# ST.JOHN'S PARK MASTER PLANCONCEPT



## WELCOME

Welcome to the Open House for the

## St. John's Park Redevelopment Master Plan

St. John's Park, originally a treeless prairie, was purchased by the City of Winnipeg from the Anglican Church in 1893, and was one of the City of Winnipeg's first four parks. Elms and cottonwoods were planted on the site shortly after its purchase. The riverbank was terraced and the addition of a riverbank walkway was added along with amenities in the park such as a bandstand and a wading



pool. The development of flowerbeds and wandering pathways, as well as a lawn bowling green, were also prominent features of this park's original design. Over 4,000 trees were planted by 1895.

### What is the St. John's Park Redevelopment Master Plan?

To celebrate the 125th anniversary of St. John's Park, the City is undertaking a redevelopment master plan to ensure the park continues to meet the needs of the community.

Approximately \$340,000 is available through the City's Parks and Recreation Enhancement Fund (PREP) for the redevelopment master plan and the first phase of park redevelopment. The redevelopment master plan will guide future park redevelopment decision-making in the coming years.

## **Project Timeline:**







## WHAT WEHEARD\*

Add more lighting

40% of surveyed visitors arrive to park by foot

Improve safety in park by trimming up the bushes and trees "We stumbled on a community festival there last year. It was great to see the whole community there."

Drainage needs improving in areas to prevent standing water in grass areas and basketball court

"This park was my childhood park and I still walk it daily."

Remove graffiti and help prevent vandalism to buildings and play structures

The park is a cultural reflection place

Riverbank pathway repairs and improvements are needed and a better connection to Redwood Bridge

Keep the open green space, not too much development.

Lots of people picnic in the park. Add more benches, picnic tables and shelters Park gardening staff work hard and do beautiful work - keep the crew!

Recognize we are on Treaty land and we are all Treaty people Update the wading pool with some water play features

There is some unfavourable behavior in park – needs more monitoring and ongoing maintenance for clean up and safety

Provide access to better public washrooms - beyond pool hours

"I once came to the park and there was a drumming circle under the enclosure. So nice."

People cycle commute through the park as well as for fitness and leisure.

Add more 'adventure' and natural play activities. Kids play hard here





## THANK YOU

# Thank you for your participation

- Please provide your feedback (today or online)
- Stay connected:

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• For any further questions or comments, please contact:

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# WINNIPEGPARKS CELEBRATE 125 YEARS

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In its early days, Winnipeg was a pioneer in adopting a network approach to providing parks and open space to its citizens, and the providing parks and open space to its citizens, and the providing parks and providing parks and the control of the providing parks and the control of the providing parks and the City will develop entry features that commemorate three of Winnipegs first four parks. Central Park, Fort Rouge Park, and SLJohn's Park. Victoria Park will receive new treatments to commemorate the 1919 General Strike.

### ST.JOHN'S PARK FACTS

- At time of purchase it was a tree-less prairie (over 4000 trees were planted by 1895)
- partied by 1993)

  Six pointed star flower bed an early entry feature of the park

  'St.John's Park' was originally spelled out in flower beds 6' long at the
- Bandstand, bowling green, wading pool added in ca. 1929
- . Site of the first public school of the Red River settlement

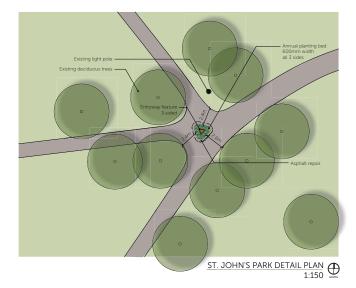
### ST.JOHN'S PARK - NEW CONCEPT

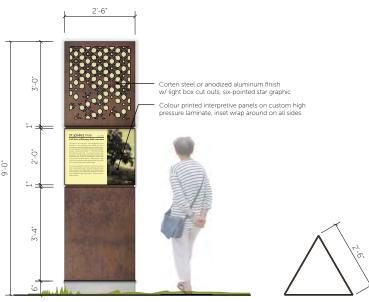
The entryway features were inspired by a Victorian garden obelisk, popular in the era these three parks were designed. By using this traditional garden feature in a contemporary way, the entryway features embrace the history of these parks while acknowledging the present day commemoration.

Constructed of corten steel and colour printed interpretive panels, traditional materials are used in a contemporary way. The lightbox at the top of the entryway feature has a stylized motif, unique to each park. The motif for St.John's Park motif is a repeating pattern of the su-pointed start that was part of the park's original design and is still



Two locations have been proposed for the entryway feature. Option #1 is located as part of the redeveloped front entrance to the park along Main Street. Option #2 is located further into the park as a node where four asphalt pathways meet. The commemorative feature will be surrounded by a low annual planting bed of flowers.





For the interpretive panels on the sign, the first panel will have two paragraphs of text - one consistent on all three entryway features that will tell the history of the parks, the Park's Movement and the formation of the Park's Board. The second paragraph is specific to each park, describing the unique features of each park with interesting facts or points of interest All entryway features also show a map noting the locations of all four parks - For Rouge Park, Central Park, SJ. John's Park and Victoria Park, as well as historical images and logos specific to this project/and or park.









Entryway feature with annual planting & solar lighting option

**3D RENDERING** 

FRONT ELEVATION FOOTPRINT

## OPPORTUNITIES & CONSTRAINTS

