

# Spring Newsletter

GENERAL COUNCIL OF WINNIPEG COMMUNITY CENTRES



## CONGRATULATIONS

To the

### 2009 PAST PRESIDENT COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS RECIPIENTS

**Scott Jevne - Archwood**

**Larry Gledhill - Crescentwood**

**Tom Tishinski - Fort Garry**

**Andrew Skogan - Gateway**

**Kevin Wittmeier - Greendell**

**Josie Pope - Lord Roberts**

**Alvin Bruyere - Norberry-Glenlee**

**Tom McMahon - Riverview**

**Rick Harding - Southdale**

**Bryan Metcalfe - Woodhaven**

**Previously Honoured - Pat Krueger - Winakwa**

*Thank you for your untiring efforts and contributions to ensure that our community centres remain the hub of our neighbourhoods.*

**Thank you to Northwood C.C. volunteers for hosting this year's event.**

## GCWCC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & SEMINAR

April 25, 2009

Norwood Community Centre

87 Walmer St.

Fee: \$15.00 per person

9:00 am - Registration

**CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES**



**Valour Community Centre: Isaac Brock Site  
715 Telfer St. N**

Although some exterior work remains to be finished, Valour will be opening its doors to the community very soon. Features include the addition of a full-size gym, the complete renovation of the main floor, several refurbishments to the basement and the addition of a new parking lot. You won't recognize it!



**Notre Dame Community Centre  
271 Ave de la Cathedrale**

For those of you who have only seen the arena, look again! Notre Dame has transformed some poorly configured space into a beautiful, new multi-purpose room, complete with kitchenette, additional storage and new washrooms. This new space complements their existing gym and promises to be a real asset to the community.



**Bronx Park Community Centre  
720 Henderson Hwy.**

Bronx Park Community Centre: Home of Good Neighbours Senior Centre will be opening its doors this summer and will be welcoming the community into their brand new building. The 25,000 sq. ft facility boasts a full-size gym, creative arts room, computer lab, woodworking shop, games room and more! Completion of site work is weather dependant (ASAP!)



**Norberry-Glenlee Community Centre  
26 Molgat Ave.**

Finally – some decent weather! The big orange tarp has been removed to reveal the full-size gymnasium at Norberry-Glenlee. Soon, we will see the construction of the new entrance and multi-purpose room at the front of the building, to be completed this summer. Until completion, the Glenlee site is taking care of day-to-day business.

**UP AND COMING....**

**Sinclair Park Community Centre**

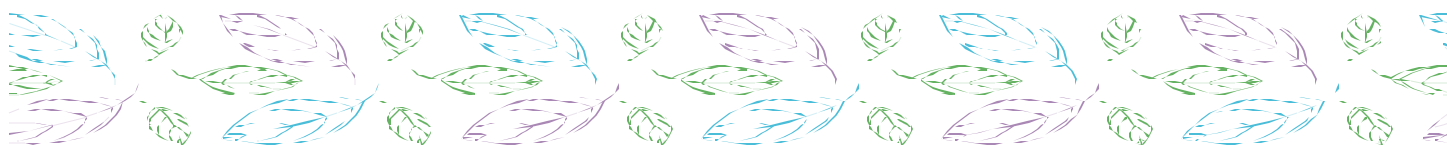
Sinclair Park Community Centre is located in the heart of a vibrant neighbourhood that has a tradition of hard-working, community-minded people who have rallied behind this much-needed project for several years. With five well-used baseball diamonds and a beautiful new playground, Sinclair Park has been a gathering place for the community for many years. It is time that their building matches the popularity/functionality of their grounds. The Sinclair Park project team envisions a new, energy-efficient multi-purpose Community Centre, offering relevant programming for every age group. The new Community Centre will showcase LEED design and intends to provide educational opportunities through a story wall and “Eco Camps”, explaining the uniqueness of the building and the benefits of building green.

**Scope of Work:**

The current steel-framed gymnasium and structurally-sound basement will be incorporated into the design of the new community centre. The current under-sized gym will be reconfigured into office space, a meeting room, storage space and a multi-purpose room with primary use by their successful youth drop-in program. New construction will include a regulation size gym, change rooms, a centrally-located kitchen and support space.

**Update:**

Funding has been approved and the working committee is anxious to reconvene, with the objective of a groundbreaking later this year.



**Thank You!**

GCWCC would again like to thank the dedicated volunteers who devoted the past 14 months to the development of Plan 2025. The Plan is currently with the City of Winnipeg Executive Policy Committee and we look forward to the implementation of the many strategies for an improved community centre model.

Special thanks to the following Plan 2025 Committee volunteers:

Naomi Patey	Carmine Militano	Larry Gledhill
Rene Hering	Larry Schenkeveld	Todd Buchanan
Gord Fleury	Donna Jenkyns	Eric Devries
Terry Wolowiec	Kevin O’Neill	Mark LeNabat
Nathan Wild	Carolyn DerochieLotz	Fred Heatley
Dean Koshelanyk	Kristen Benoit	Lora Deighton
Neil Ajudhia	Kevin Mulligan	Susan Carson
Rob Gobeil	Jason Banman	Jacques Levesque
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**DID YOU KNOW?**

- In 1946 City Council passed a resolution that \$500,000 be utilized to upgrade the existing 18 boxcar community centres
- In 1950, Council approved an agreement which defined the roles of the City and Centres regarding programming and financial responsibility
- In 1978, there were 83 Community Centres and 27 Recreation Associations in the City of Winnipeg with a budget of just over \$2M
- In 1993 Council adopted the Universal Funding Formula for Community Centres which standardized the funding for the operation of all centres.
- In 2009, there are 68 community centres with a budget of \$4.3M

## FORD 5 RIDES TO THE RESCUE BY HELPING KIDS PLAY

The five Ford Dealers in Winnipeg have come together with a very generous donation to the GCWCC Program Registration Fee Subsidy Grant. This donation will assist many children and youth under the age of 18 to participate in Community Centre sport and recreational programs. Without this support, many would be watching from the sidelines.

The purpose of the GCWCC Program Fee Subsidy is to assist children/youth overcome financial barriers that prevent or limit their participation in sport, leisure and recreational programming administered by community centres in Winnipeg. Over the years, GCWCC has been able to assist an average of 1000 children and youth a year to participate in the program of their choice. This donation will allow GCWCC to continue with this very worthwhile project. You can ensure "all kids can play" by increasing the five Winnipeg Ford Dealer's pledge while buying or servicing your vehicle at any Ford 5 Dealer. Find out more at [winnipegfordfive.com](http://winnipegfordfive.com)

**A BIG THANK YOU TO THE "FORD 5" DEALERSHIPS!**