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Gateway grows

by Vienna Badiuk

For Gateway Community Centre, everything is coming up roses and more.

A total of \$142,000 is to be spend on expansion of the facility.

The first floor of the new wing will include three new change rooms and a multi-purpose room. The second floor will provide for an enlargement of the banquet hall and nursery school area.

The tendering process is already under

way, and construction is expected to begin in January.

Funding for the project is coming from three sources.

The provincial government's Community Assets Program has allocated \$71,300 — half of the total cost. The city of Winnipeg is contributing a further \$42,500 from its capital budget, and the remaining \$28,000 will come from the community centre's

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fund-raising activities.

Phil Eyler, MLA for River East, praised community centre president, Ron Newman and the Gateway executive for their quick action in taking advantage of the provincial program.

"It's not easy to put together a large project like this on short notice," he said.

"The assistance of the civic-government was also essential in making the project viable. I think all three groups can take satisfaction in the results of this cooperative venture," he noted.

"I am personally pleased about the city's share in the funding, because it's a bit unique," said Henderson councillor Don Mitchelson.

"This is the first instance where the city has directly funded with city monies in cooperation with the provincial government's Community Assets Program. We were able to convince the city to fund this project on the basis that it was an expansion to a city-owned facility and that ownership would be retained by the city. It was at the insistence of a very professional community centre executive that things worked out this way," Mitchelson explained.

"I'd also like to thank councillor (Jim) Ragsdill (Springfield Heights) and the East Kildonan/Transcona community committee for helping to obtain the grant for the

community centre," he added.

In a written statement to the press, Newman said, "At the Gateway club facilities about three and one half months ago a committee of Gateway members met to plan the improvement and expansion of the Gateway recreational facilities. These committee members agreed upon a program which they felt could be conceived in three phases."

"I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank MLA Phil Eyler and city councillor Don Mitchelson for their interest and hard work toward Phase 1 of the expansion to Gateway.

"I would also like to make special mention of Gateway members Bob Tait, vice president of administration; Bob McCallum, special events and Cliff Annable, programming.

"A note of thanks is also in order to the Gateway executive and the council members of the East Kildonan/Transcona sub committee, who supported and approved the improvement program so that this rapidly growing area could have the proper community facilities.

"As Phase 1 nears completion and all those concerned work toward Phase 2 which is a covered arena, and then Phase 3, which is a gymnasium, I would like the above mentioned people to know their efforts on behalf of the community are sincerely appreciated," Newman concluded.

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Turn up at Gateway's sod-turning ceremony

There'll be a golden-colored shovel at the site.

And right now, the building committee, headed by Cliff Annebel is trying real hard to find some sod.

But it doesn't matter.

Come sod, shine or more snow — the Gateway Recreation Centre building expansion sod-turning ceremony will take place at 2 p.m., Sunday, January 20.

To be built by Dominion Construction Company Limited, with Guenter Schaub acting as the project manager the total

3,500 square foot expansion will see 1,750 feet added to the upstairs and the same amount to the downstairs.

Upstairs, the expanded banquet area will accommodate up to 299 people. There will be a larger canteen and storage facilities.

Larger dressing rooms and a multi-purpose room will be featured downstairs.

Total cost of the project is \$142,400. The cost is being shared by the province, city and the community centre.

It is expected that the project will be completed by summer.

Gateway swings expansion

Jan 1985

by Bob Tait

As Gateway Recreation Centre heads into its 15th year of operation, the centre has finally realized its plans for an expansion of the clubhouse facilities. The sod-turning ceremony took place Sunday, January 20.

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Gateway Centennial Recreation Club (the original name) held its first meeting on November 17, 1970 and started out with a little green shack on 14 acres of land which had previously been a land-fill site.

On December 11, '73, the Premiere Ball was held to celebrate the opening of the current hall. That was one year and \$90,000 later.

The 'little green shack' is now the tractor shed and registrations for 1985 have grown to 1534 kids.

Current plans for the badly needed expansion will give the club 3,500 square feet both upstairs and down. The new multi-purpose room will provide a games area for the children and also a facility for seniors groups. The downstairs area will also provide for three more dressing rooms and a larger office. Upstairs, there will be an increased banquet hall and nursery school as well as additional storage area. This is being done at an approximate cost of \$142,000 with funding from the city, the province and Gateway, itself.

As this project nears completion, the community centre is going to require a great deal more help and support to implement Phase II, an indoor rink, and eventually Phase III, a gymnasium to house other community oriented programs such as Cubs, Guides, Brownies, Scouts, and gymnastics.

Plans are to make Gateway a complete recreational centre and with the growth projected for the North Kildonan area, a facility such as envisioned will definitely be an asset to the community.



They were all there — Guenter Schaub of Dominion Construction; Cliff Annable, Wanda Nicolson and Bob Tait of the Gateway executive; Don Mitchelson councillor for the Henderson ward; Phil Eyler MLA for River East, Ron Newman, president of Gateway.

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