



Volunteer *Recruitment*

It is a time of renewal for Bishop Grandin Greenway Inc.

Many great things have been accomplished by the volunteers at BGG over the past 15 years, but over time the core group began to decline, increasing the burden on those who were left. The loss of two additional board members in 2016 left a void that needed to be filled, but also created an opportunity for revitalization.

To that end, Bishop Grandin Greenway Inc. is hosting its first ever **volunteer open house** on Wednesday April 5.

The event, to be held at Youville Centre, 6-845 Dakota Street at 7:00 PM, will give interested people an opportunity to learn more about Bishop Grandin Greenway and meet the people behind it. It will also give the BGG board members an opportunity to hear directly from the community, to find out what they think of the greenspace and how it could be used in the future.

It will be a casual event with a short presentation and plenty of time to mingle and ask questions. If you're interested in finding out more about Bishop Grandin Greenway or perhaps even contributing in some way, come visit us!



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Did You Know ...

... that, including the spring clean-up and working in the community gardens, over 700 hours of time was spent volunteering on behalf of Bishop Grandin Greenway in 2016?



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What's Happening in 2017?

Volunteer Open House

Come meet the team, and maybe join the team!
Date/Time: **Wednesday, April 5 at 7:00 PM**
Location: Youville Centre, 6-845 Dakota Street.

Spring Clean-Up

Our annual effort to tidy up the Greenway and make it look great for summer! Coffee, water and garbage bags will be provided.
Date/Time: **Saturday, May 13 at 9:30 AM** (weather permitting).
More details to follow — check Facebook or bishopgrandingreenway.com

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting is on **Monday, June 12**
The meeting is open to the public. Details to follow.

NEW: Trailhead Signage

Three new signs have been erected on Bishop Grandin Greenway, on the multi-use path just east of River Rd. One of the three signs details the Bishop Grandin Trail, including the entire length of Bishop Grandin Greenway as well as the trail extension east of the Seine River. It is similar to the bilingual signs already posted near Dakota St. and Lagimodière Blvd.

The other two signs – one in French and one in English – are new to the area. They display what is being called Boni-Vital Parkway (or Promenade Bonivital). Boni-Vital Parkway is a connection of trails, sidewalks, planned future trails, and in some cases residential roads that follow the Red River from the South Perimeter Highway all the way to Whittier Park where the Seine spills into the Red.



The new signs are a reflection of the City of Winnipeg's commitment to create a true integrated active transportation network. While the "parkway system" is not yet fully developed, the aspiration of having an uninterrupted AT connection is a noble one.



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Tree Planting Initiatives

A Partnership With The Girl Guides

Like most non-profits, Bishop Grandin Greenway teams up with other organizations from time to time to collaborate on projects and events. This spring, we are happy to partner with the Girl Guides on a tree planting on the Greenway east of River Road.

The project is being spear-headed by the Guides, with the support of BGG. Approximately 90 girls and family members are expected to participate in the team building initiative, plus any other members of the community who wish to lend a hand.

An important criteria of the Guides is to use only plants or trees that are native to the area. While details are still being worked out, the planting will fill in some gaps in the forest cover adjacent to the active transportation trail while enhancing the natural history of the area.

The planting is scheduled for Saturday, May 13 — the same day as the planned BGG spring clean-up. It promises to be a busy day on the Greenway! For more details, check our Facebook page or bishopgrandingreenway.com

The Manitoba Bluebird Fund

Thanks to a generous donation of \$7,500 from the Manitoba Bluebird Fund, BGG will be in a position to oversee another tree and shrub planting later in the year. The focus will be on plantings that provide food and shelter for our feathered friends.

The Manitoba Bluebird Fund also operates a program, partnering with Ron Paul Garden Centre and Nature Manitoba, for homeowners to purchase a tree or shrub at half price, and potentially for free! Go to www.naturemanitoba.ca/news-articles/feed-birds-get-free-tree for more information.

Board of Director Changes

New Treasurer: Bishop Grandin Greenway welcomes our new Treasurer, Brian Born. Brian comes to us with extensive financial experience with non-profits including Habitat for Humanity Manitoba.

Leaving BGG: Bishop Grandin Greenway thanks departing board members Richard Kish and Kerri Taschuk. Richard, our previous Treasurer, fitness buff and avid gardener, worked for years to battle graffiti on the Greenway and keep us organized. Kerri brought tremendous passion and energy to the team, and contributed to the last edition on this newsletter with a great story about Geocaching. We wish them both the best in their new adventures!



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MISSION STATEMENT

To create, enhance and conserve an accessible network of nature areas and public pathways that link and support both human and wildlife communities along Bishop Grandin Blvd.

ABOUT BISHOP GRANDIN GREENWAY:

Bishop Grandin Greenway Inc., (BGGI) is a not-for-profit registered charity addressing the community need for history, health and wellness. The organization consists of community volunteers who are spearheading the Greenway development. Many organizations are supporting the project through expertise, guidance and financial support - Manitoba Hydro, the City of Winnipeg, the Province of Manitoba, and Rotary to name a few.

Monthly Meetings - Open to the Public

Contact bishopgrandingreenway@gmail.com for the times and locations of upcoming meetings.

2016-2017 Volunteer Board of Directors

Michelle Meade	President
Derick Young	Vice President
Murray Gibson	Past President
Debbie Svaling	Secretary
Brian Born	Treasurer
Bruce Garner	Director



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MEMBERSHIP & SUPPORT

Annual Membership \$10.00 (*renewable March 31*)
Cheques payable to: Bishop Grandin Greenway Inc.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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Your cash and in-kind contributions help improve Bishop Grandin Greenway each year! The Greenway not only preserves green space along Bishop Grandin Boulevard, but also enables each of us (whether on bike, foot or wheelchair) to enjoy the beauty, nature and wildlife along the corridor. Help us create Bishop Grandin Greenway with a gift that reflects your commitment to preserving this important piece of green space. All contributions of \$20.00 or more will receive a tax receipt. For more information on opportunities to donate, see 'Get Involved' at www.BishopGrandinGreenway.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are the heart of Bishop Grandin Greenway. Countless people and organizations offer their time, expertise and assistance towards many of the Greenway projects. There are a number of ways in which you can get involved.

circle areas of interest

- **Bittersweet Way Project**
- **Environment: Tree Planting, Restoration, Conservation**
- **Promotion: Fundraising & Community Outreach**
- **History: Research, Education**
- **Special Events: Trails Day, Spring Cleanup**
- **Public Relations: Promotion & Communications**
- **Governance: Board of Directors, Project Management**