson, Finance Director's Report

- ❖ Suggested using QuickBooks to handle the Bookkeeping for the Leagues finances
- ❖ The books need to be audited this year. As soon as the audit is done then we can apply for the Community League Operating grant
- ❖ Balance in the bank \$21,700 at December 2017
- ❖ It was discussed that Maxime Belanger should get signing authority for the cheques.

Old Business

- ❖ The Social/Events Director position still need to be filled.

New Business

- 1) Motion to accept and approve use of the \$250,000 funding stream of NPDP grant for the playground project on the park land next to the DTK school and fundraise/utilize those funds for the playground project.
 - Motion to accept: Maxime Belanger
 - Second: Candice Simpson
 - Motion Carried
- ❖ Visibility concerns turning into the DTK school, vehicles sometimes park where the Patrols are supposed to be standing. Maxime will contact the City to see what can be done to improve safety.
 - ❖ Candace proposed that we have a huge playground fundraiser instead of the Block Party this year between June and August. The Block Party could still happen if someone is interested in planning it (we currently don't have a Social Director).
 - Candice suggested a parents night out at a restaurant.
 - We discussed ways to reach more people in the community with the upcoming events, such as newsletters and emails to members. Paul Hicks will look into this.
 - Some community members indicated they would volunteer; we should take that to our advantage. Paul Hicks will look into this.
 - Brittney suggested using Mail Chimp software for email outs. Paul will look into it.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

Next Meeting is the AGM on April 16, 2018 at 7pm.

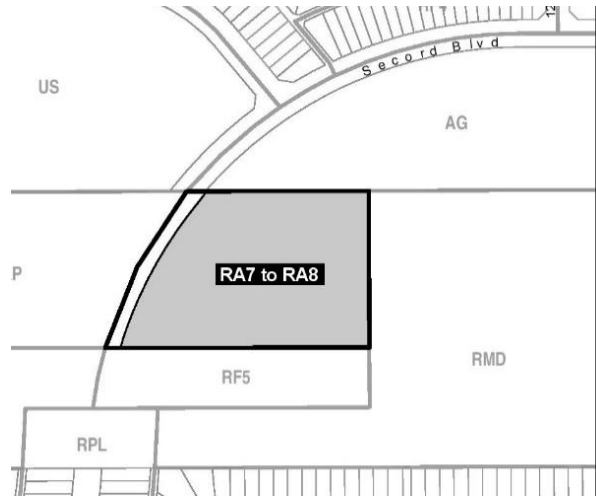
CIVICS DIRECTOR'S NOTES

MARCH 19, 2018 - MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

DEVELOPMENT AND REZONING

REZONING – 615 SECORD BOULEVARD

- Many residents expressed concerns about this rezoning which would have seen the site increased in density to allow for 6-storey condos to be constructed.
- During public hearing on January 22, 2018, Maxime (Civics Director) made presentation on behalf of Secord Community against rezoning application.
- The rezoning application from RA8 to RA7 lost by a vote of 6 to 4. **The site will remain zoned RA7, meaning maximum 4-storey condos.**
- Main reasons for rezoning not going through was lack of transit at this location and lack of commercial amenities.



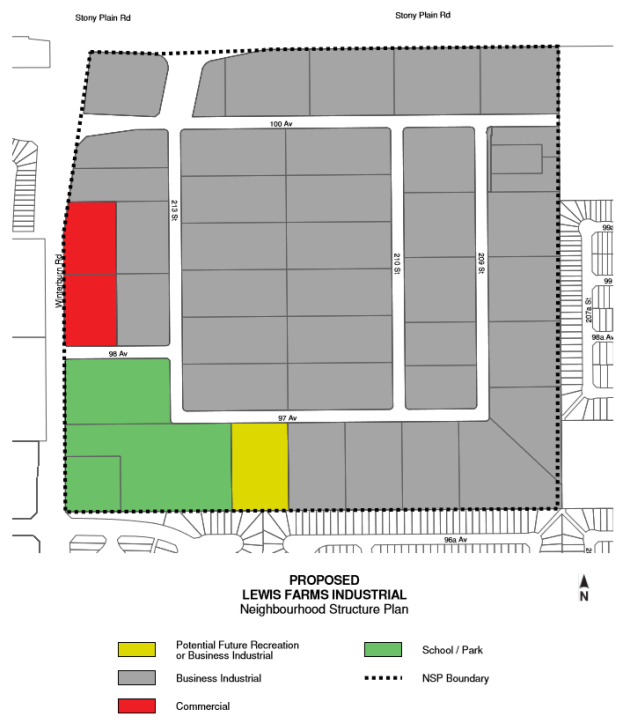
REZONING – SECORD PLACE - NORTHEAST CORNER OF WINTERBURN ROAD AND 98 AVENUE

- Rezoning Application to commercial was submitted to City in September 2016.
- Last SCL heard about project was in the Spring of 2017.
- Public Hearing date is not yet announced.
- Currently in for rezoning and is expected to be approved in 2018.
- For more information: www.avatexdevcorp.com/secord-place/



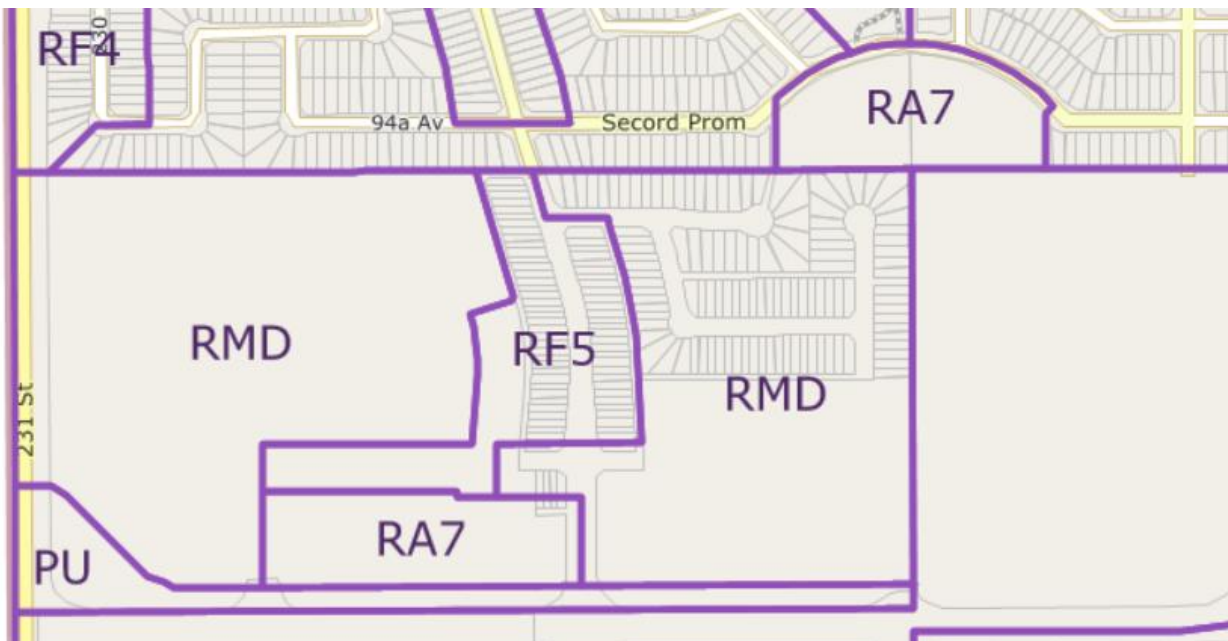
REZONING – LEWIS FARMS INDUSTRIAL

- The City received a planning application to adopt a new Neighbourhood Structure Plan in the Lewis Farms industrial area. The site is located south of Stony Plain Road and east of Winterburn Road (215 Street NW).
- The proposed plan will establish a framework for turning the existing rural residential development in the Lewis Farms Industrial area into a business industrial area with commercial and recreation uses.
- An open house to discuss the new Neighbourhood Structure Plan happened on February 20.
- For more information: https://www.edmonton.ca/residential_neighbourhoods/neighbourhoods/lewis-farms-rezoning-and-plan-amendment.aspx



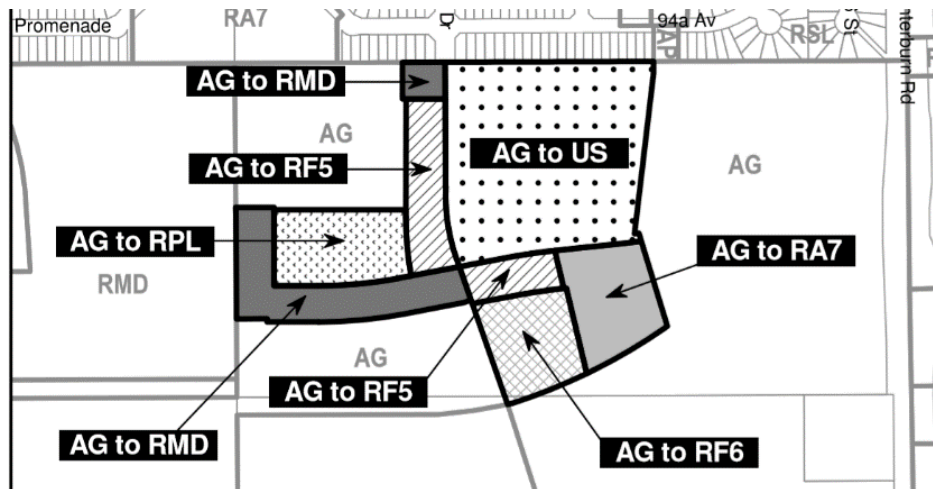
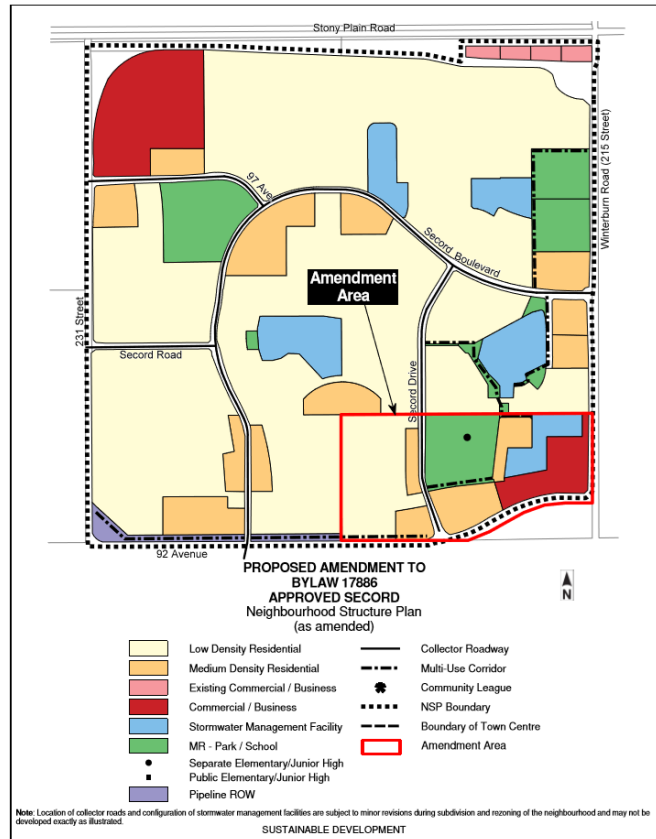
REZONING - SOUTHWEST SECORD

- The area to the southwest of Secord was recently rezoned to RMD (single-family zero lot lines), RF5 (townhouses) and RA7 (4-storey condo). PU means public utility.
- This is in line with the Secord Neighbourhood Structure Plan.



REZONING – SOUTHEAST SECORD

- The rezoning portion of the application proposes the development of a designated school site (US), and a mix of residential development including single (RPL), semi-detached (RMD), row (RF5), stacked row (RF6) and low-rise apartment (RA7) housing.
- This is a minor deviation from the Neighbourhood Structure Plan (NSP).
- Public Hearing not scheduled yet. Public Hearing is necessary prior to approval of the rezoning, as it deviates from the NSP.
- All trees at southeast corner of Secord are cleared for development. The area backing on to the existing residential lots will be a stormwater management facility, with a commercial site immediately south.



SECORD CROSSING – NORTHWEST COMMERCIAL AREA

- Area has been cleared from trees and vegetation.
- No words on what will be developed on that commercial site.
- For more information: <http://secordcrossing.com/the-property/>

TRANSPORTATION

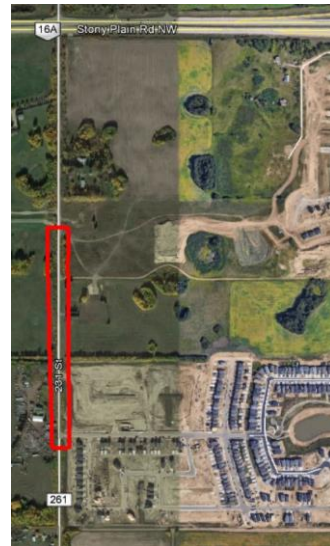
92 AVENUE (WEBBER GREENS DRIVE EXTENSION)

- From the City of Edmonton Planning on January 22, 2018:
 - 92 Avenue construction is currently underway and is expected to be completed in 2018. Completion of 92 Avenue will provide additional access to the Secord and Rosenthal neighbourhoods.



231 STREET

- From the City of Edmonton Planning on January 22, 2018:
 - The construction of first two urban lanes of 231 Street, from Stony Plain Road to 97 Avenue, is scheduled to be constructed in 2018.
 - The stretch from 97 Avenue to Secord Road is scheduled for 2019.
 - The need for intersection improvements at Stony Plain Road/231 Street has been identified by the Province and the City is working with Alberta Transportation to facilitate design approvals. The intersection modifications at Stony Plain Road and 231 Street are also planned for construction in 2018.



DOGS / OFF LEASH

THEY POOP, YOU SCOOP

- With Spring around the corner and the snow melting, the amount of dog poop on our paths and parks is unbelievable.
- Cleaning up after your pet isn't just the right thing to do, it's the law. The fine for failing to do so is \$100.
- Carry a bag with you to pick-up your pet's waste whenever you are away from home. You don't need to clean up waste immediately on your own property, but you do need to clean it up regularly. Allowing excessive waste to build up negatively affects your neighbours and your pet.
- If you notice anyone not picking up their dog's poop, please let them know, or contact 311. 311 will ask for information such as the dog's breed, color, size, time and date that event happened, address of dog owner, license plate, etc.

OFF-LEASH – INFORMATION, BYLAWS AND FINES

- Dogs are not allowed off-leash anywhere in the Secord neighbourhood, even in Parks and around ponds.
- Dogs are not allowed, even on-leash, within 10 metres from our playgrounds and picnic site.
- **Parkland Bylaw 2202:**
 - 17 (1) Unless otherwise permitted by this bylaw no person shall allow any animal under their control, or for which they are responsible, to be on Parkland.
 - (2) A person may have a Dog on Parkland so long as the Dog is:
 - (a) leashed and on an Improved Trail or an Unimproved Trail;
 - (b) leashed and on a Boulevard;
 - (c) leashed and in an area governed by signage permitting Dogs; or
 - (d) in an Off Leash Area;
 - but only if the Dog is, at all times, kept at least 10 metres from any developed playground or picnic site.
- **Animal Control Bylaw 13145:**
 - 10 (1) The Owner or any other person having care or control of a Dog, Nuisance Dog, or Restricted Dog shall ensure it does not bark in a manner that is reasonably likely to annoy or disturb the peace of others.
 - 11 (1) The Owner or any other person having care or control of a Dog, Nuisance Dog, or Restricted Dog shall forthwith remove any defecation left by it on public property or private property other than that of the Owner.
 - 13 (1) The Owner or any other person having care or control of a Dog or Nuisance Dog shall, at all times when it is off the property of the Owner, have it:
 - (a) under control; and
 - (b) held on a leash not exceeding two metres in length.
- **Fines:**
 - (a) \$100.00 for any offence for which a fine is not otherwise established in this section (e.g. having a dog in the park, even on a leash);
 - (b.1) \$250.00 for an offence under section 10(1); 11; or 13(1) if the dog is a Nuisance Dog;

DOGS IN OPEN SPACE STRATEGY

- The City has put a temporary suspension on the establishment of new off-leash areas in order to focus on creating a process for requests of new locations. The Dogs Off Leash program team is currently completing work on a 10-year Implementation Plan that will align with the recommendations outlined in the Dogs in Open Spaces Strategy.
- The feedback received during the development of the Strategy confirmed that there is demand for new off-leash areas in West Edmonton, and once new off-leash area establishment becomes available, will be considered for a new site.
- The City will be moving forward with creating a detailed process for how community groups can establish new off-leash areas and we will also be creating a detailed budget to request Capital and Operational funding that can help the City to establish new off-leash areas as well. If they are granted capital budget, it will be in the 2019 budget cycle.
- Public Consultations are anticipated for 2019 or later.
- City is looking at possibility of implementing off-leash site along the Anthony Henday Corridor, amongst other locations.

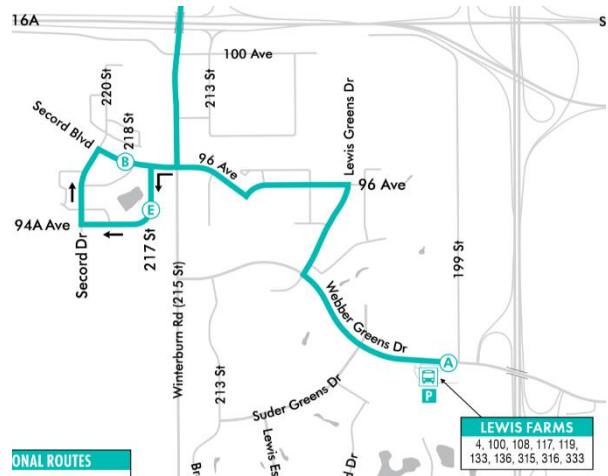
OFF-LEASH DOG AREA DISCUSSIONS / AMBASSADOR GROUP

- The City lead for the Dogs in Open Spaces Strategy is open to meet with a community group to discuss about the steps the community could take to help with the work to be done to implement a new off-leash dog park in West Edmonton. These would only be initial steps as formal funding for the implementation plan is still needed. There will need to be some engagement with the community at large.
- Secord Community League is in the process of creating an off-leash ambassador group to represent the community with the creation of an off-leash park in West Edmonton. We will contact the community and persons interested in participating in that group in the next few months (group of 5 persons or so would be ideal).
- A meeting will follow this summer (TBD), between the City and Community Group.

PUBLIC TRANSIT

LOCAL BUS (315)

- In September 2017, we asked City to extend bus route further west in Secord. Our request was denied by Transportation due to funding. We will further discuss with the City after the 2019 Capital Budget has been approved.



VALLEY LINE WEST LRT

- The Valley Line West is in the design phase, with funding to cover a preliminary design review and preparing for procurement.
- Latest recommended changes to the project include a larger park and ride facility at Lewis Farms Transit Station, and additional grade separation at 178 Street and 149 Street.
- Maxime (Civics Director) is attending the Valley Line West LRT Citizen Working Group as the Secord Community representative.
- City Council is holding non-statutory public hearing on March 21.
- For updated information: https://www.edmonton.ca/projects_plans/transit/valley-line-west.aspx

Lewis Farms

Current design description

- The current design calls for the integration of the new stop adjacent to the transit centre and Park & Ride facility, with a sidetrack to provide temporary storage of LRT vehicles

Updated details

- Expansion of Park & Ride area
- Identification of Kiss & Ride area
- Relocation of LRT vehicle storage facility

What's next

- Complete design update
- Submit for consideration as part of Neighbourhood Structure Plan



OTHERS

CRIME IN SECORD

- Report all Crime to Edmonton Police Services (EPS) at 780-423-4567. For crime in progress, call 911. This is how police presence will be increased in the neighbourhood.
- Recent theft:
 - January 2018: 2 break and enter - 1 garage and 1 house.
 - February 2018: 1 theft from automobile and 1 theft of licence plate.
 - March 2018: 1 attempted break and enter, 1 theft of vehicle and 1 assault.
- There are reports of people going into vehicles at night, especially if doors are left unlocked. Lock your cars and put it inside your garage when possible. Remove all valuables from your vehicle.
- Updated information at: <http://crimemapping.edmontonpolice.ca/>

COMMUNITY SAND BOX

- Community Sand Box is located at Playground (Secord Boulevard and 217 Street). Use as needed.
- Call 311 or Contact Secord Community League if empty; City will refill.

SECORD ICE RINK

- Ice rink is open and maintained as needed.
- It will need to be closed when the ice is getting soft to protect the liner.
- Residents are asked to use their best judgement as to whether they should use the ice rink.

SNOW CLEARING

- Dealing with snow is a big part of being an Edmontonian. Keeping our sidewalks free of snow and ice is critical in keeping Edmontonians moving safely and enjoying winter.
- Property owners are responsible for clearing snow from every walk and driveway on or beside any vacant properties they own 48 hours after snowfall stops.
- Failure to maintain your walks could result in a \$100 fine and cleanup costs.
- Warnings are a courtesy and will not always be issued.
- Consider helping a neighbour, many citizens need help due to mobility or health issues and might not always ask for help.
- More information at: https://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/on_your_streets/snow-ice.aspx

LANDSCAPING / WATER LEVEL OF SECORD LANDING POND

- Some residents expressed concerns about the water level and landscaping around the Secord Landing Pond.
- We've enquired to the City. The City responded to us that the Developer is having issues with keeping water in the pond, and the pond won't stay at its Normal Water Level.
- The City mentioned that they will work with the Developer to hopefully get this fixed in 2018.
- We'll keep updated on this issue.



TRAFFIC NOISE FROM STONY PLAIN ROAD

- Stony Plain Road is noticeably louder every year, due to increasing traffic volume.
- We enquired to the City about what can be done to reduce the noise levels. They mentioned that a missing section of the noise wall (College Woods) will be constructed this Summer 2018, and that should help reduce noise.
- If there are still noise issues after that, we will continue our discussions with the City.

MARKED CROSSINGS PROPOSAL – SECORD BOULEVARD AND 97 AVENUE

- Residents and SCL board members have expressed concerns with the crosswalk at the intersection of Secord Boulevard and 97 Avenue (the one crossing 97 Avenue) near the school.
- The crossing is deemed dangerous due to lack of visibility, especially when cars are parked near the intersection.
- The SCL will be investigating with the City if a marked crossing and no parking signs could be installed at the intersection, to enhance safety and visibility of our children at that intersection.
- In the mean times, please stay vigilant and drive no more than 30 km/hr in the school zone.

If you have any questions or comments about the above, please contact Maxime Belanger, Civics Director at civics@secordcommunityleague.com or via the Secord Community League Facebook page.