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From: Terry Loat
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To: Walter Trocenko
Cc: Bryan Anderson; Mike Nickel; Debbie Reschny; Walter Trocenko; Brant Mohr
Subject: RE: FTTHBP
Hello Debbie,

My name is Terry Loat, Manager of the Housing Branch in the City of Edmonton. I am responding to your e-mail to Councillors Anderson and Nickel (also copied to Walter Trocenko) in my capacity as the Chair of the First Time Home Buyers Steering Committee. The Steering Committee is comprised of various departmental branch managers as well as Mayor Mandel.

I can advise that the First Time Home Buyers Program is indeed progressing as planned. City Council approved the market-value sale of the two parcels last month. The Steering Committee approved the selection of builders for each of the two pilot sites (Greenview and Canon Ridge) earlier this month. Upon acceptance and signing of the City/Builder sales agreement, I fully expect the initiation of the design consultations with these respective communities and the homebuilders this Fall with servicing and construction starting as soon as practical in 2008.

In a previous e-mail to Walter (Sept 14), you received a memo from Brant Mohr confirming that a technical review of the remaining 18 surplus school sites will be undertaken and shared with the communities. And once all aspects of the two pilot sites are reviewed and best practices finalized, it is the City's intention to commence with the sale of the remaining 18 sites to selected builders. While the timeline to do so has not been specifically determined as of this date, it is not unreasonable to contemplate proceeding with the builder selection and sale of the remaining sites next year as well. Once an implementation timeline has been established for the remaining 18 sites, it will be communicated to the various community leagues.

I trust this answers the questions posed to your two ward councillors and gets to you in time for your meeting tonight.

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