

# Creating safe and walkable communities



**Devi Sharma**

**OLD KILDONAN CITY  
COUNCILLOR  
WARD REPORT**

I hope you're all staying healthy and safe. During this unique summer, many of us have been spending more time outdoors. Our neighbourhoods are full of many walkable spaces, from the new Chief Peguis Greenway to the Seven Oaks Arena indoor walking track.

These pathways, crosswalks, and sidewalks are not only recreational for many, they are also critical connections to reaching all areas of our community.

I've heard your concerns about pedestrian safety and I share them. Ensuring everyone is safe on our streets is a priority. Some of our newer communities are still in need of active transportation infrastructure such as side-

walks. In keeping with this priority, construction of a new sidewalk along King Edward Street to Jefferson Avenue is underway.

I am pleased to share that the City is installing a new concrete sidewalk on the east side of King Edward Street north from Coatstone Drive to Jefferson Avenue. Additionally, crews are grading the existing ditch and landscaping the surrounding city property.

This project will connect the Castlebury Meadows neighborhood to the existing sidewalk on Jefferson Avenue for continuous pedestrian access to the area going to the new Waterford Springs School.

We know pedestrian safety is also closely connected to road speeds. This is why the speed limit on King Edward Street between Jefferson Avenue and 125 metres north of Garton Avenue is reduced from 70 km/h to 60 km/h. This will provide added safety for pedestrians on the new sidewalk.

Streets surrounding the new school will also have a new 30 km/h reduced speed



Supplied photo

*A new concrete sidewalk is being installed on the east side of King Edward Street north from Coatstone Drive to Jefferson Avenue, and is also landscaping the surrounding city property.*

school zone. Additionally, a controlled pedestrian crosswalk will be installed at Coatstone Drive going across King Edward Street to facilitate a safer crossing for all.

As always, if you have any questions, com-

ments, or ideas about pedestrian safety or any other issue, you can reach me by email at [devi@winnipeg.ca](mailto:devi@winnipeg.ca) or by phone at 204-986-5264. I wish you continued well-being during this time.