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City of Airdrie Summer 2012 Construction Projects

A busy summer working to improve roadways and parks for citizens

AIRDRIE, ALBERTA – A number of road and parks construction projects in the City of Airdrie are slated for this summer and into the fall. These projects are part of the City's capital budget. Some of the construction will interrupt traffic flow and residents are reminded to drive slowly and safely through all construction areas and obey all posted signs.

In addition to the 24th Street project previously announced, road construction includes:

New Potable Water Line

The City of Airdrie is going to be installing a new 600mm water line between Calgary and Airdrie. Scheduled to start construction in early July, the line will increase the City's ability to provide reliable water service to our current residents and will help support future population growth. This project is scheduled to wrap up by the end of 2012.

Range Road 292

The City of Airdrie will be working with Rocky View County to rebuild and pave Range Road 292, from Yankee Valley Boulevard south for one mile. Scheduled to start construction in late July/early August, the new paved surface will increase regional connectivity to and from the City of Airdrie.

8th Street – Bayside Drive to Railway Avenue

The final phase of construction is underway on 8th street from Bayside Drive to Railway Avenue. Sections of 8th street will be closed for paving and street light installation beginning in early July.

Once paving is complete, landscaping will begin. Eighth Street will remain open during construction with intermittent lane closures.

East Lake Road – East Lake Blvd to East Lake Circle

Approximately 400 meters of East Lake Road will be replaced over the next two years. Approximately 200 meters of roadway will be replaced this year, with work scheduled to begin in early July. The remaining 200 meters is scheduled for next year, subject to 2013 budget approval. Staging the work is intended to minimize traffic disruption to this area.

The road will remain open, with signage and barricades being installed to maintain traffic flow. Parking is NOT permitted within the work zone.

Parks and Pathways Construction:

New Pathways for Willamstown & Silvercreek

Pathway connections and three crosswalks will be constructed along 8th street between the Willamstown and Silvercreek subdivisions, connecting the east and west side. Construction is tentatively scheduled for early July to the end of August.

The work will include pedestrian crossing signs and street lights on temporary poles to enhance safety and improve visibility.

Jensen Park Redevelopment

The park is currently undergoing pruning of trees and shrubs. Once complete, City crews will remove the old splash park and prepare the area for construction of the new Jensen Park. The existing trees will be protected and safety measures will be implemented before construction begins. Watch for signs going up around the park.

Chinook Winds Regional Park – Toboggan Hill

The spray park is finished but trucks will periodically be onsite bringing loads of fill from other City construction projects to create a tobogganing hill. Using fill from other projects is a cost-effective way to complete this project.

Additional Dog Parks

Three additional dog parks have been added to the city, located at East Lake Ave & East Lake Line – (for small dogs only), King's Heights (Sharp Hill Way SE), and at Nose Creek Park (parking lot near the rail tracks). Watch for fencing to be installed along with garbage cans at each location.

East Lake Park Planting Project

In the next two weeks, City crews will be installing what are called dirt bags around the perimeter of East Lake. Crews will first drop the water level of the lake before installing 5000 sandbag-size bags of seeds, and bring the water level up again to cover the bags in an effort to establish aquatic plant life. Crews are planning on installing the bags in one day at 100 bags an hour.

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