

Winnipeg Beach

Provincial Park

Redevelopment Concept Plan for Public Review



Located a short distance from the main beach, the south end of Winnipeg Beach Provincial Park has great potential for increased public use.

A public review of park development options was conducted in the summer of 2007. Recommendations were released later that year.

Full results of the 2007 public review are summarized in the *Winnipeg Beach Provincial Park Redevelopment Options* report, available online at: gov.mb.ca/conservation/parks/public_consult/index.html

Redevelopment Objectives

The redevelopment concept plan for Winnipeg Beach is intended to:

- improve visitor experience by providing a vibrant, engaging, revitalized park
- contribute to the economic well-being of the region by attracting new users and sustaining existing users
- preserve and protect the natural, historical and recreational resources of the area

Study Recommendations

The 2007 *Winnipeg Beach Provincial Park Redevelopment Options* study identified general public support for the following redevelopment options:

- an extended boardwalk which links the south end of the park to the main beach area and encourages pedestrian traffic between the campground, beach and marina
- a viewing platform on the water tower to provide a point of interest and opportunity to focus on regional history
- a children's playground and/or spray park to attract families
- a water sport launch area to promote participation in windsurfing, kite boarding, canoeing and kayaking
- a community fishing pier to encourage family-based fishing
- a family-oriented campground to provide overnight accommodations to visitors
- sport fields such as a baseball diamond or expansion of the existing soccer field

The preservation of green space and natural areas was also identified as a priority in the 2007 study.



Your Input

You are invited to review the proposed redevelopment concept plan and provide your comments, suggestions and concerns. Comments received by July 15, 2009, will be considered in the next phase of the planning process.

Responses can be e-mailed to mgmtplan@gov.mb.ca or mailed to:

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Winnipeg Beach Provincial Park

Winnipeg Beach is located on the western shores of Lake Winnipeg. This 40 hectare park is best known for its beautiful sandy beach. Classified as a recreation park, its purpose is to provide recreational opportunities and experiences in an outdoor setting.

From Past to Present

In the early 1900s, Winnipeg Beach was a popular destination for Winnipegegggers who traveled to the area by train. Hotels, an amusement park and dance hall were built to accommodate large weekend crowds from the city.

Visitation to Winnipeg Beach began to decrease during the 1950s when the railway was replaced by cars as the main form of transportation. In 1968, the area became a provincial park.

Today, the Winnipeg Beach Provincial Park continues to be an important recreation and day use area. The town of Winnipeg Beach provides many services for park visitors.

Key Element of the Redevelopment Concept

Improvements identified in the 2007 public review that are included in the redevelopment concept for the park are a campground, extended boardwalk, children's play area and water sport launch area.

The 2007 public review also identified the addition of a community fishing pier and viewing platform on the water tower. These improvements may affect shoreline erosion and will require additional study. Alterations to the historic water tower will also require further review.

Sport playing fields, identified in the 2007 public review, are not included in the concept plan due to space constraints.

Redevelopment Concept Plan

The redevelopment concept plan for Winnipeg Beach Provincial Park focuses on creating a provincial campground, and related public amenities:

- boardwalk extension, playgrounds, picnic areas and water sport launch area
- campground with up to 120 high quality, electrical or fully serviced (water, sewer, electrical) sites
- innovative campground design, with features for people with physical disabilities or mobility limitations
- pull-through, back-in and adjoining double campsites suitable for small family groups
- new, modern washrooms, shower buildings and dump station
- campground access via Main Street (park entrance from Kernstead Road will be closed to improve park security and control access to the campground)
- casual meeting area or pavilion at the former Watertower Inn restaurant site
- natural shoreline south of the water tower and green space between the campground and beach

The campground will be a high-quality, family-oriented facility and cater to nightly or short-term campers. It will not compete with privately owned campgrounds in the area that offer extended, seasonal site rentals. There are currently no nightly camping facilities in the Winnipeg Beach area.

Campsites will be available for reservation through the Parks Reservation System. Provincial camping fees will apply.



Future Directions

The Winnipeg Beach redevelopment initiative will be cost-shared by the province of Manitoba and the government of Canada through the Federal Infrastructure Stimulus Fund. Partnerships with local governments and community groups may be developed for some aspects of the initiative.

At the conclusion of this public review:

- Modifications to the current concept plan will be incorporated as required.
- Detailed design and engineering plans will be completed in 2009 and site preparation will begin.
- Construction will continue through 2010 with a targeted completion date of 2011.