

The Charleswood Connection

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Winnipeg Police Board

The Winnipeg Police Board provides independent civilian governance of the Winnipeg Police Service. Established in 2013, the Board has responsibilities that are often associated with leadership: they set strategic priorities for the Winnipeg Police Service and provide direction to the Chief of Police. In fact, they are led by the community. Community input inform the Board's work, and they collaborate with the Police Service to translate the community's needs into policies, goals and objectives for the police. In addition to being a liaison between the community and the Police Service, the Board is tasked with recommending the annual Winnipeg Police Service budget to City Council.

The Board is made up of seven civilian members (meaning none are police officers). Five members, including Councillor Ross Eadie and Councillor Scott Gillingham, are appointed by Winnipeg City Council. Two

members are appointed by the Province of Manitoba. They have combined expertise and experience in community services and safety, empowerment, education, governance, financial management, oversight and other fields. The Board's mandate is set by Manitoba's *Police Services Act*. The Act gives police boards the responsibility to ensure police services are delivered in accordance with community needs, values and expectations.

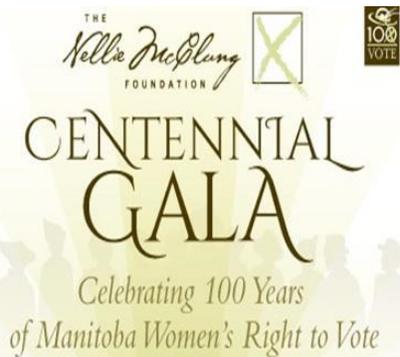
The Board consults with citizens to understand what the community needs and expects. They meet in public and provide opportunities for residents and community groups to make presentations. They also host consultation meetings every year where they listen to citizens' ideas and concerns and ask for their input on a range of issues. In 2015, the Board held six community consultation meetings across Winnipeg. They asked citizens for their thoughts on safety issues in their communities, the police budget, and their strategic plan for the

Winnipeg Police Service. They published the results on their website to be transparent. These consultation meetings are important because they ensure community input informs everything they do.

They then translate community priorities into strategic directions to the Winnipeg Police Service. The Board works closely with the Police Service to determine how community concerns can be addressed and safety can be improved. They developed a five-year strategic plan (released earlier in 2015) that sets goals and targets and they hold the Chief of Police accountable for implementing it. Under the *Police Services Act*, the Board has the authority to appoint the Chief of Police and monitor his or her performance. They use reports and advice from the Chief of Police to determine whether the Police Service has the resources it needs and is being efficient and effective.

You may contact the Board at: winnipegpoliceboard.ca.

Centennial: Celebrating 100 Years of Manitoba Women's Right to Vote.



In celebration of this pivotal milestone in the history of Manitoba, and Canada, on January 28th, 2016 the Nellie McClung Foundation will host a **CENTENNIAL GALA**.

This once-in-a-lifetime event will be held at the RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg, featuring fine food and entertainment. A highlight of the evenings' program will be the presentation of the inaugural Nellie Awards (The Nellies), recognising Manitoba women who have followed Nellie McClung's footsteps through their work in social justice, women's, and human rights.



Myrna at the recent production "Let Them Howl", a re-enactment of the 'mock-parliament' that featured Nellie McClung and her peers in the Political Equality League.

You are invited to join leaders from across a wide range of organizations, industries, and political and public life as they come together for a spirited evening in celebration of this important event highlighting the past, present and future of women's and human rights in Manitoba.

An Amazing Human Rights Project

An entire school division took over Investors Group Field for two days in May. Students attending Pembina Trail School Division turned a football field into a massive mosaic highlighting human rights. Each of the 13,000 students created a single 8" X 10" panel depicting what human rights means to them. Then one by one, all 33 Pembina Trails schools gathered on the green turf and placed their art side by side in the shape of the international logo for human rights. Thousands of individual panels created a giant art installation

unlike anything you have ever seen. The mission of the Pembina Trails Human Rights Project was to create a catalyst for change. Simply put, they aimed to support a generation of students, who are already thinking about social justice, human rights, and social action.

Congratulations to all the staff and students in Pembina Trails School Division for another innovative program!!



In the Community



Annual Charleswood
Rotary Lobsterfest



Myrna was pleased to bring greetings to the Installation of interpretative panels at Caron House.



Myrna & Charleswood 55+ Active Living Centre, President, Dan Graham at their recent fundraiser.

Assiniboine Chamber of
Commerce AGM & Dinner



CONGRATULATIONS TO!!

- **Joanne Grushko** on her retirement as Executive Director of the Charleswood 55+ Active Living Centre.
- **Camilla Wait** on her new position as Executive Director of the Charleswood 55+ Acting Living Centre.
- **Charleswood Historical Society** for their recent fundraising initiative. For a \$150 donation a plaque was installed on the grounds of Caron House as a way to commemorate a family's legacy in Charleswood and at the same time contribute towards the ongoing renovations of this Charleswood landmark. Caron House is one of the last remaining farmhouses along the Assiniboine River inside the perimeter.

Community Places Grants

The Community Places program will celebrate its 30th year supporting recreational and cultural sites with \$3.5 million in grants available to non-profit and community organizations. Community Places provides funding and planning assistance to non-profit community organizations to build, upgrade, expand or acquire facilities focused on recreation and wellness.

The deadline to apply is Dec. 15. More information about the grant program is available online at www.gov.mb.ca/housing/cpp/.



Charleswood Community Leaders Networking Luncheon

Following a community assessment, **Myrna** identified the need for an opportunity for community members to come together to share views about the community in which we live. In order to fill this need, the **Community Leaders Networking Luncheon Series** has been established for the purpose of providing community leaders with an opportunity to network and hear about activities going on in Charleswood. The newsletter, "**The Charleswood Connection**", is also published for the same purpose.

Dear Community Leaders:

There are so many reasons why I love Charleswood and it is sometimes hard to capture the essence of our wonderful community. One of the first things that comes to mind is the beauty of our natural surroundings – green space, a river, natural grass prairie, and wildlife. There are also many resources for our children – community centres, soccer fields, ball diamonds, arenas, gymnastics clubs, and a school division that emphasizes excellence in the academics, arts, and athletics.

Other resources that contribute to the richness of our lives include the Harte Trail, The Charleswood 55+ Active Living Centre, the Charleswood Art Group, the Charleswood Historical Society, the Charleswood Legion, Horticultural Society, and the Curling Club. None of these would be possible without our volunteers and community leaders.

Thanks to all of you who give so generously of your time by volunteering for the many organizations in Charleswood. It is a result of your efforts that Charleswood is such a rich and diverse community.

Finally, in Charleswood there is a feeling of roots and belonging. Many of our original families still have descendants living in Charleswood; people know each other's grandparents, aunts and uncles. This gives us a sense of identity. I am so proud to be from Charleswood. A little bit country, a little bit city!

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*Faith makes all things possible,
Hope makes all things work,
Love makes all things beautiful.*

*May you have all three
this Christmas!*

**Merry
Christmas**

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