

## COMMUNITY CONSULTATION ON 92 ST LOTS TO COME THIS FALL

On July 26, 2018, a delegation of Riverdale Community League met with Tim McCargar and three other City staff to get an update on the work on the motion made by City Council's Executive Committee regarding five lots at the north end of 92 Street. The motion reads: *"That Administration provide a report on options and feasibility for affordable housing, in consultation with the community and affordable housing providers, on the Riverdale City-owned site outlined in the April 30, 2018, Financial and Corporate Services report CR\_5600."*

This was the first meeting with the City since the motion was passed on April 30.

McCargar informed us that they are developing a plan for the community consultation required by the motion. They are aware that there is heightened interest in Riverdale about the fate of the lots. Both the Public Engagement branch and the Communication branch will be involved in reaching out to our community. Administration will also identify additional stakeholders that need to be involved in the process. Riverdale Community League will have an opportunity to provide input in the the public consultation plan late in August. The **actual community consultation is anticipated to begin this fall**, but no dates have been set. It will be led by the City.

McCargar also informed us that they intend to ask for an **extension for their report**. He writes: "Administration has reviewed the Executive Committee motion from April 30, 2018, and has reached out to Affordable Housing and Public Engagement staff to begin report preparation. While drafting the public engagement plan and project schedule, we identified a significant time constraint. A report extension will be requested in August, seeking approval to change the report deadline from November 2018 to April/ May 2019." The intent of the extension is to have enough time for robust community consultation and for a comprehensive, successful report.

McCargar stressed that in the meantime, **any concerns arising from the lots being vacant should be reported to the City**. They ask Riverdaliens to **call 311** regarding garbage, needles, overgrown vegetation, camps, etc., and to **call 211** if there is someone on the lots that needs help, e.g., an intoxicated person. (Of course, in emergencies call 911!) Administration will provide a specific script to the 311 staff so they know how to handle calls.

McCargar will work with the City's Affordable Housing department to identify and consult with affordable housing providers, as also required by the motion. We informed him that Riverdale Housing Co-op would like to be included as such a provider.

Returning to the community engagement: We believe that the better informed we are, the better our opinions and input will be. So, if you are aware of **any questions, concerns, issues or needs for information that you think should be addressed during the community consultation**, please send them to us. We would like to provide a list of them when we have input in the public consultation plan later in August. Email us at [president@riverdaliens.ca](mailto:president@riverdaliens.ca) (Andrea), [donnak@athabasca.ca](mailto:donnak@athabasca.ca) (Donna), or [facilities@riverdaliens.ca](mailto:facilities@riverdaliens.ca) (Nick). The email addresses of the remaining delegates can be found here: <https://riverdaliens.ca/development-and-infill/> (scroll down to the end of "City-Owned Lots").

Yours sincerely, the Riverdale Community League delegation:  
Mike Cooper, Rocky Feroe, Donna Koziak - members of the City Owned Property Committee  
Nick Browett, Andrea Wilhelm - board members