



FORT ROAD BUSINESS
ASSOCIATION

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BUSINESS

- May 13th walkabout organized by Stuart Kehrig. Staff from various City departments toured the area. Notes were regarding some of the issues and departments to assist in their resolutions. This was appreciated and should be executed on a yearly basis prior to the summer months.
- City of Edmonton has a pilot project for 11 months to solely concentrate on vacant properties and their condition in the business zones. A Safety Codes Officer was hired to address unsightly properties and building safety codes as identified by the business community. Have found this to be effective in our area. In our district we have several sites that have remained vacant and derelict for over 15 years.
- Report to Community Services Committee to be brought forward in March, 2016. We are hopeful that this position will be a permanent.
- Final construction of LPY developments Plaza 66 completed late 2015.
- Edmonton Police Service relocated their satellite office to the Plaza 66 location.
- Medical services remain at that site.
- Burger Baron commenced renovations and clean up at their site. Has made a vast improvement to the unsightly condition of both the exterior and interior of the building. We for a number of years due to the building being vacant were faced with every possible condition that bylaw assisted with. Although progress has been made, there was no opening in 2015.
- Fort Road Appliances purchases his business location from the City of Edmonton. It is planned for a façade improvement in 2016. At last fencing on the perimeter of the property has been completed and will alleviate some of the problems of the past.
- Finnigans has new ownership as of October, 2015. They will seek a façade improvement grant in the New Year.
- Hyundai dealership under construction – Manning Freeway location. Opening in 2016. Principals are Londonderry Jeep Chrysler.
- Sharp Shop after many years have ceased operations. City of Edmonton building with no new tenants as yet.
- No new businesses to report for the year.

COMMUNITY

- Finances for the Provincial Grant completed and submitted. Remaining \$12,000.00 was given approval to use in the Station Pointe Subdivision Plazas. Wilf Royer Plaza and Spartan Park Plaza – enhancements. A total of \$212,000.00 was given for the Station Pointe project which began in 2010.
- A publication by the Fort Trail Historical Foundation has generated \$4,000.00. This will be used for the final project in Dwyer Square. A map from 1913 will be designed for placement at a cost of \$9,000.00. The Foundation will be seeking grants for the balance of the funds.
- Following several months of planning for the Grand Opening of Dwyer Square July 11th the event was cancelled.
- Final FAC had not been completed and the site required some alternations regarding the placement of plant material. Trees were removed from 5 sites in order to provide site vision to the monuments. Alternative plant material will be placed in 2016.
- Also it was felt that it would be unwise to place the historical panels until there is development and activity at the site.
- Assisted the Together 2000 Seniors group who were displaced in 2008 to have their monument installed. The City of Edmonton provided a concrete pad in order to finally give them a home for their project. FAC problems also at that site. Their project will be complete in 2016.
- Annual Graffiti & Clean Up event partnering with Edmonton Police Fort Road Beat Constables, Belvedere Community and Girl Guides. We had 2 graffiti sites to clean up. Quite a success story as when we began this program in 2007 with 44 sites. A Pizza Party for the volunteers followed the clean up.

STATION POINTE SUBDIVISION

- Communitas withdrew their application on April 1st. The site is now back in the City's inventory.
- No activity with BCM on the site in 2015.
- City to review zoning and a new marketing strategy in 2016.
- Front page of Edmonton Journal July 24th **FORT ROAD STUCK IN THE WEEDS.**
- A great deal happening at the early spring and summer months. Was relieved photos were not taken of what was actually happening.
- Garbage, needles, torn traps, homeless camps to go on and on.
- In collaboration with Chris Hodgson we had a site meeting in order to resolve these issues.
- Removal of plant material, weeds, construction material etc. Following was like black and white and made a impression that it was not neglected and the site remained clean for the duration of the year. Continue to document the site.

CONSTRUCTION NORTH EAST TRANSIT GARAGE

- North East Transit Garage received funding November, 2014.
- Edmonton Transit presentation on their proposed project featured at the Annual General Meeting.
- Displays of the facility and presentation by Project Manager, Terry Bohaichuk.
- Public consultation for the project and its design was also held May, 2015.
- Heritage Department obtains designation of the Smokestack and funds for its restorative work, approved September 21st.
- Numerous enquiries regarding the smokestack and its future. Have assured individuals of the City's intent for the structure. It will be incorporated in to the design with interpretive elements that will be placed around the base of the stack.
- Great deal of interest in this project from the public as it has been vacant for many years.
- Call by the Edmonton Arts Council for art installation at NETG held in 2015.
- Selection of successful candidate made in September, 2015. Announcements to be made in 2016. Much interest also as \$1,000,000.00 was allotted for this project.

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