



## **Lindsay Park Community Association – Spring 2017 Update**

### **Dry dam upstream from Calgary, Flood Mitigation Project**

As presented in our last annual general meeting, the province is planning to proceed with building a dam upstream from Calgary near Springbank.

- Negotiations are underway with property owners affected by the dam
- If negotiations fail, the property will be expropriated
- Money has been allocated for the dam in the provincial budget, and it would therefore be “illegal” for the government NOT to use the money for that purpose (we have been told)
- There are still environmental impact studies to be cleared, it is uncertain how that will affect the timeline
- In contradiction to various media reports, we have also been told that the Tsuut’ina have been consulted every step of the way, including in-person meetings between Minister Mason and the former Tsuut’ina Chief and council members. Our MLA (Greg Clark) has reached out to the new chief, as has Minister Mason. The province also invited Tsuut’ina on a site visit and addressed questions and concerns with them at that time. Minister Mason assured that his office remains in touch with Tsuut’ina and all project stakeholders including landowners.

Great video of the proposed project:

<http://aep.alberta.ca/water/programs-and-services/flood-mitigation/flood-mitigation-projects/springbank-road.aspx>

### **Repsol Centre**

The Repsol Centre, formerly the Talisman Centre (and formerly Lindsay Park Centre) would like to expand and break new ground on its current location with a \$120 million dollar renovation. The development is contingent on government funding, and would allow for bigger pools, and more gymnasiums. The Lindsay Park Community Association was asked to provide feedback regarding this proposal, we cautiously endorsed it with the caveat that parking issues had to be addressed for residents in our area.

### **Intersection at Erlton St and 25th Ave SW**

The LPCA has repeatedly contacted the City of Calgary regarding unsafe conditions at the intersection of Erlton St and 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, close to the bridge. We proposed a speed reduction for eastbound bridge traffic, and that parking be restricted along the north side of 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue. We have not received any acknowledgement that changes are required for safety issues that we have raised. If you share these concerns, please contact 311 or our current City Councillor at [ward09@calgary.ca](mailto:ward09@calgary.ca) and our future City Councillor at [ward11@calgary.ca](mailto:ward11@calgary.ca) (*Lindsay Park will become part of Ward 11 effective October 16, 2017.*)

### **Macleod and 25th Avenue proposed changes, and 25th Avenue connector to Blackfoot Trail**

There are projects underway to examine what can be done about the Macleod Trail/25<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection, acknowledged by the City of Calgary to be a big problem. This will intensify with the City's plans to increase LRT frequency and train length (through adding cars).

The Board of Directors of Lindsay Park Community Association recently met with representatives from the City of Calgary with respect to the status of proposals. A summary of the results of the meetings follows.

The intersection is not under visual surveillance, and we have been advised that little can be done with the current software controlling the lights at the intersection. At eastbound 25<sup>th</sup> and Macleod, with its current configuration, we raised the possibility with city planners of a dedicated right turn lane, and also a dual left turn lane. These suggestions have been taken under advisement.

One possible solution to current intersection problems is to route the eastern part of the intersection north, meaning that eastbound traffic would turn north onto Macleod Trail, then turn east at a proposed separate intersection (just south of the LRT station). This would certainly eliminate any issues turning southbound onto Macleod Trail.

There are also ongoing discussions about changing the grade of the LRT tracks. More remains to be seen with plans in this regard.

The city is also planning on connecting 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue (east of Macleod) directly to Blackfoot Trail with an overpass at the railroad tracks, which would be very positive in that we would avoid the light at Dartmouth Road and also the current roundabout more north where we can get delayed by train traffic.

All of these 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue projects are in the exploratory phase, and are not funded at this time.

Additional details can be found at [www.Calgary.ca/25AveStudy](http://www.Calgary.ca/25AveStudy).

### **Anthem Development**

As you may know, Calgary has been affected by the lower price of commodities. There is no firm date as to when Anthem will move forward with the development on corner of Macleod and 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The individual responsible for the project has stated that Anthem is still committed to this, but economic factors have certainly played into development timelines. We will continue to keep you updated as we get more information from Anthem.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Lindsay Park Community Association. We realize that traffic concerns are first and foremost and something that we may ameliorate if we work together. Parenthetically, I tend to shout a lot at the inside of my windshield at the Macleod and 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection, but I have to remind myself that calling 311 and exhausting them with our thoughts is a more productive enterprise.

Looking forward to spring and a great summer in our great neighborhood! We will update you on the above initiatives as information becomes available and at this year's Annual Meeting.

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