

In the News

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle the Bridges



MLA Guillemard standing in front of a new bridge holding a photo of the old red bridge.

On September 4, Sarah celebrated the sustainable transfer and refurbishment of the two red bridges from Fort Richmond’s King’s Park to Hanson’s Creek and Cabin Lake in the Whiteshell Provincial Park. A project that began in 2015, many partners helped with this initiative, including the Trans Canada Trail, Trails Manitoba, Pier Solutions, and many others.



MLA Guillemard, MLA Squires, and others celebrated the sustainability project.

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SWCC Community Club Activities

Programming has resumed at the South Winnipeg Community Centre Richmond Site, with hockey, ringette, and senior fitness programs. Thank you to the staff and volunteers who keep these programs running!

The annual general meeting for the SWCC was on September 30, 2020.



The SWCC is looking for **volunteers** for several positions including hockey convener, ringette convener, secretary, and member-at-large.

Contact the Richmond site at **204-269-1908** or the Waverley site at **204-269-7000** for more details. Other sports and programs may be announced on the SWCC website at swcc1.ca.



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Hello, Neighbours and Friends!

We are now heading into the darker, colder months of the year and facing challenges that none of us could have foreseen. In spite of these unique pressures, our community of Fort Richmond has banded together and adapted to the needs of our neighbours.

Local businesses have been instrumental in keeping all our homes running with food and services, while reminding us of important safe practices. Staff in schools have embraced students returning with a warmth and calm that has reassured families, and faith groups have increased their outreach to check in on their members.

Thank you for your collective efforts to ensure we will come out of this pandemic with strength and a newfound resilience. You have all been an inspiration for me to find creative ways to reach out so we can stay connected.

In this newsletter you will find updates on some of my activities in the community. You may even spot a neighbour or two in the photos!

Stay safe,
Sarah Guillemard



Welcome Back to School

Thank you to teachers, staff, and administrators who worked tirelessly to re-open and keep open our schools. In Fort Richmond, many schools found creative ways to help kids adjust to school life.

Ms. Lorrie Stade and Ms. Sarah Hampton of Bairdmore School made a fun video highlighting new safety features with a tour of the school, in lieu of an “open house” event. The video also introduced teachers to students with their new masks on.



École St. Avila teachers Dan Mitchell and Lucille Fournier play a warm welcome.

Ryerson School’s walking school bus was a big success this year, with three routes serving 51 families. Staff encouraged active transportation to lessen traffic during drop off and pick up times. Special thanks to Mrs. Tiffany Latour for her hard work organizing this much-loved program.

Students, parents, and caregivers of École St. Avila were greeted by a unique, warm welcome on the first day when teachers Dan Mitchell and Lucille Fournier (pictured) played music using mini guitars. The gesture had students smiling and laughing as they walked into the school.

Families were also working hard to comply with this year’s guidelines on when to “Go Home, Stay Home,” wearing masks, hygiene habits, and social distancing. These efforts continue to help keep our schools healthy and safe for all. Thank you!

Community Events

Bangladeshi Kids Dance Program



Sarah and Faisal Shibley welcomed guests and dancers at King's Park.

On August 15, Sarah attended the opening of the Children's Nriyanchal Dance program at King's Park. It was a beautiful opportunity for Fort Richmond youth to learn classical eastern dancing in their own backyard.

Miracle Garden Party

In support of the Victoria General Hospital Foundation, The Vic's annual Miracle Garden Party was unlike any in the past. Guests were assigned a restaurant throughout the city, rather than attending a large group event in one venue. Delicious food and good company were enjoyed by Sarah, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Myrna Driedger, and Vic Foundation Executive Director Charlene Roche at the East India Company Restaurant. It was a great time to connect with individuals and colleagues while funding mental health programs at The Vic.



Sarah, Myrna Driedger, Charlene Roche, and East India Company owner Sachit Mehra.

Building a Sustainable Fort Richmond

The Building Sustainable Communities (BSC) grant has provided over \$150,000 to several groups in our community.



MLA Guillemard, Deanne Dombrosky, Jennifer Palichuk, and Tim Lasuik.

Epiphany Lutheran Church received \$8,500 to help with interior renovations and upgrades. Specifically, this allowed them to renovate the flooring in their basement used by many community organizations, breathing new life into the space, and making it much easier to keep clean. As well, they were able to add anti-slip material to their staircase, which will be a great benefit this winter.



MLA Guillemard, Irma Nadeau, and Ed Tymofichuk.

Trinity United Church received \$23,500 towards the replacement of the carpet in their building and to help retrofit their facility to assist with accessibility and space issues. This will be beneficial for the specific needs of different community users like seniors'

exercise groups. Sarah is looking forward to touring the space again in the spring after the renovations are complete.



Brian Fehr, MLA Guillemard, Kevin Leung.



Mary, Mother of the Church sanctuary.



An interior stained-glass window designed by Anthony Chiarella and constructed by Roland Ritchot.

For Mary, Mother of the Church, the grant of \$75,000 was used to assist with a larger building renewal project. Sarah was thankful to get a recent tour of their renovated space.

From an opened-up entry hall, to improved acoustics in their meeting rooms, to new and efficient lighting in the sanctuary, the project encompassed updating most of the facility. The church also added a beautiful stained-glass art wall done by a local artist. Sarah was excited to hear about all the different programs in which the church community is involved.



Anna Weir, Jelynn Dela Cruz, Councillor Markus Chambers, MLA Guillemard, and Brendan Scott.

The University of Manitoba Students' Union has once again shown how students can take the lead on issues for the entire community. Sarah was happy to see their UMCycle program on the list of funds. This program involves a bike shop built around the idea of not just helping students repair their bicycles, but also instilling skills related to cycling and maintenance that will serve a lifetime. With \$9,500 allocated for new tools and materials, the program will be able to grow in the next few years.

A staple of Fort Richmond, the South Winnipeg Community Centre Richmond Site recently replaced the chiller for their ice



MLA Guillemard, Julie Fisher, Councillor Markus Chambers, Murray Harding.

from the BSC grant. This necessary mechanical overhaul means there should be recreational ice surface in our community for years to come. The dedicated team at SWCC deserves all the credit they get, and then some, for all their centre provides for our community. Sarah had the pleasure of touring the space while they were replacing the ice plant components and gained a new respect for the process of keeping the arena operating.

Immanuel Fellowship Church also received funding under this grant for youth empowerment and mentorship. Sarah extends best wishes to their organizers and congregation and will hopefully be able to touch base later this year on how their program went.

Congratulations to these groups and the Fort Richmond residents they support!

Community Events

Fort Richmond residents joined Sarah and special guests during outdoor open houses on Thursday, August 27, and Saturday, September 26, at Kirkbridge Park and King's Park, respectively. City councillors Janice Lukes and Markus Chambers also stopped by to connect with guests.



MLA Guillemard, Councillor Janice Lukes at Kirkbridge Park.

On August 27, Sarah and Janice Lukes received feedback on pandemic measures and how families are coping through a lot of changes.



King's Park meet and greet.

September's event featured discussions on important initiatives on which the city and province are collaborating. Gorgeous weather and an appearance by Markus Chambers made this a special, well-attended event.



Councillor Markus Chambers and MLA Guillemard on September 26, 2020.