

# City Councillor Jennifer Rice's

## Neighborhood Updates for



## Blue Quill, Blue Quill Estates, and Sweet Grass

September 2024

### Infrastructure/Neighbourhood Developments

As your councillor, I have continued to work with the City's Administration for **infrastructure and road improvements** within and around the Blue Quill, Blue Quill Estates, and Sweet Grass area. Some of the major work includes:

- **Blue Quill Surplus School Site Development:** A proposed rezoning application at **2710 and 2810 112 Street NW** would allow for the development of multi-unit housing, including row housing and/or apartment housing (See Map 1). There are also plans to relocate one of the **ball diamonds** to another location within the same park site. The City will monitor usage of the ball diamonds in the area to see if there is a need to add additional capacity. **Council Public hearing tentative date will be October 21, 2024 (to be confirmed).**
- **Blue Quill Renewal:** Blue Quill has been identified to receive a **neighbourhood-wide renewal** in the medium-term, with possible construction start dates within the 2027-2030 budget cycle.
- **Alley Renewal:** Both Blue Quill and Sweet Grass have been identified for alley renewal, with possible construction start dates within the 2027-2030 budget cycle.
- **Duggan Tunnel Replacement Project:** The current sanitary tunnels are undergoing replacement to improve southwest Edmonton's sewer system and mitigate sewer odour. The project including construction surrounding **111 Street NW** is projected to be completed in Fall 2024. (See map 2 on the next page)
- **Traffic Lane restrictions at 23 Ave and 111 Street intersection:** Starting September 28, 2024, the City's contractor will adjust traffic lanes at 23 Ave and 111 street intersection, this phase is expected to last for 3 weeks.
- **Pothole Repairs:** The City repaired 624,663 **potholes** in 2023 and 392,579 so far in 2024 (as of Sep 15).

### Community Safety

- **April 30, 2024 Community Safety Conversation Event:** In collaboration with Edmonton Police Services, Edmonton Fire Rescue Services and Neighbourhood Watch program, my office hosted a community safety event in our ward that had great turn out with neighbourhood residents. Improving community safety is one of my key ongoing focus areas.
- **Coyotes:** Coyotes have recently been reported in Sweet Grass, the city has been following up to help prevent issues. Keeping yards free from attractants, and report concerns via 311. Visit [edmonton.ca/coyotes](http://edmonton.ca/coyotes) for more info.
- **Safe Crossing:** Street lab installation on 31 Ave between 115 Street and 113 Street NW was completed during the summer as part of the 2024 Safe Crossings Program.

### City Finance

- 1) Projected year-end deficit \$34.4 million as Q3, 2024.
- 2) Proposed tax increase for 2025 could be high as 13% if the spending is not reduced.
- 3) The City's Financial Stabilization Reserve (FSR) is \$100.9 million below the required minimum balance. The tax increase required to replenish the FSR would be 1.6 per cent starting in 2025 to be maintained for a period of three years.
- 4) The City's overall 2023-2032 capital renewal investment gap is estimated to be \$4.8 billion.
- 5) The City has over \$4 billion debt, and 10.3% of 2024 city's operating expenditures are for debt repayment.





I am deeply concerned about the city's financial health, and will continue to fight for responsible spending.

### Capital Line South LRT

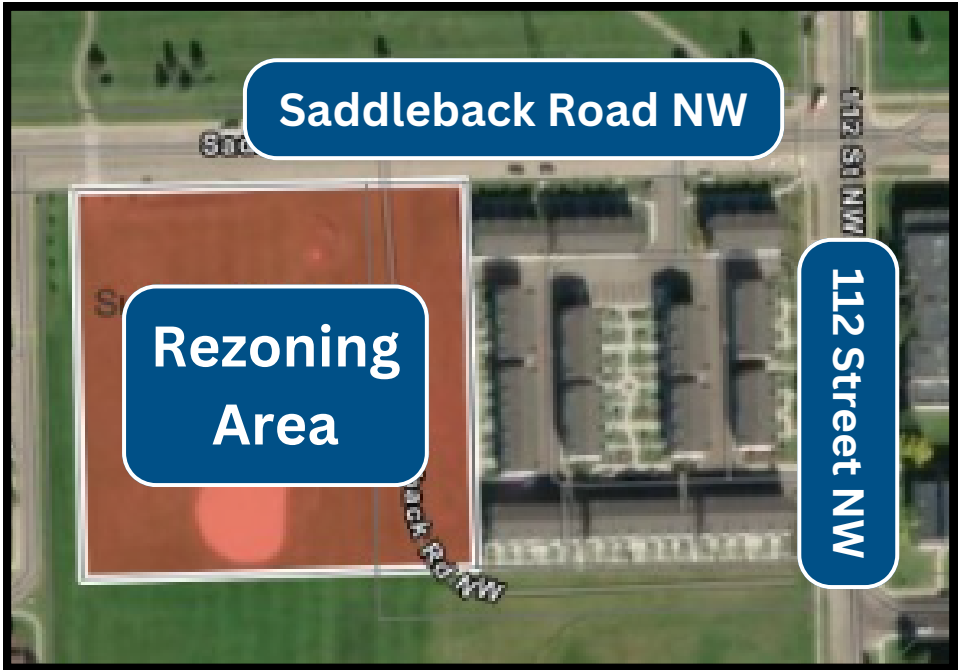
The City has awarded Capital Line Design-Builders to design and build the LRT South extension. Early construction continues this year and the major construction is planned to start in 2025. Three councillors along with myself voted against the project budget increase of \$242 million which at the same time reduced the project's scope. For more information, visit: [edmonton.ca/capitalSW](http://edmonton.ca/capitalSW)

### Contact me!

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No problem is too big  
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# Map 1

Rezoning of Blue Quill Surplus School Site



# Map 2

Expected to be completed by the end of fall 2024