



## Building Communities Initiative In The

# Sargent Park / Minto Neighbourhoods

The Building Communities Initiative (BCI) is a 5 year jointly-funded program of the Province of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg. The goal of the BCI is to improve the quality of life in some of Winnipeg's stable and mature, yet physically declining neighbourhoods, where capital investment in community facilities and infrastructure will have long-term benefits. Sargent Park/Minto was identified as one of six such neighbourhoods, and a budget of \$2 Million was allocated to be spent in the community.

The consultant team of Scatliff, Miller, Murray was hired to lead the Sargent Park/Minto community consultation process and prepare a neighbourhood strategic plan. This process began in December 2002 at a Community Workshop (#1). At this meeting the Building Communities Initiative was introduced and local residents identified positive characteristics/conditions of their neighbourhood, as well as elements that were deemed either to

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be missing or inadequate. A Neighbourhood Advisory Committee (NAC) was also established at this time, made up of local resident volunteers, to advise and assist the consultant in interpreting public input and developing project recommendations.

Over a 4 month period, the consultant team organized additional community workshops. At Workshop #2, in February 2003, participants engaged in 'brainstorming' ideas for dealing with the missing or inadequate elements in the community. They then listed proposed actions or solutions for addressing these issues. In between these workshops, separate meetings were held with the NAC members and the consultant to develop enhanced detail for the project proposals. The goal of Workshop #3, held in April 2003, was to present for consideration all of the proposals that were suggested at the previous workshop, which now included details of possible options as well as budget estimates.

*Our appreciation is extended to those residents who participated in the community consultation process, especially the members of the Neighbourhood Advisory Committee who volunteered additional time and effort to assist in developing the project proposals for Sargent Park/Minto.*



The Sargent Park / Minto  
strategic plan will soon be  
available on the  
City of Winnipeg website  
[www.winnipeg.ca/ppd](http://www.winnipeg.ca/ppd)

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The consultant has completed the neighbourhood strategic plan and the BCI Policy Committee (comprised of the Provincial Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs & Trade and the Mayor of Winnipeg, or their designates) has recently reviewed and approved the document. Staff of the City of Winnipeg’s Planning, Property and Development Department will now begin the process of developing the individual projects for implementation. This phase will occur over the winter, with many of the projects beginning in the spring of 2004.

The list of capital projects recommended for implementation by the Neighbourhood Advisory Committee and participating residents of Sargent Park/Minto are:

Clifton Community Centre – Play Area Renovations	\$ 52,000
Isaac Brock Community Centre – Gymnasium Addition	\$630,000
Sargent Park Recreation Centre – Master Plan	\$ 40,250
Sargent Park/Minto Schools – School Ground Enhancements	\$ 75,000
Principal Sparling School – Playstructure Final Phase	\$ 23,000
Sargent Park School – Basketball Court/Equipment	\$ 48,000
Skateboard Park (site to be determined)	\$485,000
Omand’s Creek Linear Park	\$ 37,000
Westview Park Enhancements	\$ 93,150
Minto Tot Lot – Playstructure	\$ 75,000
Street Tree Planting (locations to be determined)	\$ 25,000
Transit Loop Park – Sargent Ave. at Valour Rd.	\$ 43,500
Community Kiosks/Bulletin Boards (locations TBD)	\$ 66,000
Streetscaping Enhancements (locations to be determined)	\$ 50,000
Community Open Space (sites to be determined)	\$100,000
Valour Road Commemoration	\$100,000
Community Mural Program	\$ 40,000
Litter Control/Garbage Bin Program	\$ 15,000
	\$1,997,900



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