

Dear Teacher,

As you may know, Seven Oaks School Division is actively supporting the extension of the Chief Peguis Trail. Though we've anticipated an extension from Main St. to Brookside Blvd. since the completion of Phase 1 six years ago, this project is not a certainty. Planners have finalized design concepts and City Council will soon vote on which infrastructure projects will receive funding in 2018, but other projects could take priority.

Political decisions are often made based on the demands of the masses, and we hope to engage the community – including students – to support municipal officials working to secure funding for this project.

Our students play a key role in shaping a better community. They are entitled to civic involvement and to feel empowered to have a voice within their community. It's important for us to encourage them to become active and effective citizens and to participate in community matters in an informed and constructive way.

We encourage you to use this issue as a springboard to conversations about civic duty and the impact small groups can have on their community.

We've compiled a toolkit to make it easy for you and your students to support this project. It includes:

- A backgrounder on the Chief Peguis Trail Extension that can help you shape a discussion on municipal affairs and the importance of becoming involved in local government
- A backgrounder for parents
- A letter of support to area councillors for students and/or parents to sign
- An invitation to our Town Hall meeting on January 22, 2018

We thank you in advance for your participation in this initiative! After all, a strong North End means a strong city. And a strong city needs this expansion.

Please return your signed letters of support to the Seven Oaks School Division office at 830 Powers St. or scan and email the package to donna.herold@7oaks.org with the subject line 'CPT Support'.

For more information on the project, visit:

<http://winnipeg.ca/publicworks/construction/projects/chiefpeguiswest.stm>

Thank you for your support,

Seven Oaks School Division Board of Trustees

About the Chief Peguis Trail Extension Project – A Backgrounder for Students

Seven Oaks School Division is committed to enhancing not only the quality of your education, but also the economic, social and physiological health and continued growth of our community.

The first phase of Chief Peguis Trail was completed six years, and phase 2 was supposed to be a priority. Unfortunately, the completion of the second phase is not a done deal and other infrastructure projects may take priority. The Chief Peguis Trail Extension requires public support if it is to be selected by City Council for funding and move forward in 2018.

This is your community and you have a say in how you want to see it grow. The extension of the Chief Peguis Trail from Main St. to Brookside Blvd. will put the North End on par with other areas of the city and will:

- Help increase accessibility into and out of our neighbourhoods
- Divert traffic from existing routes and spread traffic over more arteries making our streets and school zones safer
- Bring more retail and commercial development to our community
- Support residential development
- Increase the commercial tax base, which will increase funding to schools

We all have a civic responsibility to be active and effective citizens. You have a voice – and as a responsible, caring and contributing member of Seven Oaks, you have a role in helping shape a better community.

Seven Oaks School Division is working with area councillors, infrastructure and industry stakeholders and community members to ensure City Council as a whole recognizes the importance of completing Chief Peguis Trail.

Show your support and sign the attached letter addressed to area councillors. You may sign the letter as an individual or a group. Please return the signed copy to your school.

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About the Chief Peguis Trail Extension Project

Seven Oaks School Division is committed to enhancing not only the quality of education for its community, but also the economic, social and physiological health and continued growth of the community. The Chief Peguis Trail Extension West would increase the commercial tax base, which will increase provincial education funding and help put North Winnipeg on par, developmentally-speaking, with other areas of the city. This means the likelihood of better facilities in our area for community members.

This project should have been a priority following the completion of the Waverley underpass, but it is not a done deal. The project requires public support if it is to be selected for funding by City Council and move forward in 2018.

Completing the Chief Peguis Trail will:

- Help increase accessibility into and out of our neighbourhoods.
- Divert traffic from existing routes and spread traffic over more arteries making our streets and school zones safer for children.
- Bring more retail and commercial development to our community.
- Support residential development.
- Increase the commercial tax base, which will increase funding to schools and decrease taxes for homeowners.
- Help put north Winnipeg on par, in terms of infrastructure, with other areas of the city.

The Chief Peguis Trail Extension West would be invaluable not only for North Winnipeg – but for the city as a whole, supporting economic development and creating recreational opportunities. The completion of this roadway would further accommodate traffic flow, relieve traffic on neighbourhood streets and provide connections to surrounding areas.

Seven Oaks School Division is working with area councillors, infrastructure and industry stakeholders and community members to ensure City Council as a whole recognizes the importance of completing Chief Peguis Trail.

If you are part of a community group or small business and would like to request an advocacy package, please contact the Seven Oaks School Division Board Office.

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Dear Councillors Devi Sharma and Ross Eadie,

We are writing to strongly encourage and state out support for the City of Winnipeg to fund the completion of the Chief Peguis Trail from Main St. to Brookside Blvd. in 2018.

Phase 1 was completed six years ago and our community has since anticipated an extension of the roadway to allow for better access to surrounding areas, further retail, residential and commercial development and a strengthened sense of community. It's no secret that the completion of this project would greatly impact the economic, social and physiological health and continued growth of North Winnipeg.

As students and members of this community, the future and development of the North End is important to us. We want to see our community thrive, and this would be a huge step in making our streets safer, more accessible and in putting us on par with other areas of the city.

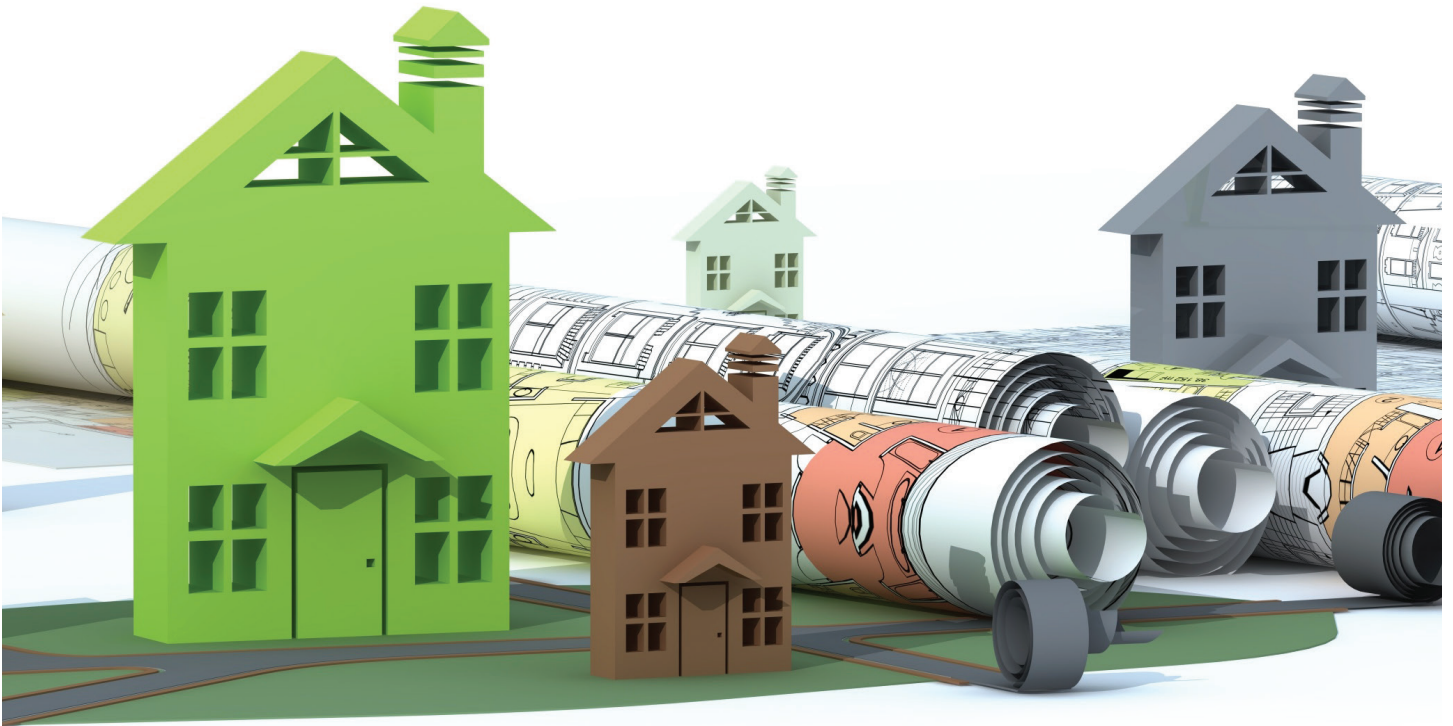
We want to see the completion of the Chief Peguis Trail Extension and see our community be the best it can be. Thank you for the efforts you've already made toward this project.

Sincerely,

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Our community needs your voice to ensure the Chief Peguis Trail Extension project becomes a reality.

Join us for a Town Hall forum featuring City Council and leaders from industry, retail, infrastructure and more.



Monday, January 22, 2018

7:00 P.M.

West Kildonan Collegiate

101 Ridgcrest Ave



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To learn more visit <http://www.7oaks.org/Pages/Chief-Peguis-Trail-Expansion.aspx>