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Re: Kanata Park and Granular Extraction Proposal

Kanata Métis Cultural Enterprises Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Elizabeth Métis Settlement, is the owner of those lands located east of 199 street and south of 9th Avenue south along the west bank of the North Saskatchewan River. Kanata is seeking approval of the City to remove gravel from a portion of the lands and to restore the disturbed lands using natural vegetation to create a passive and naturalized park. The City is holding an open house to present this proposal to the community from 5:00 – 8:00 pm on April 7, 2011 at Sister Annata Brockman Catholic School located at 355 Hemingway Road NW. We invite you to attend this open house to ascertain the facts relating to this proposal. Your investigation will confirm:

Traffic Safety

1. In response to concerns identified by many residents, the only haul route ever proposed by Kanata south of Garden Valley Road is 199 Street. No gravel trucks will be using 215 Street south of Garden Valley Road. (This information was contained in the Environmental Impact Assessment delivered by Kanata to the NSRVCS in December of 2009 and in the revised EIA issued in December 2010.)
2. No gravel trucks will use 199 Street north of Garden Valley Road nor shall gravel trucks operate on 199 Street south of Garden Valley Road while school buses are operating.
3. A traffic safety audit with implementation strategy satisfactory to the Transportation Department will be required upon commencement of granular extraction operations.

Planning and the Environment

4. Within six years, the lands will be fully reclaimed to a more naturalized state than currently exists providing a passive park like setting with river access and multi use trails. The Ribbon of Green will be become a reality.
5. Reclamation with native plant species will be carried out simultaneously with gravel extraction throughout the term of the project and will restore wildlife habitat and corridors disrupted by clearing and crop cultivation over the past sixty years.

6. The area proposed for gravel extraction has not been identified in the City of Edmonton's inventory of natural areas nor in their assessment of environmentally sensitive natural areas within the City. No evidence has been provided of the adoption of the Woodbend Natural Area by any official agency.
7. An exhaustive Environmental Impact Assessment has been provided to the City for the subject lands. It is available for review at www.msgc.ca by clicking on Kanata's logo.
8. Gravel trucks are estimated to emit 1.0 kilogram of carbon dioxide per kilometre. Currently, gravel to serve the needs of Edmonton is hauled from as far away as Ponoka and beyond. The potential reduction in green house gas emissions by utilizing the gravel available on the Kanata site is estimated to be approximately 6.7 million kilograms.

Granular Extraction Operations

9. A majority of the granular extraction area has been utilized for agricultural purposes for well in excess of sixty years.
10. Granular extraction operations are limited to five years during which no activity will be allowed on Sundays or Statutory Holidays, or during normal work days before 7 am or after 10 pm.

In six years, and for many years thereafter, you and other Edmontonians could be enjoying the benefits of this wonderful restored natural area.

Kanata respects and welcomes the opportunity given to you to express your concerns and support or non-support for this initiative. Kanata requests only that your support or non-support be based upon fact and with knowledge of restrictions the City may impose if this initiative is approved.

This proposal has not been considered nor rejected by City Council. Kanata continues to pursue this approval because it represents responsible stewardship of Edmonton's resources.

We look forward to seeing you at the open house and responding directly to your questions and concerns.