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You are receiving this newsletter as a neighbour of the existing Trans Mountain pipeline. As part of our ongoing safety program, we are planning to complete selective tree removal and offset planting on the existing Trans Mountain pipeline right-of-way in the manicured areas of Riverbend and Westridge Wolf Willow. The purpose of this work is to address large trees and shrubs that are too close to the pipeline and can interfere with safe pipeline operations and cause operational and safety risks. In January 2015, we provided our neighbours in these communities with an update about our plans. This was followed by consultation with the residents who are directly adjacent to our pipeline right-of-way in Riverbend. Based on input received, we refined our plan for Phase 1- Riverbend and submitted it to the City of Edmonton for review. If approved, activities on the right-of-way in Riverbend are planned to occur from July to November, 2015. Tree work in Phase 2 - Westridge Wolf Willow will be subject to consultation in that community and a separate application to the City of Edmonton in 2016.

PROPOSED SCOPE & PHASED APPROACH

To demonstrate our commitment to being a good neighbour and preserving community values, we will limit tree removal to 3 metres on either side of the pipeline centerline. Wherever possible, we will aim to begin work with planting new trees in the affected areas, away from the pipeline. The proposed scope and timeline are subject to applicable permits and are being detailed based on consultation with the City of Edmonton and affected neighbours.

PHASE 1: 2015 - RIVERBEND

- » Planting new trees 5 to 10 days; July September
- » Selective tree removal within the existing right-of-way from the crest of the river valley to Whitemud Drive – 10 to 21 days; September - October
- » Restoring the disturbed area October November
- » Ongoing post-disturbance monitoring November 2015 - onward



OFFSET PLANTING

Our plan to plant new trees in the areas affected by the required tree removal within the Trans Mountain pipeline right-of-way has come as a result of our extensive consultation and discussions with residents, the community Task Force and the City of Edmonton. The new plantings will provide offsets to the existing trees and shrubs that are too close to the pipeline and will need to be removed to ensure the continued safe operations of our pipeline.

In Riverbend, our plan includes removal of approximately 39 trees on the right-of-way within 3 metres on either side of the pipeline centerline. A number of trees and shrubs will be pruned, and a couple of clusters of overgrown vegetation will require thinning out.

Offset planting involves planting 20 new trees at locations where the trees will add to the landscape, but will not compromise the safety of or access to the pipeline. Offset plants will be procured from a reputable nursery and will be six to eight feet tall. All trees will be planted using hand digging only and will be watered on a regular basis. The proposed new tree species for offset planting are illustrated by the photos below.

The details of the vegetation management plan are currently under review and subject to change. We will continue to work with the community Task Force and affected residents and will keep the community informed on the progress of this project. Please stay tuned for updates.

PROPOSED TREE SPECIES FOR OFFSET PLANTING











- 1 Blue Columnar Spruce
- 2 Spring Snow Flowering Crabapple
- 3 Blue Spruce
- 4 Columnar Pine
- 5 Columnar Mountain Ash

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