

Chief Peguis Greenway extension commences

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Cyclists and pedestrians will soon have a more safe and comfortable experience crossing the Red River over the Kildonan Settlers Bridge.

On June 15, Couns. Devi Sharma (Old Kildonan) and Jeff Browaty (North Kildonan) in partnership with the Government of Canada, celebrated the official groundbreaking of the Chief Peguis Greenway Extension Project.

The \$7.2 million project will upgrade the existing Chief Peguis Trail pedestrian greenway to better accommodate multiple user groups including cyclists, pedestrians, and transit riders. On Sept. 27, 2017, City Council approved \$21 million in new projects as part of the City's application to the Government of Canada's Public Transit Infrastructure Fund. The City received \$3.35 million from the federal government to go toward the extension project.

This project closes a network gap between Henderson Highway to Main Street and the area of Rivergrove.

"The City of Winnipeg is proud to play a leading role in improving pedestrian and cycling facilities, which are a priority for all members of our community," Coun. Devi Sharma (Old Kildonan) said. "When we embrace the opportunity to invest in our transportation network, we ensure that we provide healthy opportunities and alternatives for all Winnipeggers."

The project includes construction of asphalt and concrete multi-use pathways along the existing Chief Peguis Trail from Henderson Highway to Main Street and through Frog Plain Park, from Main Street to Frog Plain Way; widening of existing sidewalks on the south side of the bridge; additional left turn lane on Main Street to the Greenway pathway and installation of bicycle crossing signals; landscaping and corridor amenities; transit stop improvements; new pathway light installation along the entire pathway, and beneath both ends of the bridge.

"The Government of Canada recognizes that providing people with accessible active transportation options is key to developing greener and more inclusive communities," Maryann Mihychuk, MP for Kildonan-St. Paul, on behalf of the Amarjeet Sohi, federal Minister of Infrastructure and



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Couns. Jeff Browaty (North Kildonan), Devi Sharma (Old Kildonan), and Ross Eadie (Mynarski) and Coun. Matt Allard (St. Boniface), chair of the city's infrastructure renewal and public works committee, at the groundbreaking on June 15.

Communities, said. "We are proud to support this strategic extension to the Chief Peguis Greenway, which will not only connect two of Winnipeg's most popular pathways but encourage everyone to stay active and enjoy the outdoors while moving around the City."

Construction has already started in April and will continue

until October when approximately 80 per cent of the project will be completed. It will be on hold during the winter, and the remainder of work will conclude in the summer of 2019.

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