

2019 - 3 Winnipeg-based Neighbourhood Renewal Corporations

Mover: Daniel McIntyre/St. Matthews Community Association

Whereas: Currently there are six neighbourhood renewal corporations (NRCs) doing neighbourhood revitalization work in Winnipeg communities (Central, Daniel McIntyre/St. Matthews, North End, Spence, West Broadway, Chalmers). NRCs coordinate and plan Community Development (CD) and Community Economic Development (CED) in communities with high incidences of poverty. NRCs coordinate local affordable housing development, community safety, food security, green space development, recreation, healthy living, formal and community-based education on CD and CED, coordination and planning, plus more. The priorities of NRCs are set by the communities they serve.

Whereas: NRCs are funded by Neighbourhoods Alive! through the Neighbourhood Development Assistance (NDA) fund within the Province of Manitoba Ministry of Housing and Community Development. Through the Housing Rehabilitation Investment Reserve, the City of Winnipeg funds \$1 million annually to housing programs and activities (e.g. neighbourhood housing plans and coordinators, repair and rehabilitation) that build community capacity and invest in Winnipeg's housing stock.

Whereas: The work of the NRCs advances CED principles and works to reduce poverty by building community capacity and empowering communities to revitalize these priority neighbourhoods, towns and cities. The last completed evaluation of the NA! program in 2010 found that NDA funding contributed "greatly" to improved coordination of neighbourhood revitalization efforts. However, the evaluation found that the original neighbourhoods included in the NA! program continue to experience issues related to safety, economic hardship and lack of affordable housing and that neighbourhood revitalization work is still needed.

Whereas: In 2011, the City of Winnipeg approved the OurWinnipeg plan that outlines land use and development activities for 25 years. The City currently undertakes planning activities for the neighbourhoods served by NRCs and described as Reinvestment Areas. OurWinnipeg outlines its goals for Reinvestment and Vitality to: deliver a coordinated integrated, and seamless service response to address community needs and priorities that contribute to building healthy communities, and to work in partnership with communities to identify and address neighbourhood issues.

Whereas: NRCs undertake extensive, consultative five-year planning processes for these neighbourhoods, and implement activities that align and overlap with OurWinnipeg goals, such as safety and crime prevention, housing, community economic development, transportation, environmental sustainability, recreation, diversity and inclusion and creativity, but are often not recognized by the City's planning processes.

Whereas: The Winnipeg Without Poverty community report recommends that the City of Winnipeg provide core funding to Neighbourhood Renewal Corporations to support community-led efforts toward implementing OurWinnipeg, as an important step in achieving a Winnipeg without poverty. This community plan has received traction from political and civil service actors at the municipal level, and steps toward a municipal poverty reduction plan are in place.



Be It Resolved That: CCEDNet - Manitoba urge the City of Winnipeg to acknowledge that the NRCs are well situated to take a leading role in implementing OurWinnipeg in their neighbourhoods and to provide core funding to NRCs to help achieve the goals in the plan.