



Councillor Reports Board and Committee Updates

Date: September 4, 2024

Council Member: Councillor Houston

**1. Meridian Housing Foundation
August 29, 2024**

Update

The Meridian Housing Foundation's Spruce Grove Lodge construction is well underway with our General Contractor Binder Construction.

Significant progress with all tree removals completed and major site excavation sees the project getting a good start with favourable weather conditions. The foundations permit was issued thus signaling the start of the project. Senior staff are working through the details of finalizing the building permit.

The construction tender was in line with Budget estimates and the conditional approvals by CMHC will see some further refinements on financials.

Special thanks to the City of Spruce Grove for your patience and guidance in assisting us on this project through informative consultations related to process requirements.

The Meridian Housing Foundation Executive Director along with Senior Staff are working with Colliers to look at a business case to consider a partnership for the development of a housing project within the City of Spruce Grove. The Board of Directors has authorized an expenditure of \$80,000 to complete the analysis. There will be further future dialogue and close consultations with the City of Spruce Grove to look at the options and opportunities.

The Meridian Housing Foundation is very appreciative of the watermain upgrades and storm water connections on Calahoo Road as well as the sanitary sewer and road upgrades to Mohr Avenue. All of these upgrades were critical for the development of the Spruce Grove Lodge.

Emerging Issues

None