



GCWCC Spring Newsletter

New Community Centre Under Construction!

Three years ago, fire destroyed East Elmwood Community Centre. While tragic, this afforded an opportunity to build a new and improved centre in a location that serves the community better.

An extensive community consultation process identified Keenleyside Park as the preferred location for the new

Community Centre. The new 11,000 sf facility will feature a 5,375 sf gym, an 860 sf multipurpose room, a full kitchen, skate change area and support space. A permanent access lane and parking lot will be added to the site, along with wheelchair accessible pathways, a plaza, basketball hoop, trees and landscaping. The new, accessible

building will target LEED Silver accreditation and is expected to be completed by the end of 2014.

The illustration below has been provided by Bridgman Collaborative Architecture Ltd.

For more information, please go to the GCWCC website (Facility Updates).

**GCWCC's
42nd**

Annual

**General
Meeting**

Saturday,

April 26, 2014

At Norwood CC

87 Walmer St

Registration:

9:00 a.m.

Breakfast:

9:30 a.m.

Please notify Cathy of attendance to facilitate the breakfast order. Thx!

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FRONT EXTERIOR VIEW - NORTH EAST



REAR EXTERIOR VIEW - NORTH WEST



ENTRANCE - NORTH



New Rules!



Coming together is a
BEGINNING
 Keeping together is
PROGRESS
 Working together is
SUCCESS
 Henry Ford

We know workplace injuries are preventable if we make SAFE Work a way of life.

That’s why we believe in creating SAFE workers for life.

The WCB and SAFE Work Manitoba are proud to offer partnership opportunities to youth sport programs, which we believe will expose the community to SAFE Work messages and get them thinking about injury prevention. When families are kept safe from workplace hazards and

injuries, they are able to participate in the activities they love.

Community centres that target youth audiences and promote youth sport programs are eligible for the program. Partnerships will be considered for banners, program ads, rink boards, posters and other similar advertising modes.

If you believe in promoting injury prevention and creating SAFE Workers for life and would like to apply for the community partnership program, fill in and submit the application form.

For more information, visit safemanitoba.com > About > Get Involved > SAFE Work Community Advertising Partnership Program.

MLCC + MGCC = LGA

As of April 1st, 2014, the Liquor and Gaming Authority (LGA) is the new regulator for liquor and gaming in Manitoba, representing a merger of the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) and the Manitoba Gaming Control Commission (MGCC).

One of the changes that may affect Community Centres is that the LGA will not monitor the quantity of liquor at licensed social events, as there is no longer a limit. If this is a concern for your centre, please be aware that you are within your right to set your own limit, as long as this is

clear in your hall rental agreement and pointed out to the renter.

Please feel free to call GCWCC if you have questions, or go to www.lgamanitoba.ca.

A “Conscious Coupling”

The Boards of Richmond Kings, St. Norbert and Waverley Heights Community Centres are moving forward with plans to operate their three sites under one, unified Board of Directors.

According to the three centres, the desired outcome of the proposed amalgamation

is to provide the opportunity to maximize their resources for the benefit of their collective communities. “We believe the amalgamation of our Boards will: improve functionality of our Centres; reduce duplication of effort, resources and volunteers; reduce operating costs; and allow us to expand our cur-

rent program structure. “

Community consultations have taken place and a Working Committee has been struck, with the intention to formalize the merger later this year.

Renovation Grants

To date, 45 Community Centres have taken advantage of the City of Winnipeg Renovation Grant—some multiple times! From washrooms to flooring to security systems—most projects associated with your heated square footage are eligible. Combining with other grants can help you achieve larger projects. Cindy Fox will be happy to assist you—just give her a call!

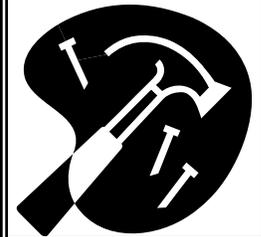


Central CC Showers—BEFORE



Central CC Showers—AFTER!

The City has begun 2014 inspections. Please look at this as an opportunity to identify potential projects!



Review of the 2013 GCWCC Grant Programs

GCWCC is responsible to administer five different funding grants to City of Winnipeg Community Centres.

Athletic Field Maintenance: in 2013, 48 Community Centres applied for 427 fields under the Sweat Equity Program. Total expenditure was \$339,600.

Community Centre Program Grant: this past year, GCWCC approved 136 Program Grant applications for a total of \$443,718.26.

Community Centre Janitorial Grant: in 2013 we supported 19 Community Centres with janitorial workers for a total of \$265,239.

Community Centre Registration Fee Subsidy: in 2013, we have administered \$180,955 in subsidy fees. The final total will be available by the end of April.

Provincial Capital Grant: last year, GCWCC awarded \$248,273 in Capital Grants.

There are several grant opportunities available to Community Centres. GCWCC will be happy to assist you!

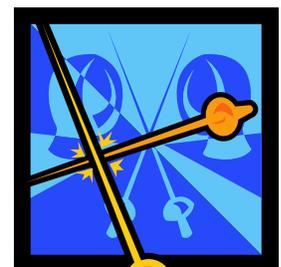
New Programs



Daria Jorquera Palmer fencing in the Gold Medal Team Match at the Bayer Leverkusen Cup 2010.

More and more, Community Centres are coming up with innovative new programs to offer their community. This Spring, both RA Steen and Norquay CC's will be introducing Fencing classes, facilitated by Daria Jorquera Palmer of the Canadian National Fencing Team.

This is just one example of the type of program funded through the GCWCC Programming grant. Please call our office if you have a great programming idea you would like to pursue!





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Some Changes at GCWCC!

We are on the move! GCWCC has been located at 265 Osborne Street South since April 1, 1980. For the past 34 years, we have enjoyed our stay, but sadly, we must vacate the premises later this year to make room for new development. Unfortunately, at the time of this writing we do not know where our new office will be located.

Before our imminent move, we will be welcoming a new staff person. Mary Bruneau will be joining us on April 23rd as a part time office assistant. Mary comes to us with a wealth of experience. She has worked for the City of Winnipeg for the past 37 years in various positions - the last being with the Community Services Department. We are very fortunate that Mary has agreed to join our team and look forward to introducing her at the AGM!

The Community Centre Definition (developed in 2004 by Community Centre volunteers)

The City of Winnipeg is unique in many ways, and the existence of Community Centers is one of the many things that help us maintain that quality. In the search for the ideal Community Centre, one finds that a great many things must be considered. To begin with, a Community Centre must truly serve the Community in which it is situated, within well-defined and recognizable boundaries. The Community Centre must be driven and completely led by a group of dedicated volunteers who understand and appreciate the needs and concerns of the community. In that way, the Community Centre chooses for itself what is best for the Community and both echoes and, indeed, becomes the pride of the Community. The Community Centre then becomes a focal point of the community; a meeting place which is a true centerpiece of the Community.

The Community Centre should provide an appropriate and diverse variety of programming in a safe and healthy environment. Programming should offer diverse recreational services with a mix of sports, leisure, cultural and social programming which responds to the needs of the Community. The Community and its programs should be both adaptable and accessible, whether physically, financially or demographically.

The facility itself must be well maintained, multi-seasonal, multi-purpose and programmable. It must be designed around programming, which in turn has been designed to meet the expressed needs of the Community. The facility must finally be owned as well as fully and adequately funded by the City of Winnipeg. Continued financial stability is an essential part to ensure the long-term viability and success of the Community Centre; however, there is also a requirement for adequate and appropriate human resources and equipment.

As a final note, the ideal Community Centre will have developed stable, long-lasting partnerships within the outside of the Community. Partners should include the Community itself; the men, women and children who live, work and play in the Community.