

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. We will use a phased approach to complete this work. Phase 1 Riverbend is scheduled to occur in 2016. Vegetation management work in Phase 2 Westridge Wolf Willow is subject to further consultation and a separate application to the City of Edmonton.

MOVING AHEAD WITH PHASE 1

In 2015, we submitted our vegetation management plan in Phase 1 Riverbend to the City of Edmonton for review. In February this year, the City granted us their permission to proceed with this work. Wherever possible, we will begin with offset planting in the affected areas, followed by selective tree removal limited to 3 metres on either side of the pipeline centerline.

ONGOING CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Our vegetation management plan is a result of an extensive consultation and engagement with affected communities, the community Task Force and the City of Edmonton conducted over the course of several years. As part of our engagement, in November 2013, a community Task Force was formed with participation from residents of Riverbend and Westridge Wolf Willow.

Since then, we have been working together with the Task Force and the City of Edmonton to identify and address

areas of concern, enhance community outreach, and seek input to refine our plans.

The ongoing consultation and engagement efforts have led to the following significant decisions on the project design:

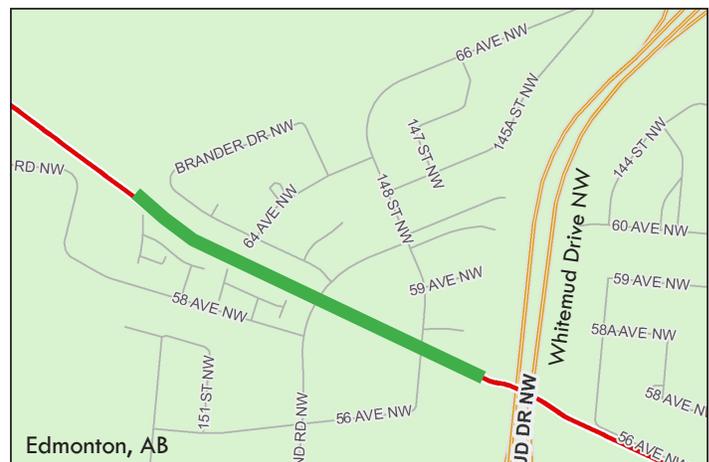
- Reduction of tree removal from 18 meters - the width of the right-of-way - to 6 meters (3 meters on either side of the pipeline centerline)
- Offset tree planting and restoration
- Development and implementation of a communication and engagement plan in consultation with the Task Force and the City of Edmonton.

We will continue to provide regular updates on the progress of this project through the Vegetation Management Update newsletter, notices of activity and trail signage. Our local representative will be on hand to answer questions and provide information. Additionally, we plan to set up an information tent on the right-of-way several days before the start of offset planting. Information about the time and date of the tent will be provided in the coming months.

PHASE 1 RIVERBEND - TIMELINE

- » Offset planting is scheduled to occur between May and October and will take from five to 10 days. Offset planting will be completed in two phases: a number of trees will be planted prior to selective tree removal and the balance will be planted immediately after removal. This will help minimize any damage to the newly planted trees from removal activities.
- » Selective tree removal within the existing right-of-way from the crest of the river valley to Whitemud Drive is scheduled to occur in late August – October, taking from 10 to 21 days.
- » Restoration of the disturbed areas will take place in October – Spring 2017 with ongoing post-disturbance monitoring and maintenance.

Vegetation management on existing Trans Mountain Pipeline right-of-way - Phase 1 (2016)
Area Map - Riverbend



- Existing Trans Mountain Pipeline
- Vegetation management on right-of-way

OFFSET PLANTING AND SELECTIVE TREE REMOVAL

Our plan to plant new trees in the areas affected by the required selective 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 trees and shrubs that will need to be removed to meet our regulatory requirements and ensure the continued safe operations of our pipeline.

In Riverbend, our plan includes selective removal of approximately 39 trees on the right-of-way within 3 metres on either side of the pipeline centerline. Additionally, a number of trees and shrubs will be pruned, and a couple of clusters of overgrown vegetation will require thinning out. Offset planting will involve planting 20 new trees where the new

trees will add to the landscape, but will not compromise the safety or access to the pipeline. The species and quantity of offset trees have been determined in consultation with the City of Edmonton, adjacent residents and the community Task Force. The goal is to achieve a safe and compliant right-of-way, while preserving the local landscape. Existing mature trees that are currently on the right-of-way, but outside the 3 meters of the pipeline centerline, will be preserved.

Offset plants have been procured through a reputable nursery approved by the City of Edmonton, 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. Offset trees that do not survive during the first year, will be replaced.

PROPOSED TREE SPECIES FOR OFFSET PLANTING



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

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