



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
ALBERTA

Marlin Schmidt, MLA
Edmonton-Gold Bar Constituency

August 30, 2019

Dear Mayor Iveson and City of Edmonton Councillors,

I write today to express my support of the work being done by the Save Gold Bar Park Alliance. I commend this group of citizens who are dedicating so much of their time and energy to fight back against EPCOR's plan to expand the volume of waste water that the Gold Bar water treatment plant can process. I agree with the Alliance that the proposal to reroute a sewage trunk line to the Gold Bar plant simply does not make sense and is not in the best interest of Edmontonians, especially those living in Gold Bar and surrounding neighbourhoods.

Expanding the sewage treatment plant at Gold Bar would be a mistake. The site is too close to residences and has historically had many problems with emissions. These concerns will only get worse if the volume of sewage treated were to grow significantly. Moreover, the facility may have to expand its footprint to accommodate extra waste, which would put precious river valley parkland at risk.

I also agree with the Alliance that building the sewage trunk line to the capital region waste-water treatment plant is the better alternative. The capital region waste-water treatment plant is appropriately sited far away from residential zones and there is ample room to expand the facility to accommodate the anticipated sewage volume growth that the city projects.

I hope that the City of Edmonton listens to citizens' objections to expanding the Gold Bar water treatment plant. Preserving our river valley parks and trails must be a priority for our city and will ensure that Edmontonians can continue to enjoy them for generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Marlin Schmidt'.

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