



# NECRC UPDATE

NORTH END COMMUNITY RENEWAL CORPORATION

## Lord Selkirk Park Resource Centre – Grand Re-Opening

On June 28th, approximately 75 people attended the re-opening of the Lord Selkirk Park Resource Centre at Unit 5 & 6, 119 Robinson. George Hickes, MLA for Point Douglas brought greetings from the Province of Manitoba and Judy Wasylycia-Leis, M.P. for Winnipeg North Centre presented the Lord Selkirk Park Resource Centre with a certificate of appreciation of service to community.

The new space will be able to offer new programming and will house the services of other partners, as the Centre continues to expand and grow. Unit #6 will act as the daily drop-in Resource Centre, offering a range of services such as: free laundry facilities,

a clothing depot, coffee, community phone access, monthly community feast days, referrals and advocacy, and drop-in counseling services provided through partner agencies.

Unit #5 is a new expansion of the current drop-in Resource Centre, and will act as a programming space. Currently there will be a

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*Judy Wasylycia-Leis presents Certificate of Appreciation to NECRC staff. (l-r): Cheyenne Henry, Dianne Ross, Janice Goodman, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.*

## Annual North End Resource Fair Takes Community as Focus

On June 7, 2007 adults and many young people and children from the community made their way to the Indian and Métis Friendship Centre. They were taking part in the annual North End Community & Family Resource Fair. "This year we opted to focus on the community when developing the Fair," commented Betty Juselius, Director of PATH Resource Centre and one of the organizers of the event. "In previous years we have concentrated on the agencies that provide service in the area," she continued. Attendance by folks living in the community was higher this year than ever before.



*(l-r): Hon. Gord Mackintosh, MLA for St. John, Betty Juselius, Director of PATH, and Hon. George Hickes, MLA for Point Douglas and Speaker of the Manitoba Legislature confer during Fair.*

Several large employers and approximately 25 service agencies sponsored booths. Welcome songs set the tone for the day, as recordings of drumming created a festive atmosphere. Children and young people donned ancestral costumes to provide entertainment through

their dancing. As well, a clown made balloon toys for attendees. A young performer jiggled on stage. Noted a visitor, "I was glad to see the great turnout from community resources."

Local politicians delivered speeches.

Among those attending, Steve Ashton, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Gord Mackintosh, MLA for St. John, George Hickes, Speaker of the Manitoba Legislature and MLA for Point Douglas, and Doug Martindale, MLA for Burrows, brought greetings from the Province, and outlined plans for our community.

Perhaps the most exciting part of the Fair came with the draws. People thronged to fill out survey forms to get a ticket for the draws. Said one young winner, "Wow! This prize is brand new!"

An old-fashioned popcorn machine added to the carnival-like fun. Manning this attraction were student volunteers and members of the Ambassadors in their orange uniforms. Young and old enjoyed the delicious snack as they wandered throughout the displays. Native Women's Transition Centre provided food at the canteen. One of those attending summed up the experience, "I thought the Fair was fun!"



*Participants prepare to deposit their tickets for one of the draws.*



# Margita Connected



## Getting Hands Dirty

*Margita Tobolkova, freelance writer & broadcaster, North End resident*

To get hands dirty usually means work around the house, garden or in a garage. But I found a different way to get my hands dirty. I signed up to deliver Times weekly. Some flyers come with it too, sometimes catalogues. Believe me, when you have to fold printed papers, in no time your hands are dirty.

Well, I don't do it to get rich, it pays just enough for some groceries, but the exercise is great. I need to get in shape and lose some weight. I thought this is better than pumping iron in some fitness club. Those are not only expensive, but they are places where fashion is important and people who do need to get in shape don't go there anyway. This way I get paid for exercise, I don't have to worry about gym fashion, and I get to know our neighborhood better.

I look after parts of Manitoba, Pritchard and Selkirk avenues. I see the front yards and meet nice people. Like Drew Mazerolle, who saw my cart falling apart under the weight of papers. He offered his cart, previously used by his children. Another North Enders promised to build me one, and I can then return the cart on loan to Drew. Lovely neighbors – don't you think so? Then there are some ladies who tell me, “You should wear a hat in this hot sun, otherwise you may get a sun stroke”. Or, some children who warn me, “Don't go inside this yard! The dog will shred you to pieces”. I knew all along North Enders are great people, but now I get it confirmed again.

There are some lovely front yards, nothing but gardening artistry. It is such a pleasure to walk along. Occasionally I meet one of the residents. Then I get advice on how to fertilize roses to get them to grow so beautiful. Looks like we will exchange cuttings with some of the avid gardeners. We already exchange experiences. Some yards are not kept at all, but luckily, there are only a few of them.

“Beware of the dog”. That's the sign often displayed in windows. But I thought some people should have a sign “Beware of the dog poop”. I cannot believe how some pathways from the front gate to the mailbox are littered with a large number of doggie presents. Obviously the owners must leave and enter their houses through the back, commuting by cars. Otherwise, I cannot imagine them leaving so much of the dog stuff on the front yard. I guess they think mail or pizza delivery people can tiptoe over the mounds. I wonder if the vapors from that contribute to the global warming.

Regrettably, some houses are quite run down. Some of them have such badly rotten wooden steps, I am afraid to step on them. The residents must be quite brave to mount them every day. Or, perhaps they have broken legs already.

I have a very busy schedule these days and a lot of things to worry about. So, when it comes Thursday, I look forward to a healthy walk through the neighborhood, delivering papers and catalogues. I can tell already I am getting physically stronger. In addition, I find it an emotional release. And, I even get paid for it. How's that for a good deal?

## Looking for Work?



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Hate the job you have?*

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**Come by and check us out!**

# NECRC 2006 AGM

The North End Community Renewal Corporation (NECRC) held its 2006 Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Thursday April 26th at David Livingstone Community School. The AGM was attended by over 74 North End stakeholders.



NECRC 2007 AGM

The theme of this year's AGM built on the efforts of the newly created North End 5-Year Community Plan (2007-2011) and was entitled "Building Community Together". Judy Wasylycia-Leis, MP for Winnipeg North Centre, was the guest speaker for the event and further

exemplified this theme through her personal and professional accounts of both her constituents and NECRC.

The business portion of the AGM was preceded by a community feast that encompassed a "Taste of the North End" through a

variety of dishes from local restaurants and caterers. Highlights of the business portion of the AGM included: 1) recognition of out going Board members Jeanet Sybenga, Sonia Prevost-Derbecker and Pauline Riley; 2) the election of Faye Jashyn and Roxane Kopitonchuk as new members of the NECRC Board of Directors; and 3) the approval of several new revisions to the NECRC By-Laws including the changing of the fiscal year-end from December 31st to March 31st. As a result of this particular By-Law revision, the NECRC will be hosting another AGM on Thursday July 26th, 2007; at the William Norrie Centre, 485 Selkirk Ave. at 12:00 noon-2:00 p.m.



Judy Wasylycia-Leis, MP  
Winnipeg North Centre bringing greetings to the NECRC AGM.

The AGM was concluded by small-group sector discussions and feedback regarding the new North End 5-Year Community Plan, and with several door prize draws consisting of items that were generously donated by local North End merchants.

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## NORTH END COMMUNITY RENEWAL CORPORATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*Theme: Building Community Together!*

**Thursday July 26, 2007**  
**William Norrie Centre**  
**485 Selkirk Ave.**  
**12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.**

**12:00 Community Feast**


**1:00 Business Meeting**

- Guest Speaker
- Financial Report
- Appointment of Auditor

**2:00 Adjournment**

NECRC is an organization of organizations. Directors for NECRC represent the following sectors:

- Aboriginal
- Business
- Community
- Labour
- Religious/Fraternal
- Resident



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weekly Adult Arts & Crafts Program that will function out of that space. The Resource Centre will also provide office space for Urban Youth Adventures, as they offer a variety of programs within the North End for youth ages 12-18 years.

The Resource Centre would like to welcome their new on-site staff, Cheryl Croxen, the LSP Adult Learning Centre Coordinator, who will be assisting with the development of the Adult Learning Centre and providing support to interested community members who would like to achieve their grade 12 diplomas.

The LSP Resource Centre would like to give a huge thanks to the Community Advisory Committee for their support and resources, as well as partners, Neighbourhoods Alive!, the National Crime Prevention Centre and Manitoba Housing Authority. And of course to all the community members that continue to provide direction and ideas on a daily basis! Your input and ideas make it your Centre!

# NECRC Participates in the Run for Rights

On June 9, 2007 NECRC participated in the Run for Rights. Many thanks to Rob Neufeld, Dina Delaronde and John Wilmot, who raised \$660 to encourage and sponsor North End participation in recreation and wellness events. With money from the 1st run, the North End relay team, Northern Stars, was sponsored to run in the Manitoba Marathon on June 16.



Run for Rights (l-r): Rob Neufeld, Dina Delaronde and John Wilmot

Many thanks to Cindy Coker (SEED Winnipeg), Larry Morrissette (OPK), Nathan Sawatsky (LITE), John Wilmot and Rob Neufeld (NECRC) for participating in the 2007 Manitoba Marathon Relay. We finished the 26 mile relay in 4 hours 42 minutes. Hats off to John for doing the 1/2 marathon as our first runner. We hope to promote more

participation in recreation and wellness events in the future. If you have an event that needs sponsoring or want participate in fundraising or recreation events, call NECRC at 927-2333. Our goal is to promote Recreation and Wellness in the North End of Winnipeg as a part of the North End Community Five Year Plan (2006-2011).



## North End 5-Year Community Plan 2006-2011

NECRC recently released the 5-Year Community Plan 2006-2011, which is based on feedback and guidance of 40+ stakeholders from the north end. The following seven categories for community renewal and development were identified as:

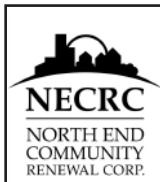
- Building stronger communities
- Promoting a healthy economy
- Increasing employment opportunities
- Providing affording housing for everyone
- Inclusive/accessible recreation and wellness activities
- Promoting safe and clean neighbourhoods
- Celebrating the culture and diversity of the north end

We want to thank Neighbourhoods Alive! for supporting this plan. We would invite all residents and stakeholders of the north end to [join the plan](#) and participate in working towards these goals. To hear an update on the five-year plan, come to our AGM on July 26, 2007 at 12:00 at the William Norrie Centre, 485 Selkirk Ave. If you have questions, please contact Rob Neufeld, Executive Director, NECRC at 927-2331.

## PICNIC in the PARK

Saturday August 25 11am - 4 pm  
St. John's Park

Free Food and Entertainment



NECRC Board of Directors:

Linda Abraham, Gerald Brown, Levett Demchuk, Faye Jashyn, Greg Johnson, Roxanne Kopitonchuk, Astrid Lichti, Mandy Richard, Diane Redsky, John Wilmot

NECRC is a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to the economic, social and cultural renewal of Winnipeg's North End.

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NECRC is open to ideas, comments and suggestions about this newsletter, the organization or any project it is working on.

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