

Bunn's move

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Bunn's Creek Centennial Park is expanding to include a walking trail that will take a hiker right to the banks of the Red River.

Currently the park, located between Bonner and McIvor Avenues and Rothesay and Raleigh Streets, has a trail following Bunn's Creek from Raleigh to Rothesay.

This year a \$75,000 project will see the expansion of that trail, crossing Bonner Avenue and Henderson Highway, and bringing the hiker right to the river, said councillor Don Mitchelson, Henderson Ward.

The trail, about three miles in length, will take visitors past a beaver pond, nesting birds and waterfowl and through the dense bush in the area.

Expanding the trail will mean some city-owned homes in its path will have to be demolished. But Mitchelson pointed out, these homes were expropriated 10 years ago for just this purpose, so it's about time the project got underway.

Several new pedestrian entrances have been added to the park to make it more accessible, and others will be added as the park progresses. As well, better crosswalk lighting will be installed where the path comes out at Henderson Highway, by the Knowles Centre. A picnic area may be developed on the land where the park ends at the river.

Work on the expansion is to start immediately, and is to be completed by fall.