

# Erroneous letters received

Some residents along eastern Transportation Utility Corridor getting false info from transmission team

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ing that they live near a route that has been eliminated from consideration for a 500 kV power line.

"This notice is totally inaccurate," said John Kristensen, vice-president of technical for Responsible Electricity Transmission for Albertans (RETA). "We're not sure what's going on, but for residents living along the so-called

Residents who live along the eastern Transportation Utility Corridor (TUC) on the west side of Sherwood Park are receiving letters sent in error from the Heartland Transmission Team not-

preferred route to receive such a notice is pretty upsetting, to say the least."

Strathcona County Coun. Vic Bidzinski was also upset with the situation.

"This is supposed to be a professional project," he said. "No one should be making that mistake."

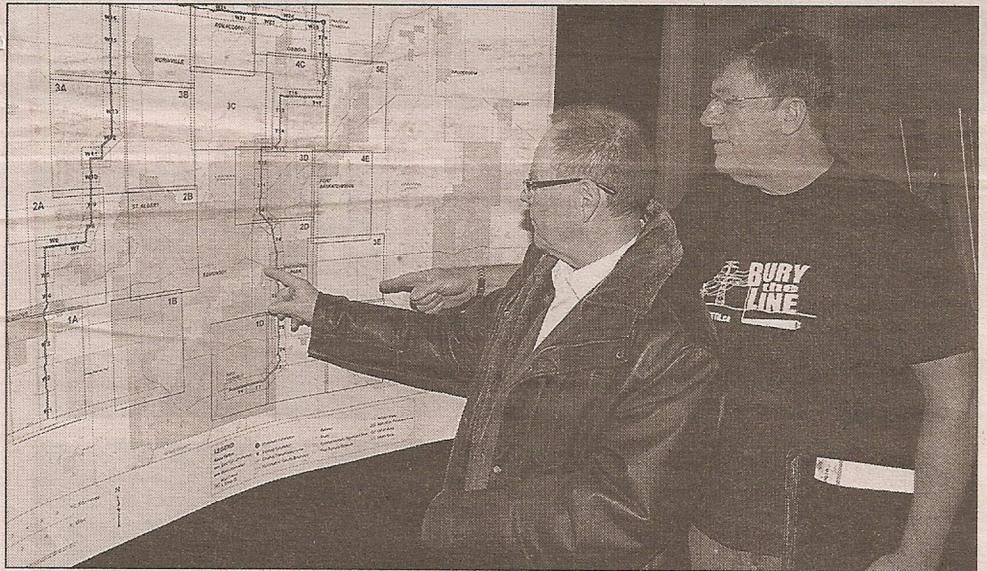
Tim LeRiche, spokesperson for the Heartland Transmission Team, said

the error appears to be related to postal codes.

He said 50,000 letters have been mailed out to people who live near the preferred route (east TUC), alternative route (east of Spruce Grove) and the two eliminated routes (east of Ardrossan and the west TUC).

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Strathcona County Coun. Vic Bidzinski (foreground) and RETA vice-president of technical, John Kristensen, analyze a map showing the proposed east TUC route at the Heartland Transmission Project Team's open house on Wednesday at the Coast Edmonton East hotel in Sherwood Park.

# Residents confused

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The letters are informing them of their route's status as preliminary work moves forward on possibly constructing a 500 kV power line from Wabamun to the Industrial Heartland.

Letters are being mailed out to people who live or work within 800 metres of the proposed routes.

Some of those letters are misinforming residents about the status of the route they live near.

Although Fountain Creek subdivision resident Bryan Bradley said he's heard people who live along the other proposed routes are also getting misinformation, Kristensen said on Wednesday that RETA was still trying to confirm that fact.

Amberly Witzke, who lives in the Fountain Creek area, said she also received a letter noting the east TUC has been eliminated from consideration, while other neighbours, she said, received letters noting the route had been selected as the preferred route.

"We are working now to determine what happened," he said. "We regret any confusion that may have been caused, and we will take steps to ensure that affected stakeholders get the correct information. We will also ensure that they have the opportunity to ask any questions that they may have."

Strathcona County Coun. Vic Bidzinski and Kristensen said the letter error came at an unfortunate time, as it could have significantly impacted the number of people who attended an open house about the project in Sherwood Park on Wednesday.

LeRiche, however, noted that public feedback can still be supplied through the project's website ([www.heartlandtransmission.ca](http://www.heartlandtransmission.ca)), by calling 1-888-441-7192, or by e-mailing [publicconsultation@heartlandtransmission.ca](mailto:publicconsultation@heartlandtransmission.ca). He also noted an information centre has been set up at the Coat Edmonton East Hotel in the Park. Its hours are: Tuesday and Thursday, 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and closed Sunday and Monday.

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