

## Blatchford site clean-up under budget

The cost of environmental clean-up at the Blatchford site is far less than expected. The cost to remove the contaminated soil in the second phase of remediation was \$1.3 million, well under the \$2.5 million budgeted. To date, the City of Edmonton has spent less than half the allocated budget for environmental remediation work at the site.

Crews removed approximately 21,000 tonnes of soil from around five former buildings' sites during this phase of the clean-up.



Significant testing on the site shows that all locations with potential contamination are located on the site's perimeter and are related to historic building use. The soil removed contains petrochemical hydrocarbons (e.g. fuel, oil, grease, solvents), and is being transported to a facility certified to manage contaminants.

### Summary results for environmental remediation:

Phase	Number of former building sites	Tonnes of soil removed	Cost	Budget
Phase 1 (released May 2015)	3	3,253	\$292,738	\$1,000,000
Phase 2 (released December 2015)	5	21,095	\$1,328,985	\$2,500,000
Total	8 (Anticipated that 15 sites total will require remediation)	24,348	\$1,621,713	\$3,500,000

The City has contracted Golder Associates, a global company that has remediated thousands of sites around the world, to oversee the testing and remediation process. Any areas of contamination will be remediated to meet provincial environmental standards.

Significant site preparation has also taken place at the Blatchford site since the City of Edmonton officially started construction in August.

"In addition to the remediation work, the City has made significant progress in preparing the site for development," says Mark Hall, Executive Director, Blatchford Redevelopment. "In just over three months, 756,000 cubic metres of topsoil and clay have been moved at the site for grading work and the excavation of the first stormwater management lake."

"As part of our ongoing environmental commitment, the excavated soil is being reused in the development, with a significant amount of it used to build a large hill in the park," said Hall. "The next step in the process is the construction of utilities and roads as well as the builder selection process, which we expect will begin in 2016."

Blatchford will be home to up to 30,000 Edmontonians living, working and learning in a sustainable community that is carbon neutral, uses 100% renewable energy and empowers residents to pursue a range of sustainable lifestyle choices.

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