
News Release

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**BUILDING COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE
INVESTS \$1.55 MILLION IN BURROWS CENTRAL**

Over the last two years, a total of \$1.55 million has been committed to projects in the Burrows Central area in northwest Winnipeg to improve athletic facilities, parks and playgrounds through the Building Communities initiative, a joint \$14-million agreement between the Province of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg.

Burrows MLA Doug Martindale, on behalf of Intergovernmental Affairs and Trade Minister Scott Smith, and Point Douglas councillor Mike Pagtakhan today participated in an official ceremony to announce completion of youth recreation facilities on a vacant former school site at the corner of Arlington Avenue and Aberdeen Street.

“Burrows Central residents will see lasting benefits from these improvements to their community,” said Martindale. “The rejuvenated and newly-created parks and playgrounds will provide recreational opportunities and improve the overall appearance of the neighbourhood.”

“These projects provide enhanced recreational opportunities for youth in the Burrows Central community,” said Pagtakhan. “Through the combination of government funding and the energy of community volunteers, we have been able to move forward on projects which will improve the quality of life for residents of this neighbourhood.”

The projects were all developed in consultation with Burrows Central Neighbourhood Advisory Committee, a group of local residents who planned the projects in consultation with the community. The following projects received funding:

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- \$372,000 Margaret Scott Park and Skateboard Plaza (former site of Margaret Scott School) – a joint project with the Winnipeg School Division to develop a new skateboard plaza, play structure, mini-soccer field, baseball backstop and grounds improvements including extensive re-sodding, lighting and benches. The skateboard plaza was designed in conjunction with the students of Isaac Newton School.
- \$354,000 Boyd Park – redevelopment of the athletic fields to create two new mini-soccer fields, a play structure and water-play enhancements to the existing wading pool. The project also includes park upgrades such as benches, picnic tables and plantings.
- \$229,000 Sergeant Tommy Prince MM Memorial Veterans Park – located on a strip of land between the Old Exhibition site and Selkirk Avenue and developed to honour First Nations war veteran Tommy Prince. The phase one improvements include site drainage, pathways, lighting and new fencing.
- \$65,000 North Winnipeg Nomads Football Club – funding to upgrade its field and install new lighting at the Old Exhibition site.

In addition, the Building Communities Initiative has to date funded the completion of 50 community infrastructure projects in five other neighbourhood areas including:

- Luxton, Seven Oaks, St. John's Park
 - playground redevelopments at Kingsbury and Leila tot lots, Luxton School and McGowan-Colleen Park;
 - Luxton Community Centre building addition and property acquisitions; and
 - community website development.
- Sargent Park-Minto
 - playground redevelopments at Clifton Community Centre, Minto Tot Lot and Principal Sparling School;
 - Valour Road commemorative plaza and streetscaping project; and
 - Omand's Creek parkway and Westview Park redevelopment.
- Wolseley
 - playground redevelopments at Evanson and Westminster tot lots;
 - Laura Secord and Mulvey School site improvements; and
 - Nellie McLung and Omand Park enhancements.

- St. Boniface
 - playground redevelopments at Bertrand Optimist, Kavanaugh, La Verendrye and Notre Dame East parks;
 - Provencher Park redevelopment and site improvements.
- St. George-Worthington
 - St. George School drop-off lane and St. Vital Daycare building renovations;
 - community sidewalk improvements;
 - park improvements at Eric Street Greenspace and St. David Place, St. George and Trafford parks; and
 - Bishop Grandin greenway pathway extension.

A total of 96 community projects will be completed by the end of the program in 2007.

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