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Wolseley to benefit from \$850,000 investment in Vimy Ridge Memorial Park

Winnipeg, MB - The Building Communities Initiative (BCI), a five year \$14 million capital investment program co-funded by the City of Winnipeg and Province of Manitoba, has invested \$850,000 toward recreational improvements to Vimy Ridge Memorial Park in Winnipeg's Wolseley neighbourhood.

A ribbon cutting ceremony, to officially open the new park upgrades, was held today with Rob Altemeyer MLA for Wolseley on behalf of the Honourable Steve Ashton, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Daniel McIntyre City Councillor Harvey Smith, on behalf of Mayor Sam Katz.

"Vimy Ridge Memorial park is a green oasis along Portage Avenue and a great recreation resource to Wolseley and surrounding communities," said Altemeyer. "These improvements will help residents of all ages enjoy this historic park."

"Vimy Ridge Memorial Park is an important amenity to the citizens of this neighbourhood", said Councillor Smith. "These park improvements have been community driven and area residents will benefit and enjoy the improved facilities for years to come."

All work on the Vimy Ridge Memorial Park Project was completed this summer.

The improvements include;

- A new gradual-entry accessible wading pool and water-play splash pad
- refurbished tot play structure and with new play components

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- a new climbing structure and swing set for older children
 - new park furniture: benches, picnic tables, bike racks
 - new park lighting and pathway improvements
 - additional landscaping including re-grading, sodding/seeding of low areas for improved drainage

Overall, the Wolseley community was allocated \$2.225 million for BCI improvements. Wolseley residents ranked redevelopment of Vimy Ridge Memorial Park as one of the key priorities for improvement in their neighbourhood.

In addition to the Wolseley area, the Building Communities Initiative has to date funded the completion of 95 other community infrastructure projects in five other neighbourhood areas including Burrows Central; Luxton, Seven Oaks, St. John's Park; Sargent Park-Minto; St. Boniface and St. George Worthington.

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