Community partners gathered December 4, 2009 to celebrate the
grand opening of the North End Wellness Centre (NEWC). Re-
named “Win Gardner Place”, the centre showcases the pride;
strength; capacity; and redevelopment of the North End commu-
nity. The celebration brought project partners, dignitaries, staff,
volunteers and community members together to officially open
the 25,000 square foot multi-service facility.

Organizations occupying the wellness centre include Ma Mawi,
the YM-YWCA, the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority and
SPLASH Child Care Centre. “Win Gardner Place serves as a
wonderful example of how people and organizations can come
together to respond to the community needs and aspirations”
states John Loewen, fund raising champion and President of the
North End Wellness Centre Inc. Board.

“Building first-class wellness cen-
tres in neighbour-
hoods like Winnipeg’s
North End, is
improving the
quality of life
for all Mani-
tobans by
combining
recreational
facilities with
day cares,
social, and
health initia-
tives that respond to the diverse needs of the community,” said
the local MLA, the Honourable Gord Mackintosh.

"Win Gardner Place is a welcome addition to the North End of
Winnipeg” said Councillor Grant Nordman representing the City
of Winnipeg. Honourable Vic Toews, on behalf of the Honour-
able Lynne Yelich, Minister of State for Western Economic Di-
versification, said “Win Gardner Place is an example of creating
jobs and promoting the use of our recreational facilities for years
to come.”

Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre (Ma Mawi) has been designated
by the partners to be the Keeper of the Spirit of the facility, and to
ensure that community respect, values and expectations can be
met through the facility and the partnership. Within all that will
be done, the values that guide Ma Mawi, provide the principles
that are central to the vision, design, planning and development of
programs for youth and seniors.

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Everybody Needs Some Doctor

North End is blessed with medical services. We have a few walk-in clinics, lots of dentists and lots of denturists. When I pass Main Street in a bus, once in a while I say “here is another clinic open”. There is a whole bunch of pharmacies. If you are seriously ill, Seven Oaks General Hospital is close by, even if it is located outside of our area. Recently, Health Action Centre relocated to our neighbourhood, just south of Main Street underpass. I used to watch the construction in progress from the bus.

The crown of our medical services is Mount Carmel clinic on 886 Main Street. Did you know it is Canada’s first community health centre? Isn’t that something? It was built some 100 years ago to serve early settlers of North End. It is still providing services to new settlers, but it serves mainly the North End community.

I visited the clinic a few years back. I had no money, no insurance, but I needed a dentist. Unlike most services at the clinic, dental care is not free. It costs between $20 and $35 based on your tax assessment. Compare with regular dentist’s fees: You can easily spend $180 for teeth cleaning alone. Mind you, Mount Carmel clinic provides only basic dental care. But if you need crowns, or some painful dental surgery, they will refer you to clinics that charge less. One of them is University of Manitoba dentistry department working out of Health Science Centre.

Mount Carmel clinic provides hundreds of services. Well, not exactly hundreds, but quite a lot. They categorize services into Primary Health, Community Services, and Early Childhood Programs. I don’t have enough room to mention them all in this article. In addition, eight computers with full access are available to visitors. But, there is no walk-in clinic here. The place is quite pleasant to visit. You walk into the red brick building, and you see a lovely atrium that serves as a waiting room. Receptionist will provide you with necessary information and directions to your desired area.

If you are finished with your visit, you can do some shopping around the clinic. There is Spice World to the right (my favourite). Across the street is M&S Meat Store with lots of Polish style goodies. If you feel athletic, walk up to Selkirk Avenue. There you find our world famous Gunn’s Bakery. Going in the opposite direction (south of the clinic), turn west to Dufferin. There is Neechi Foods community store. They always have fresh bannock. These stores have a lot to do with your health. Together, they handle all the proteins, vitamins and minerals your body requires. Besides, shopping is fun. Isn’t it?

Back to the Mount Carmel clinic. If you just moved in to North End, you can travel there by buses number 15, 16, 18, 20 and 45. Coming from north side, it’s the stop on Stella; going up from the south, the stop is on Euclid. Once you are inside the clinic, make yourself comfortable at one of the computers and check their website www.mountcarmel.ca. There you will find anything and everything about the clinic and services they provide. Or, phone them first on 582-2311.
NORTH END WELLNESS CENTRE OPENS ITS DOORS WITH COMMUNITY CELEBRATION AND OPEN HOUSE—(continued from page 1)

YMCA/YWCA offers the service capacity and experience from decades of operations across all parts of Winnipeg. The Y participation in the North End Wellness Centre provides children and youth in the north end with the same opportunities as are available elsewhere in Winnipeg including a skateboard park, gym, climbing wall, a children’s play structure and exercise equipment.

SPLASH Child Care, Inc. is operating a state of the art child care in the building. With 20 years of experience in the neighbourhood at their adjacent location at Strathcona School, SPLASH embraces the spirit of the North End and its residents. The child care will eventually provide space for infants, pre-school children, and school age children.

The Winnipeg Regional Health Authority will be a significant tenant and support with second floor space for offices, community meeting and resource space. WRHA will connect with community, offer consistent core services and a diverse mix of learning opportunities that are developed in relation to community expectations.

NERI ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2010 SMALL GRANT FUND

The North End Revitalization Inc. / North End Community Renewal Corporation provides a small grant fund for 5 north end neighbourhoods within the north end.

The fund is available to local community groups situated (or who provide service) within the St. John’s, William Whyte, Dufferin, Lord Selkirk Park, Point Douglas neighbourhoods.

Eligible projects must demonstrate community connecting and capacity building and address the goals of the NECRC Five Year community plan. (For information on the Five Year Community Plan goals, see website, www.necrc.org). Local groups can apply for up to $5,000 per year; however the maximum amount per application is $2,500. Grant applications are reviewed monthly (except July & August) and the deadline for all projects to be completed is December 31, 2010.

For further information contact janice@necrc.org or call 927-2337.

NECRC salutes all the partners, community members, politicians and funders who persevered over the past ten years. Many thanks go to three levels of government, private funders, and dedicated community partners for the community organization, and dedication necessary for the realization of the Win Gardner Centre, “living room of the North End”.

Pennies Fundraising

ST. JOHN’S HIGH SCHOOL

Several years ago a group of staff members at St. John’s High School set out on the ambitious plan of collecting one million pennies to donate for brain cancer research. This is being done to honour the memory of two much loved staff members who died of brain cancer in 2004. With the help of donations from students, staff and community members, we have been able to mass over 700,000 pennies.

Our goal is to have the million pennies ready to help celebrate St. John’s 100th Anniversary in June, 2010. This goal can be achieved, but we will need the help of other Division schools and the community at large. Organizers are asking if other schools, individuals, and companies will join in the penny collection. We will also accept silver, which will be used to buy pennies. We will drop off a bin at any school or business and collect full containers upon request. To join the cause, call the school at 589-4374 or email Randy Cameron at rcameron@wsd1.org.

Every penny counts, please give us a hand to reach our goal.

Thanks for your help.
A Revitalization Project of Winnipeg's North End Community

Community Kitchens

Cooking * Fun * Friendships

A collective kitchen is a small group of people who pool their resources to make low cost delicious food in bulk, that they take home to their families. Friendships flourish in these kitchens.

The cost of a community kitchen
- Participants pay $5 to $10 per cooking session
- Cooking groups decide what to cook
- Costs are matched by North End Food Security Network

Participating in a community kitchen:
- Increases food saving resources for the family
- Builds community by creating a network of people helping each other
- Encourages healthy food choices

If you or your organization would like to join or start a community kitchen please call:

Margo @ 927-2342
(North End Food Security Network)

Sponsored by: North End Community Renewal Corporation & Heifer International

NERI
NORTH END REVITALIZATION INCORPORATED

Attention: North End business & Non-Profit Agencies/Organizations

2010 Storefront Enhancement Grant (SEG) Program is now available

North End Revitalization Incorporated (NERI), in partnership with Neighbourhoods Alive! (NA!) and in cooperation with the Mosaic Market BIZ, Selkirk Avenue BIZ, and the Between the Parks Business Association have established the Storefront Enhancement Grant (SEG) Program for local small businesses and non-profit agencies/organizations in the North End.

The SEG Program promotes local community investment by providing cost-shared non-repayable funding grants to eligible North End small businesses and non-profit agencies and organizations for exterior renovations that enhance the appearance, safety, and value of their property. Grants are provided on a 50/50 cost-sharing basis to a maximum of $3,000 from the program.

All local North End small businesses and non-profit agencies and organizations located within the NECRC catchment neighbourhoods are eligible to apply for a grant.

Businesses or non-profits that reside outside these communities are not eligible to apply. Vacant and/or derelict buildings are not eligible to apply. Please note that preference will be given to first-time applicants when selecting successful grant recipients. An applicant can only receive a grant from the SEG Program once within a two (2) year period. The deadline for applications is by 4:30 pm on Wednesday, March 31st, 2010. All 2010 SEG Program applications received after this date will not be considered eligible.

For information on the boundaries and to obtain an application form, please contact Simone at NECRC (927-2336) or visit our website at www.necrc.org
We have been active in the community with TLC inspections to accompany the Landlord Exterior Fix Up Grants. Successful landlord grants require that the rental property meet the criteria of TLC if needed. Any repairs that do not meet the criteria are required to be done first. This activity has kept us all very busy.

Activities that I am very proud to celebrate are having the youth involved in helping community members. The Urban Green Team youth volunteered to help move a community member when they could not do it themselves due to financial hardship. A big Thank — You to them for their valuable help.

We have been significantly ramping up our involvement in Community advocacy for tenants and landlords. With the current vacancy rate at less than 1 % (historical rate is +/- 2 1/2 %), we have found the function of TLC is a definite necessity. The response to our efforts from the Community is testimony to our focus on this issue. During the last three months we have a total of 95 advocacy files open, 15 are landlords and 80 are tenants.

We have made direct personal contact with 114 Community members.

For Tenants
These files range from requiring the landlord to provide a working stove for a tenant to attending Residential Tenancies Commission to address appeals with tenants and in one case we attended a Court of Queen’s Bench hearing with a Tenant. In another we are attending the Court of Appeals. Unlawful rent increases and unlawful evictions along with repairs are the most common files that are opened for tenants.

For Landlords
We attended Residential Tenancies commission hearings with landlords, assisted with information on how to deal with a City Bylaw repair order and assisted with understanding how to fill out some of the more complex forms of the Residential Tenancies Branch. In one case we helped with the eviction of a problem tenant, this particular landlord file has been ongoing for several months.

We are very focused and dedicated to renewal of our community and the housing issues that are present in it. Rental issues in their simplest form are actually people issues.

Darrell Stavem
Tenant Landlord Cooperation (TLC) Coordinator
North End Community Renewal Corporation
Ph: (204) 927-2334 Fax: (204) 582-2801
What a whirlwind of a summer! New community gardens have been established, through the NEFSN ‘Growing Green Together Project’ at Main Street Age & Opportunity, Indian Métis Friendship Centre, Lord Selkirk Park and North End Stella Community Ministry. A fence was built for Hope Health Care Garden, so that they could have gardening success. Vegetables and traditional and medicinal plants were planted in all gardens. Thirteen groups of all ages have participated in this community gardening project. The gardens would not have been a success without the help from MMF “it’s My Community Too’, B.U.I.L.D. and the many volunteers from the gardening groups. Tim Jeffrey, a resident of William Whyte created the garden designs, and mentored the gardeners throughout the summer.

A new Farmers’ market ran at 1085 Main Street Age & Opportunity once a week from mid-July to Mid-September. The community responded with enthusiasm in spite of the rain, wind and cold.

Food Security Workshops included a well-attended Standing Medicine People Workshop, Healthy Pizza Workshops, strawberry picking, overnights to an organic farm Co-op, outings to Fort Whyte Farms and Living Prairie Museum, a training kitchen for Zuken Days Fall Supper in Point Douglas, and a Food Handlers Certification course.

Community consultations included a MAFRA focus group in July, meeting with Environmental Health, Speak Up Winnipeg, and a Fall Planning session at Ma Mawi.

Currently, NEFSN has partnered with several groups to develop learning kitchens for youth and adults. Learning kitchens will be tailored to the needs of each group.

By Margo Malabar

Pizza Workshop

Dave Daniels facilitating the Standing Medicine People Workshop

Stella Avenue Community Garden

Youth at Organic Farm
LIGHTING UP THE AVENUE

Aboriginal Visioning with the help of The North End Community Helpers Network held “Lighting up the Avenue” on December 10, 2009.

This event has been going on for the last 6 years in partnership with different businesses and organizations on Selkirk Avenue from Salter Street to McGregor Street.

The planning committee, consisted of staff from Aboriginal Visioning, NECRC, Ndinawe Youth Resource Centre, City of Winnipeg, Dufferin Residents Association, and The Woman’s Transition Centre. Lights were donated and hung for the different businesses and organizations on Selkirk Ave.

On December 10th the lights were lit up, the community sang Christmas carols, had a feast and the children saw Santa. Gift bags were given out and free draws were held for the adults.

We had a great turn out and we fed more than 400 North End Residents.

The Employment Development Systems Committee is pleased to announce the

4th Annual North End Community and Family Resource / Career Fair

The Fair will be held on

Thursday, April 29, 2010
12:00 noon to 4:00pm at

R.B. Russell High School, 364 Dufferin Avenue
and will coincide with

R.B. Russell’s Annual Open House.

Looking for Work?

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

Contact us about job search and mentorship programs

NECRC PATH
Resource Centre
627 Selkirk Avenue
Winnipeg, MB.
Tel: 927-2330
Mon—Fri 8:30am—4:30pm
Fax: 582-7397

Come by and check us out!
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WELCOME TO NECRC’s NEW STAFF

Melanie Thorassie-Duck joined NECRC on May 22, 2009 as Safety Coordinator. She works with residents and stakeholders to address safety issues and to build safer neighbourhoods within the North End. Melanie provides ongoing support to North End neighbourhoods and resident associations by building on their existing strengths and by taking a proactive approach to crime prevention.

On November 18, 2009 NECRC welcomed Kali Martin as our new Housing Resource Coordinator. She is responsible for the housing coordination and administration of Exterior Fix-up grants in the communities of Dufferin, St. John’s and Lord Selkirk Park. Kali will be promoting and assisting North End clients in accessing Building Urban Industries for Local Development’s (BUILD) Warm Up Winnipeg program. Kali is a homeowner in the St. John’s community and is passionate about contributing to a stronger, safer and more vibrant North End.

NECRC welcomed Maia Graham-Derham on March 1, 2010 as the new Community Development worker for the St. John’s neighbourhood. She will be working with local stakeholders to set & achieve priorities in the areas of safety, housing and capacity building. Maia is excited to start work with NECRC after working in a partnership with them at the Community Financial Services Centre.

PATH welcomed Delores Amos on October 5th, 2009 as the Resource Receptionist.

Serena Hickes joined NECRC on February 8, 2010 as the new Community Development worker for the Dufferin area. The purpose of the Community Development worker is to support and work with local residents and stakeholders to build community capacity and to implement priorities that address housing, safety, recreation and economic goals. Serena is a Southern Inuk, mother of three and has spent the majority of her career in the North End.

Margo Malabar joined NECRC on May 13, 2009 as the new North End Food Security & Greening Coordinator. She works with community residents to improve food security, facilitating capacity building. She is involved with food projects such as community kitchens, farmers markets, traditional plant workshops as well as community gardens. Margo is working with other food security groups throughout the city and province to develop long term food security improvements for north end residents.

Chris Mott also joined NECRC on November 9, 2009 as the new Employment Development Director at PATH.
Selkirk Ave Mural Project

Graffiti Art Gallery, MCC Thrift shop, Ndinawe Youth Centre, and North End Community Renewal Corporation all came together to create murals to hang at the back of the NECRC office located at 509 Selkirk Ave and MCC Thrift Store. This was a partnership project with all people involved from the planning, painting and installation of the murals. In the fall of 2009 the murals were hung followed by a reception to celebrate this event.

Graffiti is a major problem in the back lane of Selkirk Ave and we are hoping to combat this with murals to cover the open space, which is usually used for graffiti. Our aim for our community is to enhance and beautify our community locally and with local resources and local people.

Rental Network Develops Discussion Forum

January 15, 2010 | Winnipeg Rental Network

The Winnipeg Rental Network is developing an on-line discussion forum for agency workers that work in the area of housing or client support. This will be a cross-sector initiative reaching all agencies that are struggling to find affordable housing for clients. Partners will include agencies that work with youth, newcomers (immigrants and refugees), first-nations, seniors, ex-offenders, mental health clients, people with disabilities, women, low-income households, and the homeless. Members will assist each other with daily, practical issues of housing help work, providing feedback to any question or issue that arises in daily work.

This discussion forum will be a first step to help build the capacity of the housing help sector by facilitating a peer-learning network in which coordinated resource development is a priority. Housing help workers and colleagues in other social service sectors who work daily and directly on issues of housing and homelessness are eligible to join the Network. For further information contact Gord McIntyre at 927-2335 or email at contact@winnipegrentnet.ca.
The Point is one of Winnipeg’s oldest communities, and prior to being cut in half by the Canadian Pacific Railway, it was an upper-middle class community and home to some of Winnipeg’s founding families. As the railway expanded, foundries, saw mills, cement plants and soap factories, among other industries, began to emerge in the areas around the rail yards. As the population became more mobile and the city expanded, the upper-middle class residents moved elsewhere and were replaced by working class newcomers. Many of these newcomers were drawn to the area for its affordable housing and close proximity to employment, characteristics that are still a draw today.

The Point Douglas Residents Committee (PDRC) is among Winnipeg’s most active and passionate residents associations and is continuously working towards creating a safe and welcoming neighbourhood. This constant focus on improvement combined with renewal efforts from local community organizations and investment from all three levels of government has contributed to the Point becoming more and more recognized as an attractive character neighbourhood.

In addition to the great people, new residents are still drawn into the area by the affordability of its homes. NPD is one of five Winnipeg communities defined by the City of Winnipeg as a Housing Improvement Zone (HIZ) which means that the declining state of the housing stock merits focused rehabilitation efforts to prevent further decline and foster community renewal. This can actually be a draw for potential new homeowners as it provides increased access to resources and assistance for property owners within the community.

Of course, its not all sunshine and rainbows; the neighbourhood has its challenges. The same factors that foster new homeownership can also encourage landlords from outside the community, and often outside the province or country, to purchase homes in the area to be used as revenue properties. As indicated in the 2006 census, 58% of dwellings within NPD are rentals. This can be problematic as some landlords are operating on a purely financial bottom line with a complete disregard for the quality of housing they provide. When rentals are of a very low quality, tenants often do not take pride in their home. This can result in further property decline as tenants don’t respect their housing and fail to maintain it. Low quality rentals command low rents which often fail to cover the costs of necessary maintenance and can contribute to a cycle of decline that adds to further wide-scale neighbourhood deterioration. This issue is worsened when the vacancy rate is very low. Winnipeg currently has a vacancy rate below 1%, indicating renters have little choice and often need to settle for substandard housing in order to find something they can afford. This desperation for housing, combined with low awareness of tenant’s rights, can often result in tenants who are intimi-
As an HIZ community, NPD receives $160,000 a year from the City of Winnipeg to address housing decline and foster renewal. PDRC is able to allocate this funding towards housing initiatives such as Exterior Fix-up grants, Minimum Home Repair grants and new home construction/rehabilitation. The residents association could allocate up to $10,000 per unit, but most of the funding had already been assigned, so PDRC was only able to provide Gord with $9,000.

The dedicated City staff assisting in helping to access Provincial NHA funding for an additional $10,000 per unit. Demonstrating the government’s commitment to community renewal, the City provided a further $11,000 from Winnipeg’s Housing Reserve Fund to bring the total funding to $40,000. This was $10,000 less than Gord was seeking, but it was enough to get the work done.

Gord was able to completely renovate the property. Aside from the foundation and some external framing, the majority of the home was newly constructed to create two three-bedroom units with high efficiency furnaces, high insulation values, hardwood floors and in-suite washer/dryers. Each unit is 1225 square feet with luxurious open layouts.

This is a perfect example of how private and public investment can combine to benefit the community. To qualify for NHA funding, the recipients must commit to keeping rents below the Median Market Rents for 5 to 7 years.

Thanks to the vision of Gord Simms, the direction of the PDRC and the investment of $40,000 in public WHHI funding, over $200,000 of private money was invested in the community resulting in the rehabilitation of a problem property and the creation of two high quality, and energy-efficient, affordable rental units for NPD families.

Since its inception, the WHHI has resulted in the investment of more than $15.6 million in Point Douglas including the creation or renovation of 587 units of housing.

If you are interested in housing issues within your community and would like to provide input on how funding is allocated, get involved and join your residents association. You may be surprised how much impact you can have on your neighbourhood by volunteering on a Board or committee.

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**NECRC’s 4th Year in the Manitoba Marathon Relay**

On June 21st, 2009 NECRC and partner organizations participated in our fourth year running in the Manitoba Marathon Relay. Our team, the “North End Stars”, seeks to encourage fitness, recreation and wellness in the North End through running. Many thanks to our team members: Karen Schlichting from *Art for the Heart*, Larry Morrissette with *Ogijita Pimatiswin Kinamatwin* (OPK) an Aboriginal Youth Employment Program, Robert Neufeld employed at NECRC, John Wilmot from the Luxton Community and former NECRC board member and Michael Champagne from *Ndinawemaagin Endaawaad Inc.* “Our Relative’s Home”. Larry’s son accompanied him for the last leg of the relay. John ran the first leg and carried on to complete the ½ marathon.

So why do we run in the Manitoba Marathon?

Michael, a North End young achiever says, “I ran because it’s important for our community to see young Aboriginal people contributing to a healthy lifestyle and participating in a good cause”. Karen as a long time runner feels “It’s great to give some positive public attention, small as it is, to the North End.” Larry a respected elder in the community and former Manitoba boxing champion says “The relay is a way to support wellness in our community and bring visibility to OPK”. As a disciplined runner and regular marathoner John says; “Some people have no choice with what they’re afflicted. These are the ones that Society for Manitobans with Disabilities (SMD) (fundraising beneficiary) tries to help. Others do have a choice in how they spend their time and energy and this run and the example it sets is a positive way to direct that.” For Rob as an employee of NECRC says, “Walking and running as a team promotes community and helps me stay fit. The North End Stars and the Marathon bring people together to enjoying recreation and wellness”.

The fees to run in the Marathon were covered by funds raised by NECRC participation in the Run for Rights 10K run held every year a few weeks before the Manitoba Marathon. The goal of partner participation is to promote Recreation and Wellness in the North End as a part of the North End Community Five Year Plan (2006-2011).

If you would like to form a North End Relay team, and/or participate in the Manitoba Marathon call NECRC at 927-2331 for more information.
HOMEOWNERS!
Are your energy and water bills TOO high?
Is your house COLD and DRAFTY?
Are you LOWER INCOME?

If your answer is ‘yes’ to all three of these questions, you may qualify for a program offered by BUILD and be able to warm up your house for free!

Warm Up Winnipeg is run by the non-profit organization BUILD. It is an insulation and home efficiency program for lower income homeowners in partnership with Manitoba Hydro's Power Smart programs and also serves as a training program for local workers. Applicants must own their homes (mortgages are okay), not be on EIA, have an up-to-date account with Manitoba Hydro and must meet the lower income requirements (and be able to provide copies of 2008 income tax return documents). Income eligibility limits are based on all people living in the home (including children) and must include ALL incomes in the family added together.

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Call Kali at NECRC to find out more information

High Efficient furnace for $19 per month ($1140 total)
Free insulation upgrades – Attic, Walls and Basement
Free Low-Flush toilets (including free installation)
Free CFL light bulbs and aerators for kitchen, bathroom and shower
* Based on individual needs as determined by ecoENERGY audit

The installation will be done by a group of supervised trainees who are also benefiting from the program by gaining skills and experience.

To receive an application package, you can contact Kali at 927-2341 or drop by 509 Selkirk Ave.

You can also check out our website at www.WarmUpWinnipeg.ca

NORTH END 5-YEAR COMMUNITY PLAN 2006-2011

NECRC is presently in its 4th year of the North End 5 Year Community Plan. This plan is based on feedback and guidance of 40+ stakeholders from the north end. The following seven categories for renewal and development were identified by the community as:

- Building stronger communities
- Promoting a healthy economy
- Increasing employment opportunities
- Providing affordable 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 a report on the five-year plan and help plan for the future, come to our AGM in June, 2010.

If you have questions, please contact Rob Neufeld, Executive Director, NECRC at 927-2331.

The NECRC is run by a community board of directors with core funding from the Province of Manitoba—Neighbourhood Development Assistance Program.

The NECRC began at a community meeting in November 1998 and works to improve issues identified in the North End 5 Year Community Plan.

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

The NECRC is open to ideas, comments and suggestions about the newsletter, the organizations or any projects it is working on.

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