

# **Executive Director's Report**

## **Bike Winnipeg**

### **October 12, 2016**

#### **Statistics**

- 1,693 Facebook Likes
- 2,603 Followers on Twitter
- 1,437 Email Subscribers

#### **Advocacy**

##### **Southwest Rapid Transit Corridor**

I am still trying to put together a formal submission on the latest designs shown for the SWRTC AT plans. These will include bike and walk sheds and will concentrate on the following:

- The need to improve connectivity into Linden Woods from McGillvray Station
- The need to include a pedestrian and bicycle tunnel between Parker Station and the Taylor Commercial Development
- Better separation of people on foot and bike near the stations
- Better connectivity near Pembina & Jubilee

More information can be found [here](#).

##### **Seven Oaks – Kildonan Drive AT Bridge**

We held two public information display sessions to discuss the potential of a pedestrian and bicycle bridge linking Scotia Street (at Rupertsland) to Kildonan Drive (at Bronx Pl). We had about 60 people between the two sessions and received both positive and negative feedback on the proposal. I am hoping to get a full report out by mid-November including comments and projected demand for the bridge site and a few other suggested locations.

<http://bikewinnipeg.ca/2016/09/22/scotia-st-kildonan-dr-at-bridge-information-sessions/>

## Waverley Underpass

I attended a stakeholder meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup>. While there are good things in the designs being presented, I also have a number of concerns that I have shared with the design team and will put into a formal submission

- The Taylor pathway needs to extend all the way to Kenaston
- They need to provide a safe crossing of Taylor where the existing Taylor pathway will be blocked during construction and re-routed onto the north side of Taylor
- Intersection improvements along the Taylor pathway
- Ensure priority for the Taylor pathway over side streets
- Cohesion on the Taylor pathway – it flips from side to side.

More information on this project, including open house boards can be found [here](#).

## Seine River Fermor Avenue Bridge

I met with Dillon Consulting on Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup> to look over plans for the rehabilitation of the Fermor Avenue Bridge over the Seine River. The scope of this project will be along Fermor Avenue from Archibald to St. Anne's, plus the Niakwa Trail and Niakwa Road from Royal Selinger to St. Anne's as well as Pebble Beach from Royal Selinger to Willow Lake Crescent.

Important connections to keep in mind for this project will be:

- Shopping Districts off of Alpine Road
- Des Meurons/Eggerton Corridor
- St. George Corridor
- JH Bruns Collegiate and the Southdale Community Centre
- Bonivital Pool & the New Windsor Park Library
- Glenlawn Collegiate & the South Winnipeg YMCA
- The U of M (via River Road & the Bishop Grandin Greenway)
- Shopping District between Fermor Avenue and Vermillion Road
- Niakwa Road AT Bridge
- Niakwa Place School
- Ecole Guyot
- Ecole Van Bellingham
- Superstore on the northeast corner of St. Anne's and Fermor
- Archibald Pathway
- Niakwa Trail
- Elm Park Bridge

There should be good opportunities to combine this study with an associated study looking at a St. George Street and Des Meurons.

Pedestrian & Bicycle improvements include:

- a new tunnel beneath Fermor and pathway linking Des Meurons to Niakwa Drive
- a high water detour of the Niakwa Trail over the Seine River on a rehabilitated Fermor Avenue Seine River Bridge
- Improved intersections at
  - Archibald & Fermor
  - St. Anne's & Fermor
  - Royal Sellinger & Niakwa Road
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- A potential pathway along Niakwa Road & Pebble Beach leading from Royal Sellinger & Niakwa Road through to Pebble Beach & Willowlake Crescent
- A two way pathway on the west side of St. Anne's linking Fermor Avenue to Niakwa Road. It might be worthwhile to explore one way cycle tracks vs the two way cycle track here as they may provide a better link between Morrow/Hull and Niakwa Road. Extending this north to Inman could provide improved access to Glenlawn Collegiate and

It would be good to see the Pebble Beach trail extended south across Willowlake Crescent to connect to Bluewater Crescent to provide low stress access to Guyot School and an existing pathway connecting Beaverhill Drive to the Bishop Grandin Greenway near Shorehill Drive.

It would also be good to connect better to Hull as an east/west connector south of Fermor Avenue. Hull connects to the Dunkirk pathway via Glenview, and connects into St. George which is being studied as a north/south neighbourhood greenway.

An existing pedestrian corridor at St. Anne's & Morrow could prove useful, especially as there is now a pathway linking Morrow to Niakwa Road.

### **Sturgeon Creek Saskatchewan Avenue Culvert Replacement**

There will be an open house for this project on Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup> at Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club (940 Vimy Road) from 4:30-7:30pm. The project will include a much needed pathway on the south side of the bridge, as well as some other potential pathway improvements.

More information can be found [here](#).

## **City of Winnipeg 2017 Budget**

### **Public Engagement**

The City is once again asking for public input on the 2017 City of Winnipeg Budget. You can view the online site [Let's Talk Winnipeg](#).

A number of community consultations have also been set up.

- Wednesday, October 12, North Centennial Recreation and Leisure Facility, 90 Sinclair Street, 6:00-8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, October 13, Jonathan Toews Community Centre, 1188 Dakota Street, 6:00-8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, October 27, St. James Civic Centre, 2055 Ness Avenue, 6:00-8:30 p.m.
- Friday, October 28, Millennium Library, 251 Donald Street, 11:30am-2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 29, Henderson Library, 1050 Henderson Highway, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

### **2017 Pedestrian & Bicycle Infrastructure Priorities**

### **2017 Provincial Budget**

The province of Manitoba has asked for us to provide a written submission to the 2017 budget process by November 9, 2016.

An online site has been put up at [www.YourProvinceYourPlan.ca](http://www.YourProvinceYourPlan.ca).

### **MPI Rate Hearings**

Charles has asked me to attend the MPI rate hearings starting Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **Fundraising**

### **Ride the Red Historic Bike Tour**

We had a beautiful day for our inaugural Ride the Red Historic Bike tour back on Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>. Fourteen people took part giving us a profit of just over \$140. Feedback was excellent (including two tourists from Minnesota) and Eric Napier-Strong is willing to be the guide for more tours next summer, including Bike Week Winnipeg. With a bit more promotion we should be able to get a \$250 profit from future rides.

### **Fall Fundraising Concert**

We had a bit of a timing issue which meant that the fundraising concert overlapped with Nuit Blanche. While we still made a profit of about \$430 plus some memberships and t-shirt sales, the overlap with Nuit Blanche led to a less than hoped for profit. Next year it would be good to either return to the Friday of Thanksgiving or the Saturday after Thanksgiving. To do that, dates may need to be booked prior to April (we booked in April this year) Feedback on the concert was excellent, so I think its worth running the event again next year.

## **Outreach**

### **Rides**

See above for the Ride the Red Historic Bike Tour

## **Education**

### **Bicycle Education and Skills Training (BEST) Schools**

I have been very involved with the BEST program pilot in Seven Oaks School Division, providing support to the coordinator during morning class sessions for the grad 4 and 5 students. Generally I've been teaching students that don't ride yet how to ride and then get them advanced enough to go on the road with the other students.

The media release will take place Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup> at HC Avery School, with Jeremy representing Bike Winnipeg. The program has been going quite well, and I am very excited about this project. The fall session will run until October 29<sup>th</sup>.