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Taking part in municipal planning initiatives



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The City has embarked on many planning initiatives for 2017. Several will affect St. Vital, St. Boniface, and the Seine River. I encourage you to take part when these opportunities arise. You can help shape the future of Winnipeg.

Seine River crossing study

The goal of this study is to identify a location for a new pedestrian and cycling bridge. The bridge would cross the Seine River somewhere between Provencher Boulevard and Bishop Grandin. Preliminary public input was collected until February 20 using a short survey and interactive map. This input will be used to develop several bridge location options. There will be one more chance

to provide feedback on each option before one is location is recommended to the City in July.

Southeast corridor

This project focuses on cycling infrastructure to connect Bishop Grandin Greenway to St. Boniface (along St. George and Des Meurons). Special workshops on the south-east corridor and the Seine River crossing will be held for school-based audiences on Feb. 22 (Notre Dame Recreational Centre, 271 Cathedrale Ave/) and Feb. 23 (Norberry-Glenlee Community Centre, 26 Molgat Ave.). RSVP to Erika Blackie (blackiee@mmm.ca) if you wish to attend.

Fermor Avenue bridge rehabilitation and roadworks

The preliminary design for this project was completed in 2016. The detailed design will be tackled in 2017. Although this is mainly a street and bridge project, there is potential to integrate features that will improve trail connections and public access to the river.

Over the years, the Fermor Bridge has become a node for the delivery of school field trips. It also has potential to be improved as a canoe launch site.

Our Winnipeg Review

Plan Winnipeg is the overarching plan for the entire city. The current version is called Our Winnipeg (2011). Plan Winnipeg sets the tone for future development of the entire city. It must be reviewed every five years. Generally, the plan is rewritten and rebranded at that time to reflect the direction of the presiding mayor and council. The next "five-year review" was due in 2016. Expect an announcement any day now. Once the Our Winnipeg review is complete, work should begin on the development of the Seine River Greenway Secondary Plan. It is also on the list of City-led planning projects for 2017.

Go to www.Winnipeg.ca/walkbikeprojects/ for more details about the first three projects. Sign up to receive public engagement News to receive electronic notification about the Our Winnipeg review.



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The Fermor Bridge has become a node for school field trips.

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