

You may recall that Graeme Dawes and I met with you and the Mayor, in January, to discuss the serious problems faced by the Edmonton rugby community because of the City policy regarding ARA Over-expenditures.

The Mayor kindly arranged for the Planning and Development Department to attempt to convince adjacent land owners to allow Ellerslie Rugby Park to be exempt from Over-expenditures so that a sale of part of the land could proceed to allow ERP to handle much needed repairs on the balance of its facilities. Unfortunately the other land owners were not prepared to help.

Since then the situation has worsened. The value of the land has fallen because of market conditions. The land has basically been sterilized by the City Over-expenditure policy. When we met in January the total ARA Over-expenditures were over \$2million and close to the then value of the land. Today I was given a ballpark estimate from Neal Upshall of Planning and Development that the Over-expenditures would be \$2,760,000. This is now significantly higher than the current value of the land. That is why I believe the City policy has sterilized our land. We do not believe that anyone will be prepared to buy the land AND pay \$2,760,000 with no guarantee that that money will be paid back in any reasonable time-frame.

In the meantime the need to repair and upgrade is even greater than it was.

I would appreciate it very much if you could discuss this with the Mayor, and advise if anything can be done to assist in this very difficult situation.

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