



RIV ON BRICKYARD ROLLER COASTER

Interim talks report by Riverdale Planning Committee current to time of writing, January 26th.

Riverdale was well represented in council chambers on January 11 when the City held a public hearing into the Brickyard development issue. Over 200 concerned citizens packed the gallery at any given time during the six hours of sittings. Fourteen Riverdale planning committee members presented a well-orchestrated brief, in 5-minute sections.

MLA Brian Mason showed up to lend Riverdale support and to counsel his former colleagues to respect the wishes of residents affected.

While we had thoughtful questions from our two ward councillors, Michael Phair and Jim Taylor, and several others, it didn't much matter what any petitioner said in favour of dear old Riv, certain councillors were mainly interested in one thing and one thing only: Is Riverdale flexible? Councillor Robert Noce was studious in asking each presenter this same question.

To a person, the Riverdale message was that we've always been flexible.

Since the clock ran out on the hearings late into the evening, council decided to continue the process on February 8. But before anyone left, they were quite clear that the ball was now in the developer's court. This was heartening, as he had left the negotiating table on October 2, perhaps confident of having the votes on council.

Brickyard Meeting

Thurs. Feb. 8 8:30 am

Council Chambers

City Hall

What is at stake? Brickyard developer United Inc. has proposed an amendment asking council to rewrite a significant section of the 1994 Riverdale ARP. The effect would be to change major features of the ARP—especially in relation to traffic flow, distribution of housing, and who will be responsible for enforcement and interpretation of development controls on the old J.B. Little brickyard.

Since then, the developer has contacted the RPC, and two meetings having taken place—on the 18th and the 23rd. "Since we're meeting behind closed doors," said negotiating chief Allan Shute, "we can't give details, but we are reasonably optimistic we can hammer out our differences before council resumes on the 8th."

The RPC met on the 21st to vote on whether or not to instruct the developer to continue an avenue of exploration represented by a concept drawing presented on the 18th. It contained several components requested by the Riverdale team. The RPC gave a resounding show of support to the negotiating team, and the results were communicated to the developer the next day, allowing talks to resume.

A note of caution should be attached to any concept drawing that is part of any negotiations. As talks are generally held "without prejudice" neither side is bound by anything until a formal agreement is made. If that doesn't happen, both sides would then approach council with differences in hand.

Whatever happens on the 8th, the public hearing should make for good drama. Since the advertising date for a substantially different plan has passed, a flurry of hip-pocket amendments might dominate council's attention. The devil will be in the details, so soap opera fans are again urged to bear witness.

— Allan Shute, RPC

SOLVE THE SUMMIT TRAFFIC MESS

No doubt you've enjoyed buckets of quality time with yourself waiting to get in or out of Riverdale at the top of the hill during rush hour. The Summit condos further complicate an already confusing intersection. Despite the addition of a Do-Not-Block-Intersection sign, motorists still pack it full—including large trucks—while waiting for the light at Rowland to change.

Meanwhile Riverdalian and Summiteers alike wait. Since the City's traffic department has shown no interest in solving our problem prior to the Brickyard project becoming a reality, we invite you to play traffic engineer.

We are interested in your innovative solution. Please write a brief note to The Riverdalian outlining how you would solve this traffic problem. The winning entry will be published in the next newsletter, the writer winning a virtual tour of Los Angeles via the Internet or cash-in-lieu equivalent.

— Allan Shute

Riverdale Community League **MEETING**

Hear details of possible
Riverdale deal with
developer

Cast your vote for Feb. 8th
message to Council

Request to City for solutions
to rush-hour problems
at two intersections: At the
Summit and at 89th &
Rowland Road

8 PM

Monday, February 5
at the Hall

LEAGUE NEWS

Strategic Planning Session

Sunday, February 25, 1:30-4:00 p.m. at the Hall. Open to all community members interested in undertaking community-wide initiatives.

Riverdalians.Net

Yes, it really has happened. Riverdale community has its own little space on the Net—to be precise at <http://www.riverdalians.net>. Here you will find some stunning photos, past issues of the Riverdalian and lots of spaces for your discussions. The site also has links to sites, businesses and details of interest to Edmonton's finest community.

A big THANKS to **Doug Elves** and League President **Rocky Feroe** for spearheading Riverdale's push into Cyberspace. It isn't too late for you to add your own ideas and input. Web Weaver Doug is MOST interested in feedback, suggestions and of course volunteers to help create and maintain content or at least join the online discussions. Doug can be reached at elv@telusplanet.net

These Floors are Made for Dancin' ??

The asbestos floor tiles in the Hall are showing their age after 25 years of foot-pounding service. The League has solicited bids for a new floor. The latest contractor has suggested that the cracking of the tiles in the main auditorium is a result of the plywood floor that was installed on the cement pad to give the floor some 'bounce' for dancers. The bathrooms and small room, which have tile laid directly on the cement slab, are in much better shape than those in the auditorium. He also suggests that even with the addition of a new sub floor, the problem will reoccur. Thus, he suggests removing the floor and laying new tiles on the slab.

How important is the dancing bounce? Please share your opinion with one of the executive or attend Monday's League meeting.

— Terry Anderson

EFCL Workshops

The Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues is currently receiving registrations for a series of workshops including:

Roles and Responsibilities of Board Members, Tuesday February 20, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Fundraising for your Community League, Tuesday February 27, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Workshops are inexpensive and practical. Contact Curtis today at 437-2913, curtisv@telusplanet.net for more information.

RIVERDALE SPELL-A-THON

Through February and March, Riverdale students will be using their spelling skills to raise money to support the school ski and swim programs this year. Students will be looking for sponsors throughout the community after February 13th. We appreciate and thank you in advance for any help you are able to provide us in this project.

Coal Mining in Edmonton

Between 1880 and 1970, when the last mine in Edmonton closed, Edmonton boasted a total of 153 mines and prospects. The Provincial Museum of Alberta (PMA) is aware that this part of the city's history will be lost unless an attempt is made to collect information, stories, photographs and perhaps artifacts about Edmonton's coal mines.

Although the industry was once an important economic influence on the city's life very little is known about the miners—who they were, where they came from—their work, and their daily life in mining communities. The official records from the Bureau of Mines only tell one side of the coal mining story.

The PMA is anxious to learn more about the social life of the miners and their families, mining accidents, the structure of mine management, and the equipment that was used and how it changed over time.

The museum hopes to share what it learns through a small publication, a web site and possibly a small exhibit. So, whether it is an old picture, an interesting story or even some artifact from the time, you could make an important contribution by filling in some of these unknown pieces of information in Edmonton's history.

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Artist in Residence Program

In January, Riverdale School was very fortunate in experiencing an Artist in Residence

program with St. Albert mime artist, Maureen Rooney. All classes worked throughout the week on three mime techniques; tableaux, graphics and black box. This was an excellent opportunity for students to stretch their creativity and experience a different form of learning than the normal routines of the classroom. All involved felt it was a truly wonderful experience. Students were able to 'showcase' their work to parents and guests on the Friday afternoon with performances and a short reception in the school. Thank you to all who attended. Your continued support of the school is much appreciated.

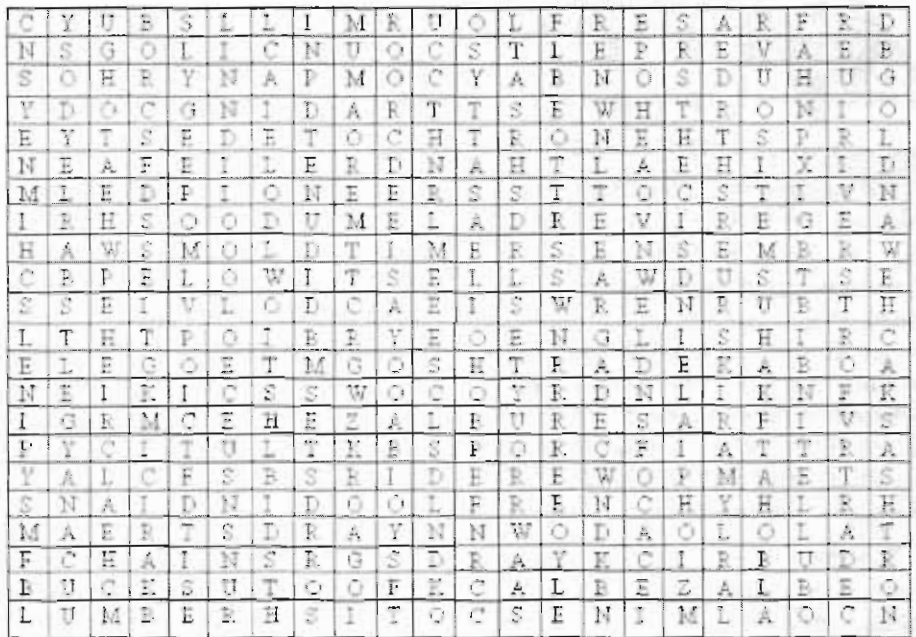
Family Night: Valentine's Dance

We look forward to a night of family fun and celebration on Thursday, February 8th, 2001 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Our annual Valentine's Dance is one of the best attended events of the school year. Mikey's Music Machine (Diane Tolley and family) will be providing the music. Many door prizes will be presented and we would be grateful for any donations. For information, or to make a donation, please contact Ms Schaaf at the school (425-7600).

Kindergarten Registrations

Although only a month into the new year, we are already looking ahead to 2001-2002. Inquiries are coming in regarding registrations and we will be holding an Open House in the early spring. We will start booking in March but arrangements may be made for children to experience kindergarten with a classroom visit. Please call either our school secretary, Ms Schaaf, or the Kindergarten teacher, Colleen Moore-Kilgannon, if you have any questions or to arrange a visit and tour. A child is eligible for the 2001-2002 term if he/she was born on or before March 1, 1997.

- Susan Laudenklos, Principal



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SOCIAL NOTES

Congratulations to **Dylan North** and his North Seera Midget team for grabbing the gold in Minor Hockey week.

Riverdale's own Playgroup meets at the hall on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30. Come on out and visit while your children play!

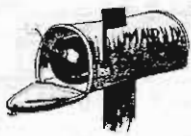
An exciting moment on 88 St. last week when a coyote found his way into the yard of **Riley, Ron and Karen Samsom**. He appeared injured as he had difficulty escaping over the retaining wall which he jumped down. Alas, he did make it on his merry way.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I've always felt fortunate to live in Riverdale, among wonderful neighbours, but never more so than on Jan. 11 when we gathered together at City Hall to defend our community's future. On behalf of my family, I'd like to thank the Riverdale Planning Committee for an excellent presentation to City Council. Each speaker was articulate, reasonable and well-prepared for the councillors' difficult questions.

Together the speakers delivered a single, clear message: Riverdadians welcome new development—in a flexible way—as long as it honours our neighbourhood's character and strengths.

Whatever happens with the Brickyard development, I hope Riverdale Planning Committee members know they have the admiration and gratitude of this community.

Thank you for your determination and hard work. We'll remember it.

— Linda Goyette, 89th Street

As an ex-Riverdalian, more than two years gone, I heard the news of the latest Riverdale Development drama with real dismay. I also heard descriptions of a community united, impassioned, and ready to speak loudly for what is really important. That's the community I still miss every day; you are a gem on this planet.

I wish you all the best in your campaign for quality of life, and thank you again for the quality that you brought to my life, and the life of my family.

— David Pare, Ottawa

As former Riverdadians, now living in Nova Scotia, we were dismayed to hear that city council seems poised to significantly amend the ARP. This is quite simply a crying shame, and we hope it's still possible that council will see the light instead of the greenbacks.

We lived in Riverdale from 1990-97, and it was simply the best place we've ever lived—a community in the truest sense of the word. That's a rare thing, and we feel privileged to have been a part of it—and we take a part of it with us since circumstances have taken us elsewhere.

We hope there's still time for council to realize that ruining a community is too high a price to pay for a bigger tax base and more profit for the developer.

Greetings from lovely Wolfville to all our Riverdale friends. Don't give up the fight!

— Herb Wylie and Andrea Schwenke Wylie,
Wolfville, Nova Scotia

CLASSIFIEDS

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Riverdale Hall

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New this year! Smaller teams for the Under 6's with all games being held in Riverdale. Emphasis is on a positive community experience with friends.

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— Jakalin MacGregor

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TO TELL COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 8!**

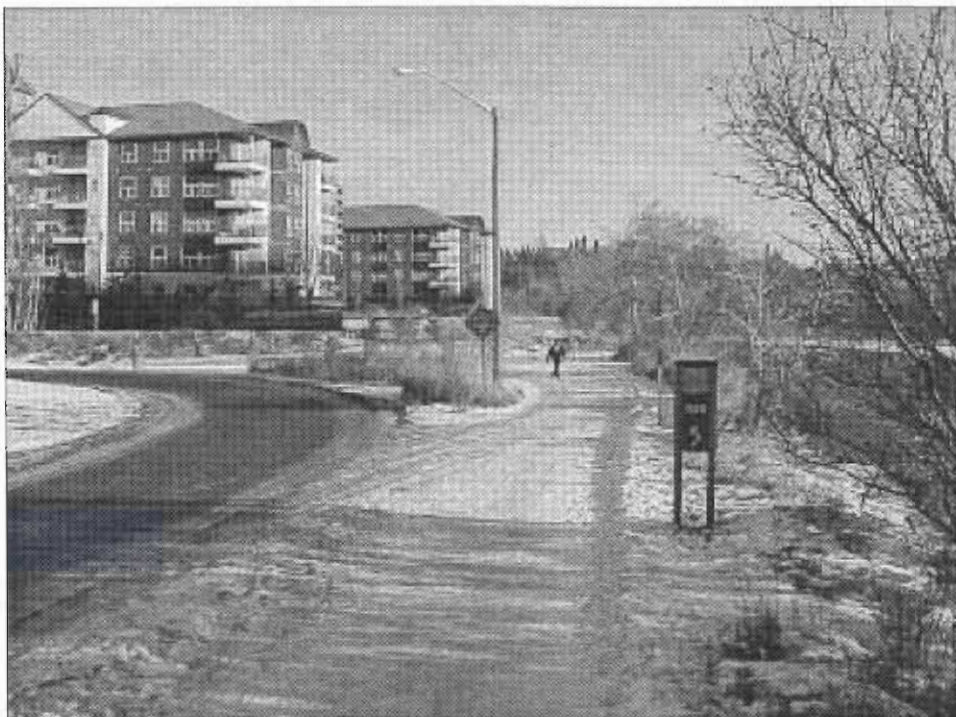
AS THIS SPECIAL PLANNING INSERT to *The Riverdalian* was finalized the first day of February, we do not know at press time if Riverdale will have a tentative deal with the developer or not. We humbly apologize for its breathless tone and oft-conflicting messages, as this is being written as phone calls and emails fly. A final meeting with United Inc. and the City's senior planner was scheduled for Groundhog's Day, February 2. Will we be heading hand in hand to City Council with the developer or will we be going separately with major decisions expected of that body?

You can find out by attending a special public meeting at the Hall scheduled in the Riverdale Community League's regular time slot of **7:30 pm, Monday, February 5**. You will also be able to view the latest drawings from the developer (Hall open at 7 pm for this purpose) and to ask questions of members of the Negotiating Team and of Peter Ohm, the City's senior planner on the project. Negotiating members of this latest round of talks have been Larrie Taylor, Jon Faulds, Terry Anderson, and Allan Shute.

Most importantly, you will be asked to indicate your yea or nay on any such deal, and your vote will help determine what goes forward to City Council on Thursday, February 8. Because this is shaping up to be the most important League meeting of the year, you are urged to attend and to bring a neighbour and a friend.

Please examine the revised concept map on the following page, reproduced with the permission of United Inc. There will be larger maps posted in the Tree Frog window this weekend if you want to see better detail.

THE RIVERDALIAN



COURTESY THE TRUSTY DIGITAL CAMERA

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE APARTMENTS THIS CLOSE TO THE RIVER VALLEY?

Not many people would. Those who beheld this artist's conception of the current plan hovering over Council Chambers on January 11 were horrified to learn that this is what Capital City Recreation Park users could look forward to. This picture is a simulation done to scale using the developer's own specifications. Fortunately, the developer has put forth a new concept drawing (*Please see next page*) which will push the apartments north by the width of a Top-of-the-Bank road.

What's this new concept map?

The most glaring difference in the latest plan is that the total number of units has increased from the allowed 300 to 320. This request came from United's Mr. David McDougall who, having crunched the numbers associated with a partial Top-of-the-Bank road (TOB road), determined that its inclusion could not be done without an increase in units. He's asking that Site F receive 10 more, as would the apartments, to bring the grand total 20 units over the ARP.

The TOB road first appeared in an earlier concept map which was shown to the Riverdale Planning Committee on January 21. Its members were asked if the developer should continue to explore this line of thinking. The RPC agreed and the developer went on to create the concept map printed in this special *Riverdalian* insert.

The TOB road is what the community wanted very much and is being

offered in the new plan. Another advantage is that the yard of the Little Brick House is increased from 6,000 sq. ft. to 11,000 by being included in the block with the apartments. With the granting of this 40% partial TOB road, the community recognizes the developer's need for the 14 units of high-end single family housing in Site G to face onto the new bike trail. On the new east-west connection between 87th Street and Cameron Avenue via the partial TOB road, there will be double front-drive garages facing north.

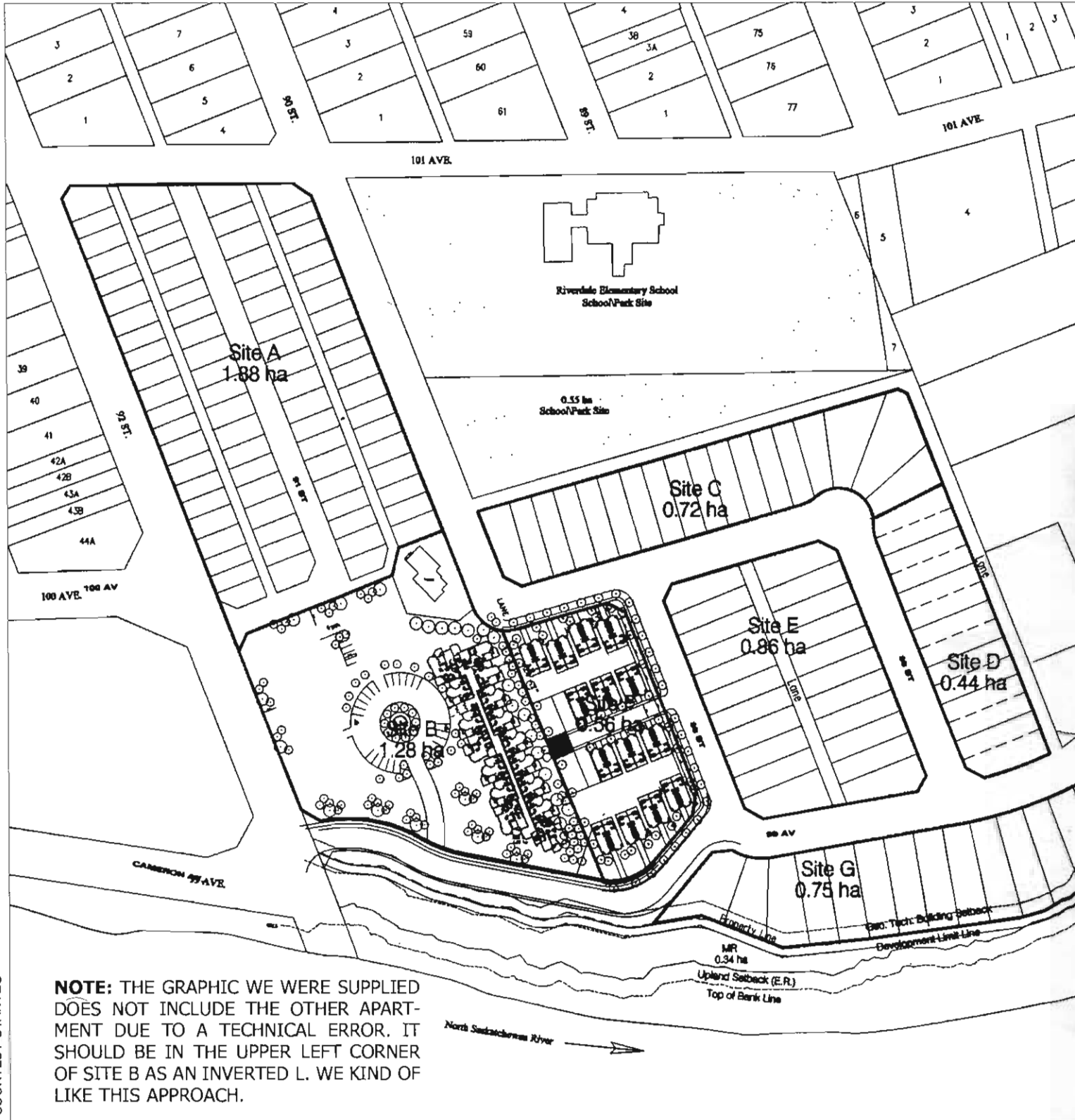
Apartments move north

With the addition of the TOB road, the apartments have moved farther from the river. This in turn has reduced the size of Site A, so that there are fewer row houses there. To make up this loss of units, the single-family housing in Site F, immediately east of the apartments, has been changed to something

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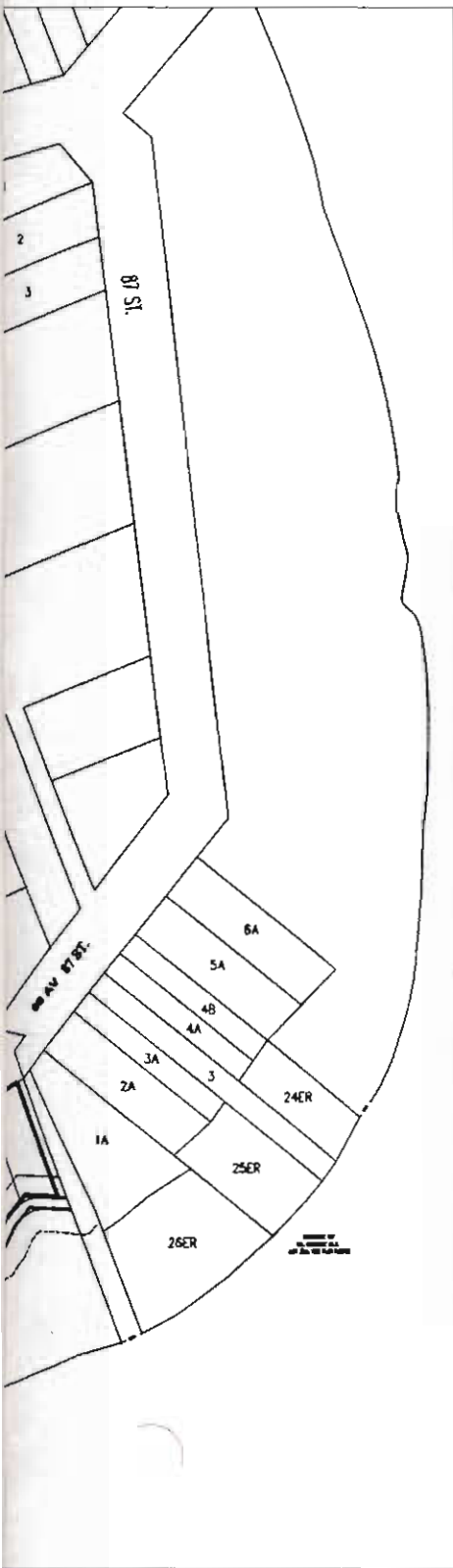
Is the developer's latest plan a good deal for R



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Site A	Row housing	1.88 ha	79 units	Site E	Single Family	0.86 ha	22 units	Total Number
Site B	Apartments	1.28 ha	130 units	Site F	Triplex Stacked	0.56 ha	42 units	
Site C	Single Family	0.72 ha	18 units	Site G	Single Family View	0.75 ha	14 units	
Site D	Semi-detached	0.44 ha	14 units	Site H	Little Brick House	11,000 sq.ft	1 unit	

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of higher density. Several options were detailed, all with underground parking and the maximum density of 42 units and height of 2 1/2 storeys. Proposed for this site were either stacked row housing; similar row housing to that of Site A; or semi-detached (duplex) housing. At the last moment, a fourth option—shown here—emerged with 42 units of three-storey triplex housing, each level containing a separate unit. The final version for this site is hopefully not fixed. Whatever it becomes will determine the success or failure of the whole plan.

Less congestion at 100 Avenue

Another change is that the east-west road originally destined to spill onto 92nd across from the rink no longer does so. It is pushed northward to the 100th Avenue intersection, but it does not go through to 90th. It leads to a new 91st Street and the 2 lanes of Site A. This is a reduction of the complete grid system, but it does make for a less congested 100th Avenue intersection. There will be a walkway by the Little Brick House keeping alive the pedestrian connection between the School and the League grounds and between the Sundance/Dutch area and the bus terminus at 92nd Street.

Visitor parking problem

A problem remains with the Site A row housing. By the developer requesting that the site be subdivided instead of treated as multi-family housing which it is, the requirement for the 1-in-7 visitor parking provision is bypassed. Where are all the visitors going to park? Not much room on 92 Street, which the bus route makes one-sided only. The apartments are not going to welcome them with open arms. Most likely the visitors will have to park up on 90th Street or 100 Avenue or by the rink and walk in. The lack of pedestrian penetration points in the row-housing requires these visitors to round either end of the block and back track in. Surely this is a marketing consideration and the lack of parking is merely an oversight.

Will there be bus service?

As the roadways of the project will be capable of supporting a minibus, there is a chance of bus service being introduced to southeast Riverdale, but this is not part of the plan in any way and would be a separate issue with the City and Edmonton Transit. There has been no study of design requirements that might need to be built into the plan to accommodate such a service, parking one side on affected roadways, for example.

Is Riverdale flexible?

As we have known all along, even at 300 units, most of the design guidelines in DC1 regulations of the ARP have to be conceded: things like location of apartments now being all in one spot and along the same block face; setbacks being reduced from 4.5 metres to 3 metres; site coverage in Site A being allowed at 70 percent; and a myriad of detail. The survey we conducted on concessions indicated that these guidelines could be bent, so we bent them. It's up to the developer to market these units, so there's a self-regulating mechanism of what they'll look like

As for our concessions, there are well over 95 of them in DC1 item alone, going on to 13 pages that we recently compiled. Compared to the dozen or so concessions the developer has made since November 1999, our list sufficiently answers those councillors who ask is Riverdale flexible. Sure we got the partial TOB road, but it's balanced by them getting 60% of no TOB road for their block of upscale single-family units. If everything is kept in the DC1, then these concessions shouldn't set any precedents for the rest of RF2 Riverdale.

Just say no to restrictive covenants

The big issue is whether or not to allow the developer to place the architectural and design guidelines under a Restrictive Covenant (RC) instead of being under the eagle eye of the City's development officer. This would be fine for a condo association to determine its own fate, but an RC sure makes it hard for Riverdalians to launch an appeal. Wouldn't it be nice to place the guidelines under citywide regulations that have regular avenues of appeal like the rest of Riverdale?

Deal-breakers

At press time, the RPC negotiation group is thinking they are very close to a deal. But we don't think much of five things, and we'll be saying so on Groundhog Day. Let's call them deal-breakers:

- 300 units absolute maximum
- Site A row-housing visitor parking plan needed
- Site F certainty is mandatory
- DC1 placement of guidelines
- City commitment to traffic solutions

When you vote

On Monday night, when you drop by the hall to view the new maps and voice your concerns, you will want to keep a few things

number of units in new plan 320
number of units too many 20

When you vote

On Monday night, when you drop by the hall to view the new maps and voice your concerns, you will want to keep a few things in mind. City Council wants to see some kind of a resolution to the Brickyard problem, which has been dragging on for more than 10 years. We imagine the Little family does too. We know for a fact that Riverdale wants something definite as well. If nothing is decided, then we are guaranteed that some hotshot developer is going to take another run at in the next two to five years, and who knows what their site plan will look like. The whole situation is a lot like herpes.

Is it a good deal?

If there is a deal, we know it won't be perfect. The poor old ARP is definitely bent out of shape, but we have managed to hang on to a few big-ticket items: the partial TOB road; a workably complete grid system, a walkway twixt school and rink; a reasonable yard for the Little Brick House; minimized congestion at 100 Avenue & 92nd Street; apartment traffic using the TOB road; a minimum of front-drive garages; 3-metre reduced front setbacks which only allow verandas to intrude into it, but not the main building; laneways to allow rear garages for the majority of the project; public roadways large enough for a minibus; a grading plan that minimizes the towering effect and drainage problems; a nice bike path; and the road south of the League grounds paved.

Traffic solution a Riv priority

On the other hand, we're getting very little comfort on traffic. The City doesn't acknowledge there is a problem, but we all know there is one. We also know that their uniform standards mean that we'll be dragged kicking and screaming down to accepted levels of congestion, hazards and hassles we encounter when we stray into the rest of Edmonton.

No traffic impact assessment can measure our loss of our quiet little roads and alleys. Right now we can stroll down the middle of any given street or avenue with only having to step aside once or twice for a motorist in the course of our walk. This is a loss and what are we getting as compensation? Riverdale's negotiating policy has always been one of

viewing the best possible plan as our goal and our reward.

But are we getting the best possible plan? Politically, yes. In reality, no.

There needs to be some form of redress. What Riverdale will politely request of Council is that they award us all the deal-breakers.

The case for voting no

Maybe after you view the maps and hear the deal, you will be tempted to vote no. That is your prerogative. Be aware there are implications. If the agreement with the developer does not go forward, then our message to council is that we aren't flexible after all. Do those of you who attended January 11 believe this would be met with sympathy from a majority of councillors? Our aldermanic nose count puts the vote at least 7-5 against us. We may even lose some of our present supporters who were assured we were working on a solution.

One thing we believe Council will not entertain is a last-minute plea to have the land go to parkland, as a few souls in Riverdale are now suggesting. The problem is that Policy 3.2.2 of the ARP states that the south section in question will be taken out of the North Saskatchewan River Valley bylaw, and we would be in the uncomfortable position of going against the ARP we've been defending for the last 15 months. Our credibility with Council would be zilih.

Should, by some turn of events, the amendment fails at Council or the developer walks away, there would be occasion to reopen the ARP and push for parkland. It would require finding money to pay for the land as well as fighting off high-rise and high-density developers who might view the time to be ripe for exploiting the valley communities.

What's our best option?

We can deal from a position of strength if we approach Council showing the massive list of concessions we put on the table. If we go hand in hand with the developer and have a short list of deal-breakers in our back pocket that we will ask Council to decide upon, we are confident that we have a better-than-average chance when the dice are rolled.

The developer would walk away from the table at his peril. Didn't

Council give pointed instructions to work it out with Riverdale?

Crystal ball is foggy

Who knows what the state of the deal will be on Monday. Please come by the Hall at 7 pm if you want to view the new site plan drawing and a grading plan for elevations. You'll certainly want to be there at 7:30 for any updates, discussion and The All-Important Vote.

This just in!

The day after the public hearing, Edmonton Mayor Bill Smith contacted Riv's negotiation team, offering a



Mayor Smith in Riverdale, Summer of 2000

January 31 meeting with him and the heads of City transportation and transportation planning. At that meeting we received heartening assurances that Riv's traffic woes were one of transportation's higher priorities, but were reminded that City action on traffic is always tempered by

a dependence on objective counts and uniform standards. At present, the transportation people don't feel we have a case for a real light at Rowland & 89th.

At the Summit intersection, the City will conduct a current traffic count, and then discuss some modifications. Indications are, however, that they will be relatively modest.

We left the meeting with the promise of a Friday morning letter of assurance to the community, outlining the steps that transportation would be taking to monitor the situation, and what process would be followed in assessing whether a light was required at 89th. The letter would also include information about designating construction routes and the name of a contact person at transportation who the community can call should problems arise.

Is this sufficient to drop our final deal-breaker? You will have to decide.

How to keep up to date

Stay tuned for last-minute RPC email broadcasts, campers! Those not on the list can check latest details at www.riverdalian.net