

UPDATE FOLLOWING THE SEPTEMBER 29 PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE REGARDING BARLOW TRAIL CLOSURE

The open house on Sept 29th was a tremendous success with over 200 in attendance. I asked everyone there to send a simple note/email, in their own words, to our elected officials indicating their concern. The response to my request so far has been terrific and I am confident that many will send messages of support. I also asked everyone to spread the word and ask their neighbors and friends to join our note/email campaign. Politicians do respond to public pressure and we need to make them aware of our concerns. (Click [here](#) for email and postal addresses.)

We have a very narrow window to get approval on the funding of the tunnel before the runway construction starts. There is already some general grading taking place but I understand that an environmental assessment must be completed before the Airport Authority starts design. You can see by the map, ([map](#)), the tunnel would run east/west under the north/south runway and under the taxiways. The runway bridge would be 180m and the two taxiway bridges would be 60m each. There would be room for 3 lanes of traffic each way plus room for a future LRT in both directions. We may start with only one or two lanes of traffic each way.

I am presenting a Notice of Motion to City Council on November 3rd asking for a commitment from the City to provide one third of the estimated \$150 million on the condition that the other two thirds is agreed to by the Provincial and Federal Governments. If approved at Council on November 3rd, I will go to the Province of Alberta and ask for their third on the condition that the Federal Government comes in with the final piece. If the Province agrees, I will then go to the Government of Canada for the final \$50 million.

I am asking for your help now – we don't have much time. Please take a moment to contact your elected representatives and voice your concerns.

Thanks to all for your continued support!

Jim