

Here for You

Public Information Session #40

April 19, 2017: 6 to 10:30 p.m.

Here for You: Waterways Slope Stability Report

Public Participation: 35 Residents

Internal Participation: Wood Buffalo Recovery Task Force, Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee

Partner Participation: Thurber Engineering Ltd., Insurance Bureau of Canada, Red Cross

Background:

- This Here for You session was held in response to the Waterways Slope Stability Report, which was made public on March 10, 2017 and was conducted by Thurber Engineering Ltd. Residents had been previously engaged about the findings on March 7, 2017, however this was the first opportunity to formally present the full findings of the report to the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee.
- That presentation, made by the Recovery Task Force and Thurber Engineering Ltd., included background on the report, methods of investigation, site descriptions and geotechnical evaluations. It also sought to publicly answer some of the questions already posed by residents.
- Following the presentation, residents had the opportunity to have their questions answered one-on-one by subject matter experts and provide feedback directly to those experts about the ongoing process.

Feedback:

- The main concern raised by residents was the timeline for an update on the next steps regarding their lots in Zone 3 and Zone 3A.
- Residents raised questions regarding the distinction and the interconnectivity between Zone 3 and Zone 3A, and about the overall safety of the area.
- The cost of insurance, should houses be rebuilt in the areas of concern, specifically Zones 3 and 3A, was presented by residents for consideration.
- Residents questioned whether the Thurber report, which was conducted in the winter, would have different results in the summer due to the changing temperatures and conditions of the slope.
- It was identified by residents that the lot-specific requirements of geotechnical reports and installing pile foundation walls, which could be a condition to rebuild in some areas, are expensive and take time, further impacting their timeline to rebuild.
- Residents asked questions about the appraisal process, and whether there would be a difference between the appraised vs. assessed values of their homes.

Next Sessions:

Here for You: McMurray Experience

Wednesday, April 26: 5-8 p.m.

Here for You: Spring Trade Show

Friday, April 28: 1 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, April 29: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, April 30: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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