

Citizen Working Group - Zone "E" (Mill Woods)

MINUTES

Meeting # 10	Location: Golf Course Maintenance Building Mill Woods Golf Course, 4540 - 50 Street
Date: April 2, 2019	Time: 7:00 p.m 9:00 p.m.

Members		Attendance
Leigh Makarewicz	North Millbourne Community League	1
Mariah Samji	North Millbourne Community League	
Carol Guo	Mill Woods Town Centre	
Joan Kirillo	MCARFA	1
Mitch Baxter	Leefield Community League	1
Wil Tonowski	Leefield Community League (alternate)	
Dennis Emmerling	Woodvale Community League	1
Al Aben	Woodvale Community League	1
(Currently unassigned)	Lakewood Community League	
Michael Neuherz	Public at Large / Mill Woods Seniors Association	
Paul Conway	Public at Large	1
Jack Stuempel	Community Relations Advisor (Facilitator)	

Guests		
Kevin Roberts	TransEd LRT	1
Dean Heuman	TransEd LRT	1

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1.	Welcome and Introductions	Action by:
	Members 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	
T .	 i. <u>Community league sign partnership opportunities (TransEd/Jack)</u> Kevin reported that TransEd is now confident it will be able to restore the Woodvale Community League sign to its original site as its permanent location. Final sign-off will still be required from their Operations and Maintenance team confirming there are no sight-line concerns, but no issues are anticipated. Timing is dependent on other construction activities in the area. A sign for North Millbourne Community League can't be accommodated within the TransEd project boundary, and would need to be arranged through the City's NRC for the area. If necessary, TransEd can supply drawings showing the project limits. ii. <u>Residential parking program presentation (Jack)</u> Jack was unable to arrange Parking Services for this meeting but will attempt to do so for a future meeting. Contact information will be forwarded to working group members. iii. <u>Confirm Landscaping maintenance envelope (TransEd)</u> Dean handed out some landscape renderings and explained that in the Mill Woods area, the maintenance envelope generally covers the entire area between the noise walls. The landscape renderings are available on the TransEd website. Planting won't occur until 2020. iv. <u>North-to-west left turn at 44 Ave (Jack)</u> Jack has followed up again with traffic engineers on the suggestion that the City consider a protected north-to-west left-turn phase for the signal at 50 Street and 44 Avenue. The location will be revisited, and the community is invited to call 311 if there are ongoing concerns. v. <u>Whitemud lane markings & ramp congestion at 66 Street (TransEd)</u> Concern had been expressed over adequacy of lane markings on Whitemud at 66 Street, where lane drift is common. Dean reported that with the completion of the LRT spans over Whitemud, the pavement and lane markings will be restored. Addressing congestion on t	Jack

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	 completed by approximately September 2019. <u>Distribution copies of Community Update brochure (TransEd)</u> The requested hard copies were supplied. <u>Present safety program to Presidents' Council (TransEd)</u> TransEd is continuing to prepare the safety program, which will be rolled out to affected communities and schools as well as the Presidents' Council. 	TransEd
5. Pr	roject Update	
5. Pi	 Dean provided an update on behalf of TransEd: Dean provided an update on behalf of TransEd: Overnight closures are planned for May at the 34 Avenue and 38 Avenue intersections to place and weld rail. After this is completed, the reconstruction of the intersections can begin, with the goal of having all of 66 Street completed and repaved this year. A video of the placement of the first span over Whitemud in March was shown. It can be viewed on the TransEd website. Additional overnight closures will be required to complete the span installations. Additional light rail vehicles (LRVs) are expected to arrive from the manufacturing facility in Kingston, to join the one that was delivered in June 2018. Arrangements are being made to display an LRV at Mill Woods Town Centre. TransEd will be sponsoring Canada Day celebrations in Mill Woods. Almost all of the track slab has been poured from Whitemud south. Traction power substations are in place. Remaining work includes some activities in the area of 28 Avenue. Platforms for the LRT stops will be poured, but the rest of the shelter structures likely won't be put in place until next year. Poles for the Overhead Catenary System (OCS), which supplies power, are being installed as the track slab is completed. Further north, 75 Street is expected to be completed this year. Considerable work continues on 83 Street, and the Bonnie Doon traffic circle is to be converted to a signalized intersection later in the year. When the retaining wall on Conors Road is completed, the new roadway will be established at its base to make room for the LRT tracks on the north side. There is much work also underway downtown where major intersections along 102 Avenue take turns experiencing closures for railbed	

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	 accumulation and provide a buffer for the storm sewer system during major rainfalls. Overall, the project is trending behind schedule, and TransEd has submitted a proposal to the City which includes re-sequencing the construction of the Tawatinâ Bridge in order to make up time. 	
6.	Round Table	
	 The group expressed interest in Valley Line West. Jack reported that the project has completed the review and update of the preliminary design, with the most notable change being the incorporation of a grade-separated crossing for the LRT at 178 Street. the project has now entered the procurement phase with the issuing of a Request for Qualifications. A request for proposals from qualified proponents will follow. Construction could begin next year with completion five or six years later. In response to a question regarding the Gerry Wright Operations and Maintenance Facility, Dean reported that work is continuing with some personnel expected to move in this year. Some technicians have already been hired locally and have been receiving training from Bombardier in Kingston. Ultimately, over 500 employees are expected to be working in the facility. There was interest in the pedestrian crossing at 41 Avenue, with assurances being given that the pedestrian-activated signal will be clearly visible. In response to a question, Dean affirmed that traffic signals in the reconstructed intersections will be countdown lights. The intersections will also include cameras that will monitor traffic volumes to help in fine-tuning signal timing. Adequacy of pavement markings continues to be a concern. Turns in the area of 83 Street and 82 Avenue are challenging while construction continues. (1:21:15) Assurances were given that when reconstructed, lanes will be well-aligned at the 34 and 38 Avenue intersections. 	
7.	Next meeting	
	• The group agreed to target Tuesday, September 10, 2019 for the next meeting.	

Notes by Jack Stuempel

