

**VARSITY CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
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South Shaganappi Local Area Plan

Varsity will be part of the South Shaganappi Local Area Plan. Meetings are scheduled to begin in January 2023. We will keep you posted regarding this important project that will, among other things, identify areas where increased density can be accommodated.

From the City's website:

"What is a Local Area Plan?"

A local area plan identifies and guides where and how future growth and change should happen within a specific area. A local area plan aims to integrate and enhance the existing fabric of communities as redevelopment occurs to ensure the area is vibrant and thriving in the future. A local area plan includes the following sections, aiming to answer the accompanying question and includes the associated key components:

- 1. **Visualizing growth** – What is the vision for the area? (vision and core values)*
- 2. **Enabling growth** – What type of growth makes sense where and what local/custom direction is needed to realize great development in this area? (future growth concept and development policies)*
- 3. **Supporting growth** – If growth occurs, what physical and social investments are needed? (future investment goals and priorities)"*

University Innovation Quarter

Work continues on the University Innovation Quarter formerly known as the University Research Park. This 76 acre site currently contains 12 buildings. In 2018 the Province transferred ownership of this land to the University of Calgary which granted a 130 year lease to the University Innovation Quarter Trust. Plans for redevelopment of this site are on-going. We will pass along updates in this newsletter, however, you can sign up for updates directly with UIQ by going to their website, uiqcalgary.com/get-involved/.

Enmax Transmission Line – 53 St & Varsity Estates Drive – Request to Maintain Overhead Structures on Permanent Basis

Enmax has submitted an application to request approval to maintain the current overhead structures on a permanent basis for 2 transmission lines running through Varsity along 53 Street and Varsity Estates Drive. The transmission lines share the same infrastructure and converge at the Enmax #16 substation. Nearby residents should have received a 4 page newsletter in November 2022.

In 2009 and 2014, Enmax replaced underground cable portions of these lines with overhead structures to restore service after faults occurred. The structures consist of four steel monopoles and three wooden poles. Enmax has evaluated various options of permanent replacements and concluded that maintaining the current overhead lines is the best solution as it avoids incremental impacts to customers (including financial impacts) associated with new configurations.

For more information, please contact Enmax Power Corporation at stakeholderrelations@enmax.com or call 403-514-1471. Website: enmax.com/varsitynorthwest. For questions about the regulatory process, contact the Alberta Utilities Commission at info@auc.ab.ca or 403-310-4282. Website: auc.ab.ca.

Enmax Transmission Line Relocation Project – Varsity/Dalhousie

The Alberta Utility Commission (AUC) held a virtual public hearing on December 15, 2022 regarding the upgrade of the transmission line running through Dalhousie. One of the proposed routes would run along Crowchild Trail in front of Vienna Drive which is being opposed by nearby residents. The Varsity Community Association supports these residents and believes the existing alignment should continue to be used. A decision should be rendered within a few weeks. In order to see the information on this project, Proceeding 27474, go to www.auc.ab.ca, click on Read More under E-Filing System, create an account, go to Filing 27474.

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