



BG Greenway



Winter
2024

Welcome to our new-look newsletter.

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Tree Planting



Nuturing Nature on the Greenway

In late September, somewhere around National Tree Day, volunteers came out to the Greenway to complete the second phase of our regenerative urban forest.

The urban forest was conceived as part of our [Bittersweet Way project](#) as three distinct sections representing three different periods of time in the history of this exact area. Section B, planted in the fall of 2021, featured mixed native vegetation with plants brought over by early settlers. Section A would contain native trees and shrubs, and Section C would contain a modern urban fruit and nut food forest.

This year, thanks to personal donations and a grant from [Tree Canada](#), we were able to plant sections A and C.

On September 23, fourteen volunteers planted 80 trees and shrubs, applied tree collars and spread 25 yards of mulch – all in less than 4 hours!

All three sections were designed using principles of permaculture for a sustainable environment, contributing food sources, shelter and nesting sites for birds and animals, and an attraction for pollinators.

For more details and photos, read our blog post:

[Blog Post](#)

More Tree Planting



City of Winnipeg Tree Planting

The City of Winnipeg launched its own tree planting in September, using funds from Tree Canada. One of the areas they chose, fortunately for Greenway users, was city-owned property on the Greenway.

The new trees follow the active transportation path from Bittersweet Way, west in the direction of River Road. Among the trees the City chose to plant were Aspen, Linden, Manitoba Maple and Bur Oak.

The City has a committed watering plan, ensuring a high success rate for the new trees and enjoyment for generations of future Greenway users.

Even *More* Tree Planting??



St. Vital Cemetery Grant Application

The Greenway has partnered with the Cemeteries Branch of the City to apply for a Home Grown grant to plant over 90 trees in the St. Vital Cemetery.

The cemetery is located at River Road adjacent to the Greenway, and some of the trees will be planted along the fence line next to the Greenway. Over time, many of the cemetery's trees have been lost from disease and other causes. A successful application would help replace many of those trees and contribute to Canada's 2 Billion Trees commitment.

DID YOU KNOW?

Winnipeg's tree count decreased by over 14,000 between 2015 and 2021?

Find detail by tree species, ward and more at [Trees Please Winnipeg](#)

Board Updates



Comings and Goings

Our Vice President of three years, Michael Moyes, was compelled to leave the team after a successful campaign in the 2023 provincial election. We

congratulate Mike on becoming the new MLA for Riel and wish him success in his critical new role.

Replacing Mike as Vice President is Nicole Grabowski, pictured above. Nicole has been a foundational member of the team since joining three years ago as our Community Relations Director. We would also like to welcome Anetta Los to the board. Anetta brings new energy and ideas that will help the organization grow.

Community Garden 2023



Bounties and Bulletin Boards

Despite the challenge of our Bulletin Board being knocked over, it was a good year for our Eric Street community garden.

Dedicated volunteers regularly filled our water tank, allowing gardeners to keep their plants growing in the periods between rainfalls. The result was a successful harvest of zucchini, beans, tomatoes, peppers and other produce. Seasonal and perennial flowers also flourished this past summer.

We also welcomed a new Garden Coordinator this fall. Kebebe has been gardening with us for a couple of years and is excited to be part of the team, helping to keep the garden running in top form.

We also thank the City of Winnipeg for picking up, repairing, and reinstalling our bulletin board!

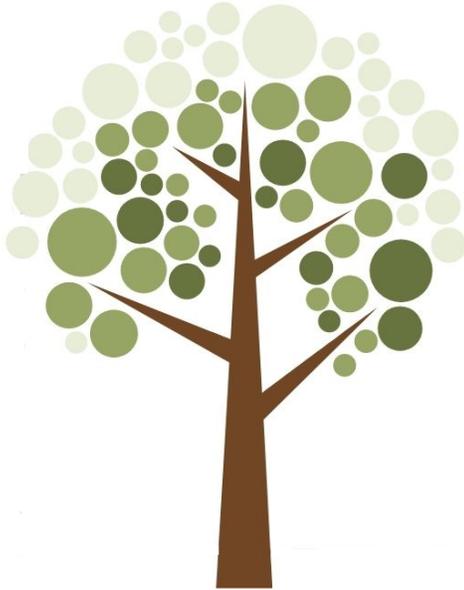
Bishop Grandin Renaming

Boulevard Renaming One Step Closer To Reality

The renaming of Bishop Grandin Boulevard took another big step forward in November when City Council approved a report from the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development.

The report recommends the allocation of over \$200,000 towards the renaming of the street to Abinojii Mikanah. The approval from Council clears the way for the renaming project to move on to the Land Titles Office for processing prior to the creation of a by-law to make the renaming official.

Help us colour them all!



Donate!

A tax receipt will be issued for every donation over \$20.

Help us fill in our donation tree to get us closer to our \$6,500 target! All donations go directly to Greenway projects and operations.

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