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Plan 2045 Approved by City Council

We're excited to share that **Plan 2045** was officially **approved** by **City Council** on **July 17th, 2025**, with strong support.

The plan also calls for the establishment of management agreements between the City of Winnipeg and each community centre to ensure that clear roles and responsibilities are defined.

The full plan is available for review on the [GCWCC website](#). If your community centre has any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Over the next few months, GCWCC will share details of the report with the various stakeholders.

Welcome, Tanis Knowles Yarnell!

The GCWCC is pleased to welcome **Tanis Knowles Yarnell** as the new **Manager** of the **Community Centre Division** at the **City of Winnipeg**.

Tanis previously served as the acting Division Manager of Community Development, where she led the Community Centre team.

She began her career with the City of Winnipeg in 2018 as the Strategic Projects and Initiatives Coordinator, focusing on the City's Poverty Reduction Strategy. In Fall 2024, she took on a temporary role as a Senior Planner in the Planning, Property and Development Department and has now returned to Community Services.

We wish Tanis all the best in her new role and look forward to continuing GCWCC's strong partnership with her and the City.

Community Centres Offering Clean Air Relief

Several community centres are now operating as **clean air quality sites**, offering much-needed relief as wildfire smoke continues to impact Manitoba's air quality.

In partnership with the City of Winnipeg, **Bronx Park, East Elmwood, Luxton, and Riverview** are providing indoor spaces where residents can take a break from wildfire smoke.

This marks the first full season of clean air operations, following a pilot in August 2024.

To learn how your centre can participate, contact office@gcwcc.mb.ca.

Above & Beyond Awards. Now Open to Staff Nominations



We're excited to share that the scope of the **Above & Beyond Awards Banquet** has expanded.

This year, in addition to celebrating the incredible **volunteers** who make a difference every day, we will also recognize **staff members** who consistently go **above and beyond their job descriptions** to support the smooth operation of our community centres.

As you begin thinking about volunteer nominations, we encourage you to also consider staff members who deserve to be acknowledged for their outstanding dedication.

Nomination forms will be sent out **later this month**. We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Apply Now: Community & Neighbourhood Grant Program

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Is your community centre planning a new program, facility upgrade, or initiative that strengthens your neighbourhood? You may be eligible for up to **\$250,000 per year** through the City of Winnipeg's **Community and Neighbourhood Grant Program**.

This new grant offers a streamlined application process and supports projects that align with the City's goals in OurWinnipeg and the Strategic Priorities Action Plan (SPAP).

Applications are open from **July 22 to September 16, 2025**.

Click the link below to learn more and apply.

[Learn More](#)

Fall Program Profiles Due August 30th

Community Centres are encouraged to start preparing their **Fall Program Profiles**.

Fall profiles are due on August 31.

Submitting your profiles on time ensures your programs are updated on our website and promoted to the community.

It also ensures that you are eligible to apply for available grants.

Please use the new **Add/Delete form** to easily update your listings. Keep an eye on your **email this month** for **your previous profile** and the **Add/Delete sheet**.

Simply review, make any changes, and submit by the end of August.

Nine Free Benches Available



Fort Garry Community Centre is giving away nine benches to anyone interested.

To learn more or to claim them, please contact General Manager Sean Sedlacek at fgcc@fortgarrycc.ca.

Important Dates and Information

- **August 31st** - Fall Program Profiles due
- **September 1st** - Labour Day
- **September 16th** - Community and Neighbourhood Grant Program deadline
- **September 30th** - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day)
- **October 1st** - Minimum Wage Increase
- **October 13th** - Thanksgiving Day
- **October 15th** - Fall 2025 Renovation Grant Application
- **November 11th** - Remembrance Day
- **November 22nd** - Above & Beyond Awards Banquet
- **Who to Call** - this link will take you to the phone list of Community Centre contacts on the GCWCC website.

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