



# NECRC UPDATE

NORTH END COMMUNITY RENEWAL CORPORATION

## Chief Keith McCaskill asks for Community Input!

On April 9, 2008, over 200 community members came out to meet Winnipeg Police Chief Keith McCaskill at a Community Meet & Greet, held at William Whyte Community School. The event marked a new starting point for community members as they met with Chief McCaskill to voice safety issues within their neighborhood. As part of the discussion, Chief McCaskill advised that any safety initiative should include a strong partnership with the community. During the evening, he introduced the six new community police officers who have begun patrolling the William Whyte neighborhood.

On Saturday April 12, 2008, The Winnipeg Police Service, North End Ambassadors Program, NECRC and Community Stakeholders hosted a Safety Conference, at the William Whyte Community School, under the theme of "Building Community Together". The event, attended by 50 community members, featured guest speaker Chief Keith McCaskill and a panel of community representatives who shared information and ideas on safety initiatives being conducted in their local neighborhoods. Community residents had the opportunity to speak one-on-one with Chief McCaskill regarding their safety concerns, and to have their questions addressed by a panel of representatives from community organizations. Panel representatives consisted of:

Rob Neufeld (NECRC), Darlene Klyne (Aboriginal Visioning for the North End), Hugh Coburn (North End Ambassadors Program), Sel Burrows, (North Point Douglas Residents Association), Margo Malabar (William Whyte Residents Association) and Constable Danny Boyko (Winnipeg Police Service).



*Police Chief Keith McCaskill addresses a crowd of 200+ people at the William Whyte Community School on April 9, 2008*

To support the development of safety programs and initiatives within the north end, the North End Partners for Safety conducted a safety survey among community members one week prior to the Meet & Greet event. The boundaries for the survey were: east of Arlington St., west of Main St., north of Jarvis Ave. and south of Mountain Ave. 275 community stakeholders/residents/business owners from the William, Whyte, St. John's and Dufferin neighborhoods responded to the survey. Results of the survey indicated that drugs, gangs and sex trade were rated as the top three concerns of the community.

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## North End Wellness Centre is on it's Way!!!

We can officially announce to the community that construction of the North End Wellness Centre (NEWC) has started. Located at the corner of Mountain and McGregor, this multi-service centre replaces the old North End Y.

All levels of Government and private funders made it official at a media event March 27, 2008. Guests and dignitaries included: Premier Gary Doer, MP Steven Fletcher and Mayor Sam Katz, local MLAs Gord Mckintosh and Doug Martindale, MP Judy Wasylecia-Leis, fundraising champion John Loewen and other funders.

The NEWC has been 9 years in the making. It is a collaborative initiative involving Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre, SPLASH Child Care, the YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg, The Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, and the North End Community Renewal Corporation.

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*Premier Gary Doer celebrating tri-level funding for the Wellness Centre*

Canada/Manitoba  
Infrastructure  
Program—  
Contribution of  
\$2 million



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## Petting in North End

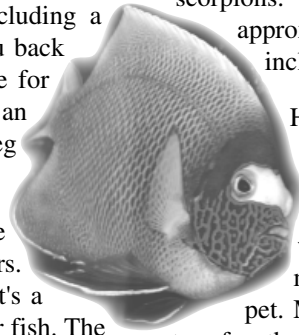
*Margita Tobolkova, freelance writer & broadcaster, North End resident*

Treasures we have in North End are plentiful. Just think of the Fish stores on Dufferin, there is also Black Pearl Coffee. Moving along we have Gunn's Bakery, Imperial Lightning just to name a few. But we have something else to brag about. A cluster of pet stores.

Lets start with Fish Gallery on 959 Main Street. Did you know they have over 2000 variety of fish to offer? Including a unique offering of Red Arowana that would set you back \$5,500. The fish looks like something I could have for breakfast or for lunch, but not at that price. It shares an aquarium with a stingray. Nowhere else in Winnipeg can you find this pair.

Owner Yewing Lam has been in the North End for the last 10 years, and in this present location about 3 years. You may want to visit the store and look around. It's a treat for the eyes. They have tropical and fresh water fish. The most popular is Clown Fish. If you are a starter, equipment costs range from \$100 to over \$1,000. And salt water fish are about 10 times more expensive than fresh water ones. But looking around is free.

Going north, there is Petland on 995 Main. They have puppies, kittens, birds, rodents, fish, and reptiles of all kinds. They have been at this location for the last 6 years, but the owner Rhonda Cook is experienced in the business for 19 years. Their best sellers are fish. The most expensive are puppies which you can have for

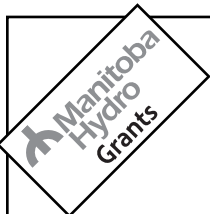


anywhere from \$500 to \$1500. They also offer all kinds of pet needs, food, toys, pet literature. I liked Cat Hammock for \$23.99. That would make a perfect gift for you or your spoiled cat.

My last stop was at Bird Shop and Aquariums on 1034 Main. The owner Henry Wasserman is in the business there since 1977, turning his store into a pet shop in 1988. Believe me, he is a living encyclopedia of North End history. He knows just about anything there is to know about his neighborhood. His store carries fish, birds and small animals, including exotic ones like tarantulas and scorpions. The most expensive would be parrots that go for approximately \$3,500. But he has all pet supplies available, including toys and food for cats and dogs.

Henry discourages pets as gifts without proper education. People buy pets on impulse, and after short period of enthusiasm, many pets are returned or abandoned. Obviously, if you have thought through what you are getting into with a pet, and are willing to make a serious commitment, then by all means, get a pet. Maybe a more suitable gift would be some treat or a toy for the pet you already have, like that Cat Hammock I mentioned earlier. Or, get a book about pet care and prepare yourself. But Henry would coach you before you make a choice of a pet for a gift.

So, we have more things to be proud of in the North End. I must mention that in the midst of the pet stores there is an Animal Hospital next to Petland. So the pet package is complete. I also want to say that the fish are not for eating. If you want to munch on fish, go to Dufferin and visit Gimli Fish or Mariner Neptune. So, lets go petting and have a very tasty lunch or dinner.



## LOWER INCOME HOMEOWNERS

**(INCLUDES TOWNHOUSES, ROW HOUSES, MULTIPLEX HOUSES AND MOBILE HOMES)**

*Do you have trouble paying your energy bills?  
During the winter, does the inside of your home feel cold and drafty?  
Do you want to upgrade your home to save energy and money?  
How do you qualify?*

Call 188-MBHDRO or pick up brochures and application packages at NECRC office at 509 Selkirk Ave.

Household Size	Communities less than 30 000	Communities 500 000 + over
1 person	\$ 20 756	\$ 26 503
2	\$ 25 839	\$ 32 995
3	\$ 31 765	\$ 40 563
4	\$ 38 569	\$ 49 249
5	\$ 43 744	\$ 55 858
6	\$ 49 336	\$ 62 996
7+	\$ 54 929	\$ 70 138

(Chief Keith McCaskill—continued from page 1)

As a follow up to the survey, conference participants focused on brainstorming a number of suggestions as “next steps” to be taken. These included: ensuring youth participation in discussions on safety, creating safer methods for people to report crime and social problems in their neighborhoods, creating tougher sentences and laws for drug related offences and child exploitation (sex trade), encouraging participation in parenting programs to create stronger families, increasing community involvement by providing transportation to community meetings and functions, and promoting community members working together in solving neighbourhood issues.

If you are a North End resident, or community member and would like further information on these activities and/or to participate in safety initiatives, please call Tara St. Laurent, Safety Coordinator at North End Community Renewal Corporation at 927-2332.

*NECRC welcomes*



**Tara St. Laurent**  
the new Safety Coordinator

## NORTH END COMMUNITY RENEWAL CORPORATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Theme: BUILDING COMMUNITY TOGETHER**

*THURSDAY JUNE 19, 2008*

*NORQUAY SCHOOL*

*132 LUSTED AVE.*

**5:30 Community Feast**

**6:30 Business Meeting**

- Guest Speaker: Hon. Gord Mackintosh
- Annual Reports
- Bylaw Revision
- Election of Directors
- Appointment of Auditor



**7:30 Adjournment**

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

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|-------------|---------------------|
| Aboriginal  | Business            |
| Community 1 | Cultural 1          |
| Labour 1    | Religious/Fraternal |
| Resident 2  |                     |

Numbers represent board vacancies. NECRC is seeking candidates who live within the north end boundaries. If interested, send bios to NECRC by June 13, 2008.



The North End Community Renewal Corporation invites all Lord Selkirk Park Community Residents to drop by

**The Lord Selkirk  
Park Resource  
Centre**

Free Laundry, Clothing Depot, Community Phone.  
Employment Counseling, Individual & Youth Counseling on Site.

Or Just Drop by for a Coffee!

Location: Unit 6- 119 Robinson Street

For more information call: 927-2344

**RESOURCE CENTRE HOURS**

Mon, Wed, Thurs Fri- 9-5  
Tues- 1-5  
Closed for lunch 12-1 pm.



(North End Wellness Centre—continued from page 1)

The partners overcame many challenges showing how community, partners and three levels of government can work together. The capital budget for the project is \$5.5 million with \$2 million coming from the Winnipeg Partnership Agreement.

The NEWC will be "the living room of the North End" combining recreation, social and health programming. The goals of the NEWC are: to encourage physical activity for children and youth, to eliminate financial barriers for recreation, child care, to promote collaboration among community organizations and volunteerism in the N.E.

The 25,000 sq. ft. building will include a gymnasium with a basket ball court and game facilities, a youth recreation centre with climbing tower, indoor skateboard park, play structure, youth-sized workout equipment, childcare facility, community kitchen and health care offices.

Many thanks go to the partners, funders and the community for your support. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2009.

## Community Financial Services Centre Hosts Community Celebration!

The Community Financial Services Centre (CFSC) made the physical move to the newly renovated Mount Carmel Clinic (MCC) Expansion building on January 11, 2008.

**MCC and the CFSC jointly hosted a Community Celebration at 888 Main Street on April 16, 2008 from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. The turnout was tremendous; we had over 500 Community residents attend. A good time was had by all!**

To date the CFSC has served over one-hundred and thirty clients who have been referred from its current participating Community Referral Partners: NECRC, PATH, Lord Selkirk Park Resource Centre., Mount Carmel Clinic, North End Women's Resource Centre, The Elizabeth Fry Society, North Point Douglas Women's Centre and Native Women's Transition Centre. The CFSC has just added three new Community Partner Referral Agencies: Aboriginal Visioning, Oyate Tipi and the Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre.

The CFSC offers its clients, no charge client (photo) ID, one-on-one financial education and counseling, ACU chequing and/or savings accounts, direct deposit, on-line and telephone banking options, no-hold government and participating Community Organization cheque cashing, on-line-transfer and micro-loans between \$40 and \$100.

Starting in June, 2008, the CFSC, in partnership with SEED Winnipeg Inc. and the Community Financial Counseling Services will be offering monthly group Money Management Workshops to the Community at no charge. Watch for our posters! For additional information contact Debra or Lilian at 586-9853.

### Thinking about going back to high school?



For your Diploma?  
To Upgrade?

Interested in attending classes in a mature, adult oriented environment?

The Lord Selkirk Park Adult Learning Centre  
Located at Turtle Island Community Centre  
510 King Street

Continuous Enrollment

To register and get more information contact  
Carolyn or Christa  
PH: 582-9579  
Or Drop by 510 King Street

## General Run for Rights Notice

Walk, Cycle, Run, Wheel or Blade at this year's

# RUN FOR RIGHTS

Saturday, June 7, 2008

At Kildonan Park

You can walk, cycle, run, wheel or blade a 5km or 10km route. Start time 9:30 a.m.

Support Winnipeg organizations working for social justice and human rights by collecting pledges for – or making a donation – to participating organizations. You can also choose to support a specific participating organization.

To sign up and receive a pledge form, contact Janine at 475-3816 or email [run4rights@mts.net](mailto:run4rights@mts.net)

Visit <http://runforrights.org/> to find out more about participating organizations and to download a pledge form.

Sponsored by: MGEU, Assiniboine Credit Union, CUPE Manitoba and CKUW

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## Notice for Amnesty Members

Walk, Cycle, Run, Wheel or Blade to support

Amnesty International at this year's

# RUN FOR RIGHTS

Saturday, June 7, 2008

At Kildonan Park

Support the struggle for human rights by joining the Run for Rights. You can walk, cycle, run, wheel or blade a 5km or 10km route. Start time 9:30 a.m. Run for Rights is organized by a collation of 13 Winnipeg organizations working for human rights and social justice.

To raise money for Amnesty International, email Louise at [amnestyrun4rights@mts.net](mailto:amnestyrun4rights@mts.net) to sign up and receive an Amnesty pledge form.

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From L-R: David Young (YMCA-YWCA); Minister Gord Mackintosh, (FSH); Mayor Sam Katz; Premier Gary Doer; John Loewen; Stephen Fletcher (MLA); Diane Redsky (Ma Mawi); Judy Wasylcia-Leis (MP); Robert Neufeld (NECRC); Leslie Massey; Tara Richlewski (SPLASH)



Mayor Sam Katz

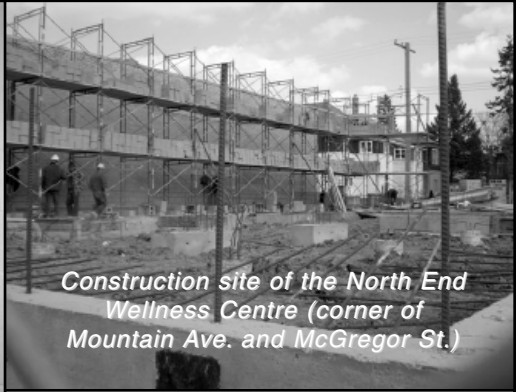


Doug Martindale (MLA Burrows) and John Loewen, (Fundraising Champion)

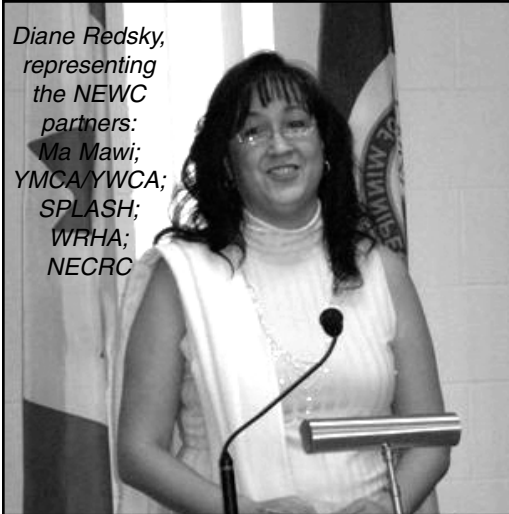


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Construction site of the North End Wellness Centre (corner of Mountain Ave. and McGregor St.)



Diane Redsky, representing the NEWC partners: Ma Mawi; YMCA/YWCA; SPLASH; WRHA; NECRC

**FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NORTH END WELLNESS CENTRE MARCH 27, 2008**



Architect's elevation of NEWC



Community members and funders



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North End Wellness Centre Development

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# Looking for Work?

Want to know where  
the good jobs are?

Don't know what kind  
of work you would be  
good at?

Hate the job you have?

WE CAN HELP!



**NECRC PATH  
Resource Centre**  
627 Selkirk Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB  
Tel: 927-2300  
Fax: 582-7397  
Mon - Fri 8:30am - 4:30pm



Come by and check us out!

## PICNIC in the PARK

Saturday August 23, 2008  
11am to 4pm  
St. John's Park



CENTENNIAL  
COMMUNITY  
IMPROVEMENT  
ASSOCIATION

## Workshops : The Housing Training Initiative Calendar

All workshops are FREE with Refreshments and a Door Prize!! Mark these dates on your calendar.  
Invite your neighbours and friends to come and join the fun.  
REGISTER by calling 949-2890. See you there!!

### INSTALLING EXTERIOR VINYL SIDING

Thurs. May 15, 7-9pm Location: 509 Selkirk Ave.

### PEST CONTROL

Information for tenants and homeowners on prevention and pest control.  
Bedbugs, insects, and mice.  
Wed. May 21, 7-9pm Location: 514 Maryland St.

### FENCE CONSTRUCTION

Come out and learn how to build your own fence and gate.  
Sat. May 24, 1-3pm Location: 448 Burnell  
Thurs. June 5, 7-9pm Location: Ralph Brown Community Centre  
(McGregor & Machray)

### BUILDING A DECK

Step-by-step instructions on how to build a deck and the tools and materials required.  
Thurs. June 12, 7-9pm Location: 509 Selkirk Ave.

### PAINTING AND PATCHING

Beautify your home by learning the correct techniques for patching and painting.  
Wed. June 18, 7-9pm Location: 514 Maryland St.

For a Home Maintenance Problem:

**Call:** The Answer Guy (free house-call) **949-2890**

**Or Email:** [gerryvhti@hotmail.com](mailto:gerryvhti@hotmail.com)

**Call:** About your Do-it-Yourself Resource Libraries



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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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