



Building Communities Initiative In The

Burrows Central Neighbourhood

The Building Communities Initiative is a five-year jointly funded program of the Province of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg. The goal of the Initiative is to improve the quality of life in some of Winnipeg's mature, yet physically declining neighbourhoods, where capital investment in community facilities and the infrastructure will have long-term benefits. Burrows Central was identified as one of six such neighbourhoods, and a budget of \$1.4 million was allocated for improvements in the community.

The McGowan Russell Group was the consultant team hired to lead the Burrows Central community consultation process and prepare a neighbourhood strategic plan. This process began in December 2002 when residents, community organizations and special interest groups were asked to fill out a neighbourhood issues survey. The

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surveys were delivered door-to-door and the consultant interviewed the organizations. At a public meeting held the same month, the Building Communities Initiative was introduced and residents identified positive characteristics and the critical issues in their neighbourhood. A Neighbourhood Advisory Committee (NAC) was also established at this meeting, made up of local residents who volunteered to advise and assist the consultant in interpreting public input and developing project recommendations.

Over a four-month period, the consultant team held numerous workshops with the NAC and additional public meetings with the community. At the end of this process, a prioritized projects list complete with cost estimates was developed. Neighbourhood residents endorsed this list (see reverse side) at the final public meeting held in March 2003.

Thanks to those that participated in the community consultation process, especially the 20 residents on the Neighbourhood Advisory Committee who volunteered additional time and effort in developing the project proposals for Burrows Central.



The Burrows Central
strategic plan will soon be
available on the
City of Winnipeg website
www.winnipeg.ca/ppd

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The consultant has completed the neighbourhood strategic plan and the Initiative's Policy Committee (comprised of the Provincial Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs & Trade and the Mayor of Winnipeg or their designates) has reviewed and approved the document. Staff of the City of Winnipeg's Planning, Property and Development Department will now begin to meet with project proponents and interested residents to begin to develop and plan out the details of the individual projects. This phase will occur over the winter, with the implementation of many projects beginning in the spring of 2004.

The list of prioritized capital projects recommended for implementation by the Neighbourhood Advisory Committee and participating residents of Burrows Central are:

New Green Space	\$175,000
Margaret Scott School Site - Park Development	315,000
Property Acquisition for Infill Housing	160,000
Develop CPR Link	10,000
Sgt. Tommy Prince MM Veterans Park	185,000
Boyd Park Recreation Site	
• Athletic Fields	65,000
• Park/playground	125,000
• Building addition	175,000
• Wading Pool upgrades	90,000
Nomads Football Field (Old Ex Park)	65,000
Lighting Improvements	35,000



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