MINUTES: HSCA – EPARC - Infrastructure Group Tuesday January 24, 2017 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM in the Slate Room at HSCA.

Attendees: John M, Pat J, Reg J, Peggi M, Charlie L, Richard B. **Guests:** Gregory Kozhushner, Vania Chivers (both of Water Resources Infrastructure Delivery)

- (1) Welcome & Introductions Charlie Lund (5 min)
- (2) Progress Summary for the Sanitary Lift Station, Pump Station #2 and Pump Station #1 projects
 Gregory Kozhushner and Vania Chivers of Water Resources Infrastructure Delivery provided an update on these three projects, all of which are under way.

 Sanitary Lift Station
 - Construction to begin January 30 with commissioning scheduled for Feb, 2018.
 - Project Engineer is Zulfiqar Khowaja, contractor is Associated Engineering
 - Gregory will check to be sure that the existing odour issue has been addressed with the new station.

Pump Station #1

- Design has only just begun and a project schedule has not be established but a guess is that this station will be commissioned in May, 2019.
- Project Engineer is Lourdes Luge. Contractor is to be determined.
- Provincial and Federal money has been announced but not yet received.

Pump Station #2

- Force Main (phase 1) to be complete by end of May 2017 (expect to see work commencing by mid-April)
- Phase #2 to be commissioned in 2019. This is later than was communicated previously (May 2018) and Gregory will see if the timing can be advanced.
- Project Engineer Vania Chivers (replacing Karen Matharu who is on maternity leave), contractor is Associated Engineering
- (3) Discussion of the importance of a geologic study to determine how often floods have occurred in the Bow River valley This item was deferred to a future meeting
- (4) Feedback, discussion and follow-up re. the Jan 16 meeting with Charlie L, Tony W, Pat J, Tim K and Frank Frigo, Carolyn Bowen, Justin Lo (all three with Water Resources), Devery Corbin and two others from Intergovernmental and Corporate Strategy, Councillor Farrell and Carol Armes of Ward 7 and Katelynn Turner of the Mayor's office.
 - Meeting Agenda:
 - (A) Sequencing of Berms and Dams seek the advice of Druh Farrell on two questions:
 - (i) Should berms go forward now while money and momentum is available, or wait until a dam is approved so as not to reduce the impetus to build a dam?
 - (ii) How can berms be built for Sunnyside (and others) when there is no feasible berm solution for Bowness?
 - (B) Intergovernmental approach Discuss with Devery Corbin:
 - (i) How and when can Hillhurst-Sunnyside projects be funded and what can our committee do to help?
 - Pleasantly surprised by the City position that "(...) local investments cannot wait", in other words barriers should be improved ASAP. This answered agenda item A. See (...)\Dropbox\HSCA Flood Task Force\-- Infrastructure Technical\2017-01-16 MitigationApproach.pdf
 - Less satisfaction with agenda item B. Devery Corbin is focused on obtaining money for projects that that have been prioritized and requested by others in the City. The province does not have a program other than ACRP under which the Upper Plateau Separation Project could fit.
 - Devery Corbin suggested that our group continue advocacy for the Upper Plateau Separation project with a focus on the Province (Infrastructure and Finance). For some of the more costly projects like the Upper Plateau Separation it is important to have funding from the Province in order to access the Federal Funds (typically funding for projects requires investment by all levels of government at 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 split; or for some programs, the Feds have stipulated 50/40/10).
 - The group was supportive of writing (a) letter(s) to the province to continue our advocacy. One angle is to point out that flooding has been exacerbated by climate change and so it would be appropriate to direct some of the money raised by the new carbon tax to mitigating floods.
 - Pressure must be kept on the City to find a way to formally apply for funding for the Upper Plateau Separation Project.

- The City will be bringing forward a report to the UCS SPC on March 22 to continue to work on both local and upstream flood mitigation/drainage issues. This is an important meeting and as many group members as possible should try to attend and speak at that meeting.
- We anticipate knowing what will be in the recommendations to UCS SPC on about March 10 so we should plan on meeting on March 13 or 14 to plan our meeting strategy. We will get an early indication of what will probably be in the recommendations on February 15 so we might also meet shortly after that.
- With barriers soon to be identified as projects requiring funding (good news) they will now be competing with Upper Plateau Separation for flood mitigation money (not good news).
- (5) Status of other items no discussion
- (6) Date for next meeting: Monday, February 13, 2017 (5 min)
- (7) Adjourn