

Parks a crucial resource amid pandemic



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parks and green spaces in Fort Richmond were noticeably busier with neighbours and visitors from around the city. It certainly is a welcome resource to have during these challenging times.

Our parks have also become a resource for numerous groups within Fort Richmond. For example, members of the Bangladeshi community came together to offer a free Eastern Classical Dance School program in King's Park. This is a group of committed community members reaching out to share

their passion for their culture, as well as their many years of training in a beautiful art. We are truly blessed to have these cultural offerings so close to home.

It was great to connect with many constituents for my open house event at Kirkbridge Park on Aug. 27. Thank you to Waverley West city councillor Janice Lukes for joining me and providing delicious ice cream for our neighbours. Many topics were discussed, including details about the upcoming school year. There is a cautious optimism about the return to in-class learning, and as a parent myself, I share in the many mixed emotions that have been expressed. Thank you to everyone who came out and shared their feedback!

We know that a consistent effort to practise the fundamental procedures to protect against respiratory illnesses including COVID-19 will be imperative for a healthy and safe school year. These include hand hygiene, physical distancing, appropriate

mask use, and staying home when sick. The individual and collective efforts will determine the success in managing COVID-19 as a province, and within our schools.

I want to say a big thank you to all the teachers and parents who are working extra hard to help prepare our children and youth to return to school next week. Living in an unprecedented pandemic era, we are trying to work with the "new norm," but this school year will be anything but status quo. The amount of effort, research, and planning put in within such a short time frame is heroic and greatly appreciated.

I love to hear from you, so please feel free to reach out to my constituency office at 204-221-8881 or email contact@sarahguillemard.com

For accurate and timely information surrounding COVID-19 measures, please visit www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/index.html

More families stayed close to home this summer because of the restrictions on travel.

It provided an opportunity to explore our wonderful province and discover the hidden gems in our own backyards! The local

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City seeking input on Open Streets initiative

When facilities across Winnipeg closed owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Winnipeg took action to allow citizens to get out of doors and remain active during the lockdown. Early in the spring, the City enhanced its four annual Sunday/holiday bicycle routes to 10 routes, limiting motor vehicle traffic to one block on these routes between 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day of the week.

The routes, which have been dubbed Open Streets, include: Churchill Drive (Hay Street to Jubilee Avenue) and Wellington Crescent (Academy Road at

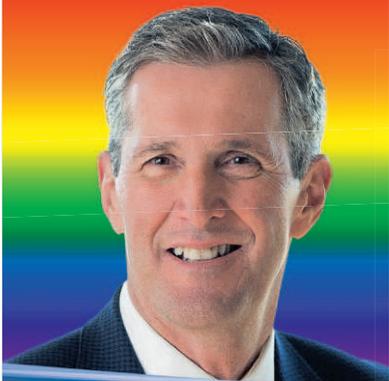
Wellington Crescent to Guelph Street), among others.

With the Open Streets initiative set to wrap up on Sept. 7, the City is looking for input as to how the initiative could be replicated, improved on, or changed in years to come.

According to a press release, the City would like "residents that live along Open Streets, residents that live on adjacent streets, and those who use the routes to better understand their experience to help inform recommendations for city council's consideration." A survey is available online at winnipeg.ca/walk-bike2020

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