

Shawnee Park

DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Living in the Park

PROJECT UPDATE - April, 2011

REZONING APPLICATION PROGRESS

Following the City of Calgary rezoning application protocol, Geo-Energy Enterprises Ltd. (Geo-Energy) has almost completed its response to the list of comments provided within the City of Calgary Planning Department DTR (Detailed Team Review). Geo-Energy will be submitting updated materials to the City in the coming weeks.

With the Master Plan finalized, submitted, reviewed and now the subject of the detailed team review comment resolution, the recent and ongoing public communications are being undertaken to ensure that the community remains aware of the application's progress.

The initial public input period, lasted approximately a year, during the development of the Shawnee Park Master Plan for the Outline Plan and Rezoning Application. The development of the plan concluded when Geo-Energy submitted its Land Use Rezoning and Outline Plan Application to the City on October 13, 2009.

Geo-Energy is pleased with mounting evidence of public support and the widening group of people who have expressed their support for the project, as Geo-Energy wants to ensure that the community continues to be apprised of the Application progress.

The following timeline details the community approaches and events to date.

July, 2008: Geo-Energy acquires Shawnee Slopes Golf Course property.

September 25, 2008: Geo-Energy requests a meeting with the Shawnee Evergreen Community Association (SECA) in order to invite their participation on behalf of the Community prior to commencement of any planning of the property. SECA agrees to meet Geo-Energy on October 15, 2008.

October 15, 2008: Geo-Energy and the SECA land use committee meet for the first time at the Tri Services Building in Midnapore. During the meeting, the SECA Land Use Committee indicated an unwillingness to discuss any planning aspects of the project with Geo-Energy and subsequently state that they "*oppose any development of the land that does not support its use as a golf course.*"

October 30, 2008: Geo-Energy requests meeting with Ald. Diane Colley-Urquhart to “commit to share the planning process with the community and herself.”

November 13, 2008: Geo-Energy invites the SECA board to a working session on November 26, 2008 to discuss initial planning concepts. SECA declines the invitation to meet.

December 5, 2008: Geo-Energy meets with Ald. Diane Colley-Urquhart and SECA (Gloria Dingwall and Peter Snell) to present initial conceptual ideas to be considered in the formulation of a preliminary concept plan. No comments were provided to the initial conceptual ideas on behalf of SECA, thus Geo-Energy offered to meet the group again but there was no SECA contact or reply to Geo-Energy thereafter.

December 18, 2008: With no direct response from the Community Association, Geo-Energy consults with the community at-large via a newsletter. The newsletter invites the community to participate in development discussions.

January 8, 2009: Geo-Energy contacts Ald. Diane Colley-Urquhart regarding the ongoing communication process around the project inviting her to the proposed upcoming Open House.

January 22, 2009: Geo-Energy hosts an Open House at the Delta Hotel South Calgary where over 300 people attended to discuss the initial concept plan.

February, 2009: To further ensure that the community has a source of information and a connection to the project, Geo-Energy launches a Shawnee Park Development website that acts as a hub of information on the project concept, plan and timeline.

February 2009 to May 2009: Despite SECA's refusal to engage in the planning process, the concept plan continues to advance and is finalised.

May 2009: Engineering studies and analysis of the final concept, as required for the City application, are commenced and completed during the summer months.

October 13, 2009: Geo-Energy submits the Rezoning and Outline Plan Application to the City.

April 6, 2010: Geo-Energy delivers 508 copies of the application to the City incorporating initial revisions required by the Planning Department, and the application enters full circulation.

April, 2010: To further apprise the community of the circulated application, details and process, Geo-Energy hosts 3 full day Open Houses at the Shawnee Slopes Golf Course Club House. The extensive displays show the application and other supportive materials and illustrations.

June 14, 2010: Area Structure Plan (ASP) Open House is held by the City Planning Department as required for the ASP amendment.

September 15, 2010: SECA and Ald. Diane Colley-Urquhart host a community Town Hall meeting. Geo-Energy is not invited to attend.

October 1, 2010: Geo-Energy launches an updated Shawnee Park Development website to further inform the community. Simultaneously, Geo-Energy mails a second newsletter to the community at-large referencing development progress and updates.

November 5, 2010: Geo-Energy hosts a meeting with David Jacobs of SECA Land Use Committee and LUMAC to better understand community concerns.

November 8, 2010: Geo-Energy hosts a meeting with Ald. Diane Colley-Urquhart, Gloria Dingwall, David Jacobs and two Ward 13 Assistants to provide an update on the development plans.