

Winnipeg
Committee For
Safety

2018 ANNUAL REPORT
TO THE COMMUNITY



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WINNIPEG COMMITTEE FOR SAFETY MANDATE

SUPPORT
We aim to empower local organizations that wish to make our communities safer and healthier for all. Through meaningful engagement, the WCFS strives to be a conduit between the community and City Council. We may also offer in-kind support for organizations seeking the funding necessary to carry out their impactful work.

ASSIST
Navigating the complex systems within the municipal government structure can be a daunting task. Because we are positioned to be Winnipeg's knowledge hub on a variety of safety concerns, concerned citizens and/or organizations may contact us as their first point of entry. Conversely, we are available to assist City Council by connecting them to various community resources. This strengthens communication and enhances collaboration.

STIMULATE
Organizations and citizens often know exactly what they their objectives and goals are. Through information sharing and network building we aim to build upon the inherent capacity within our diverse communities.

MOBILIZE
Through connecting various stakeholders and developing a strong network of community action, we aim to mobilize and empower neighbourhoods and community groups across Winnipeg. We are active on Twitter and communicate daily with citizens, organizations, City Councillors, other government officials and media!

Follow us on Twitter @WPGSAFETY
Check out our website – **Winnipegsafety.ca** for a list of local safety resources.

Message from the **CHAIRPERSON**



In 2018, I was proud to be re-elected as City Councillor for the Daniel McIntyre ward as well as continue to serve as Chairperson for the Winnipeg Committee for Safety (WCFS).

In Spring 2018, the WCFS was pleased to be represented at the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention (CMNCP) in Calgary, Alberta. Connecting with other municipalities across Canada, we were able to share best practices and strategize on how to leverage the unique opportunities that Winnipeg faces. In June 2018, (in consultation with the WCFS as well as other relevant City departments) Council passed a motion to identify neighbourhoods/business improvement zones which need safety strategies/24/7 drop-in centers and organizations that deliver safety/crime prevention strategies. This is an important step in assessing city-wide successes and challenges, identifying gaps, and creating partnerships that can best serve our communities.

One of my favourite projects from Summer 2018 was the WCFS' Please Slow Down Campaign. In consultation with 311 and the Winnipeg Police Service, the WCFS recognized that residential speeding was a concern in many neighbourhoods. What we did not predict was the level of demand for Please Slow Down lawn signs across the city! We continue to hear back from citizens who note that typical speeders would reduce their speeds as a result of seeing these friendly reminders.

In Fall 2018, the WCFS was proud to be represented at the UN Women Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces Global Forum in Edmonton, Alberta. 250 delegates from around the world gathered to share the successes and complex challenges inherent in combating sexual violence against women and girls in public spaces. In Winter 2018, the WCFS contributed funding for the Our Place, Safe Space program, which provides support and resources for women who are marginalized.

The successes of 2018 would not have been possible without the dedication and passion from the WCFS' volunteer citizen members. I look forward to another great year as Chairperson of this dynamic committee.

Winnipeg Committee for Safety

2018 MEMBERS

Council

Councillor C. Gilroy, Chairperson
His Worship Mayor Bowman, Ex-Officio

Citizen Members

Ray Ali
Kathleen Bell
Gary Black
Angela Falk
Kerry LeBlanc
Narendra Mathur
Christene Ostapczuk
Tracey Proctor
Muuxi Adam, Province of Manitoba

City of Winnipeg

Karen Beaudin (Community Resource Coordinator)
Sergeant Boyd Spence (Winnipeg Police Service)
Constable Chika Modozie (Winnipeg Police Service)
Jennifer Ridge (City Clerk's Department)
Crystal Van Den Bussche (WCFS Coordinator)

Citizen members are selected based on their overall experience and knowledge of a variety of safety issues.

"I am honoured to have served on the safety committee for the past ten years and I know that during this time, we, the committee made a difference. It was also my privilege to work with my fellow committee members, city councillors and amazing coordinators. I wish the committee much success as you move forward"

~ **Ray Ali**
WCFS member for 10 years

"I am honored to have served as a Winnipeg Committee for Safety Member for several years, a great civic opportunity to have offered a passionate perspective and shared goals with other committee members that impacted community capacity and a culture of safety. My take away- safety is a state of mind and it's priceless"

~ **Angela Falk**
WCFS member for 6 years





WCFS FINANCIAL REPORT

2018 WCFS	2018 BUDGET	2018 Actuals	Balance
Revenues: Council Funding	$66, 880.00		
Expenditures: Contract Fee Crystal Van Den Bussche	$ 40,000.00	$ 40,000.00	$ -
Communication/ Community Outreach	$ 16,880.00	$ 16,228.50	$ 651.50
Winnipeg Safe City Initiative	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,000.00	$ -
Education and Training	$ 2,000.00	$ 600.00	$ 1,400.00
Meeting Costs *(luncheons, receptions and events)*	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,201.68	$ (201.68)
Office Expenditures	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,649.46	$ (649.46)
Total	**$ 66,880.00**	**$ 65,679.64**	**$ 1,200.36**



COMMUNITY GRANTS
Program

The WCFS recognizes the importance of community organizations who provide front-line services to our City's most vulnerable, including youth and people who are marginalized. Fueled by a strong commitment to support the communities they serve, many small, grassroots organizations continue to build community capacity. Through our Community Grants Program, the WCFS provides small, needs-based funding for crime prevention initiatives across our great city.

2018 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Mama Bear Clan	$2000.00
Youth Agencies Alliance - Rotary Leadership Circle	$2000.00
Main Street Project	$3000.00
Gang Action Inter agency Network (GAIN)	$3000.00
Boys and Girls Club of Winnipeg	$1500.00
Action Center Day Nursery	$1000.00



MAIN STREET PROJECT

As a non-profit community health agency, the Main Street Project (MSP) is committed to providing quality care for marginalized individuals through its various programs. These include emergency shelter, transitional housing, detoxification/stabilization, food bank services, protective care and community outreach.

One of the integral areas of the Main Street Project is its Protective Care Facility. Intoxicated persons are served by MSP staff through a non-judgmental and harm reduction approach. Individuals are offered one-on-one care that encourages sobriety and a supported release back into the community. Individuals are also provided with basic necessities and access to further resources.

The practicalities of the Protective Care Facility include quality doors and windows that allow MSP staff to assess each individual's safety while in their care. Replacing the damaged windows was crucial to facilitating accurate safety assessments. The WCFS was able to provide MSP with a grant that helped offset the financial burden that such a large scale project required. The success of the project continues to help ensure the safety of both individuals who access the Protective Care Facility and MSP staff who are responsible for their wellbeing.

For more information please visit **www.mainstreetproject.ca**



Winnipeg Committee for Safety members meet with Main Street Project staff. From L-R: Kerry LeBlanc, Muuxi Adam, Ray Ali, Crystal Van Den Bussche, Kathleen Bell, Rick Lees (Executive Director, Main Street Project), Tahl East (Director of Detoxification and Stabilization, Main Street Project); Councillor Cindy Gilroy, Tracey Proctor, Karen Beaudin

ACTION CENTRE
DAY NURSERY

Part of the many staff responsibilities at the Action Centre Day Nursery (ACDN) is to accompany and supervise children to and from the centre and throughout the community. Staff identified needing extra support while in the community, especially in instances when they encounter individuals who may be intoxicated. Recognizing that this issue affects the community as a whole, ACDN partnered with the Winnipeg Police Service - Community Relations Department to host an educational workshop for staff, families and community members. ACDN staff utilized a WCFS grant to purchase safety vests and two-way radios as well. Upon seeing their new gear, one child commented “you look like the Bear Patrol people!”

ACDN notes a lack of resources in the community to properly address addiction issues. Despite this, they continue to network with other community agencies and host safety workshops. These educational gatherings connect community members, reduce isolation and reinforce the idea that they do not need to live in fear. With the assistance of the Winnipeg Police Service, ACDN continues to provide quality care for children so they can grow, learn and thrive in their community.



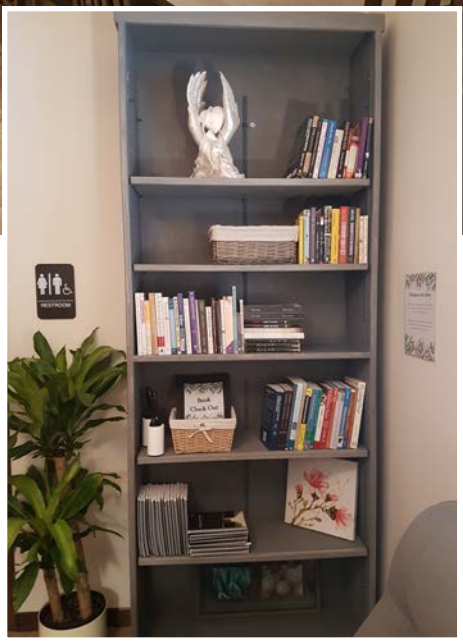
Healing Haven feels like a home away from home

CANDACE HOUSE

Losing a loved one to violent crime is a pain many of us can only imagine. Those who must bear the complex grief that results from such tragedy often find themselves isolated as they navigate the criminal justice system they never asked to be a part of. Attending court proceedings at the Manitoba Law Courts can be a painstaking and emotionally exhausting task. The Candace House - Healing House, a first-of-its-kind daytime refuge, was developed to offer a convenient place of rest and solitude for families in the midst of this trying situation.

So many aspects of the Healing Haven at Candace House make it unique. The redeveloped space is specially equipped for smudging. The soft colours of the walls and the comfortable lighting are meant to offer guests a sense of warmth. Hand-painted canvasses tastefully display the traditional seven teachings of Indigenous peoples - love, honesty, humility, respect, truth, courage and wisdom. The full kitchen and two dining areas are suited to host families, big and small. A corner book shelf offers a variety of resources focused on grief, loss, and healing.





A basket of fresh slippers welcomes people at the entrance of the living room which offers some of the comforts of home - cozy couches, blankets, a TV and an activity area for children to play and read in. A small room equipped with sound-proof insulation for privacy is available should guests choose to access counselling services, or simply want to take a nap. Families are also welcomed to place photos of their loved ones throughout the space, just one of the many thoughtful touches that helps the Healing Haven feel like a home away from home.

The impressive attention to detail stems from the vision of its founders, Wilma and Cliff Derksen. Their lived experience of losing their daughter Candace to homicide in 1984 was the initial inspiration that brought the Candace House - Healing Haven to life. Like many victims and survivors of violent crime, the Derksens travelled in and out of the criminal justice system without a space dedicated to their needs.

Access to Candace House is made by referral from Manitoba Justice Victim Services. Preference is given to families who have lost a loved one to violent crime. Candace House has space for 1-2 families during daytime hours only. For more information please visit **www.candacehouse.ca**





Wilma Derksen addresses crowd at the grand opening of Candace House.



Cecilly Hildebrand, Executive Director of Candace House, Cliff and Wilma Derksen, founders of Candace House chat with Mayor Brian Bowman at the Candace House grand opening.



PLEASE SLOW DOWN CAMPAIGN

In 2017, 311 received 158 service requests related to speed limit concerns and/or traffic calming mechanisms. These requests were made from residents all over Winnipeg, proving that residential speeding is not limited to one area. Recognizing this pervasive issue, the WCFS, in consultation with 311 and the Winnipeg Police Service, developed and launched the Please Slow Down Campaign in June 2018. The aim of this pilot project was to provide interested citizens with lawn signs that act as friendly reminders to drivers to slow their speeds on residential streets.

The WCFS designed and produced the 18” by 24” lawn signs which were supplied to each City Councillor for them to distribute throughout their wards. Signs were available on a first-come, first-served basis. Residents were instructed that signs could only be placed on a homeowner’s lawn because placing signs on boulevards would violate City of Winnipeg by-laws and result in signs being removed. Citizens were also advised that placing Please Slow Down signs on the same side of the street where vehicles are parked would obstruct their view.



Councillor Cindy Gilroy, WCFS Chairperson and Inspector Gord Spado, Winnipeg Police Service, Traffic Division

A pedestrian has a 90% chance of survival when struck by a car travelling 30km/h or below, but less than 50% chance of surviving an impact at 45km/h.

"Residential neighbourhoods are full of activity, particularly in the summer months. People are out walking, biking, and kids are playing outside, and their actions can be unpredictable. Vehicle speed plays a big role in reaction time, stopping distance, as well as having an impact on severity of collisions. A pedestrian has a 90% chance of survival when struck by a car travelling 30km/h or below, but less than 50% chance of surviving an impact at 45km/h. Initiatives such as the Please Slow Down campaign provide yet another reminder to motorists of the risks in the community and to consider their driving actions." – Inspector Gord Spado, Traffic Division, Winnipeg Police Service

"There are two signs on our street and my impression is that they are having an impact for drivers who regularly use our link between Portage and Wolseley avenues. Images, such as street signs, seem to work as reminders to help keep people aware of their environment, and in many cases may help to change people's behaviour for the better" – Cy-Thea, community member

What began as a small pilot project soon turned into demand from residents across the city! The WCFS wishes to thank all interested citizens for their participation in the Please Slow Down campaign and for their efforts in making our communities safer for all.



Winnipeg Committee for Safety members at the Please Slow Down *Campaign launch. From L-R - Jennifer Ridge (City Clerk); Tracey Proctor (WCFS Member); Kathleen Bell (WCFS Member); Cy-Thea Sand (Community Member); and Narendra Mathur (WCFS Member).*



Councillor Matt Allard poses with a Please Slow Down *lawn sign. The St. Boniface ward*

UN SAFE CITIES

UN WOMEN SAFE CITIES AND SAFE PUBLIC SPACES GLOBAL LEADERS' FORUM

The City of Edmonton was proud to host the UN Women Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces Global Leaders' Forum in Fall 2018. Members of the Winnipeg Safe City Initiative were amongst the over 250 delegates from 25 countries who gathered to discuss innovative approaches to ending sexual violence against women and girls in public spaces. International cities represented included (but were not limited to) Nairobi (Kenya), Quezon City (Philippines), Mexico City (Mexico), Montevideo (Uruguay) and Bogota (Columbia). Canadian cities represented included Edmonton, Winnipeg, London and Vancouver.



From L-R: Beth Ulrich, Manitoba Status of Women; Erica Charron, West Central Women's Resource Center; Ali Millar, Manitoba Status of Women, Jerra Fraser, Klinic Community Health Center; Marie-Lynn Hamilton, Independent Living Resource Center; Crystal Gartside, Manitoba Justice Victims Services; Crystal Van Den Bussche, Winnipeg Committee for Safety; Natalie Pirson, Independent Living Resource Center, Cst. Rejeanne Caron, Winnipeg Police Service, Dinae Robinson, Ka Ni Kanichihk.

A GLOBAL PHENOMENON

Despite the different contextual factors that vary between cities, sexual violence in public spaces is a global phenomenon. Regardless of city, country or continent, the key risk factor for experiencing sexual violence is being perceived as female. From street harassment and cat-calling to sexual assault, women and girls around the world inherit the challenge of navigating public areas free from sexual violence. This reduces freedom of movement and impacts if, when, where and how women navigate public space.



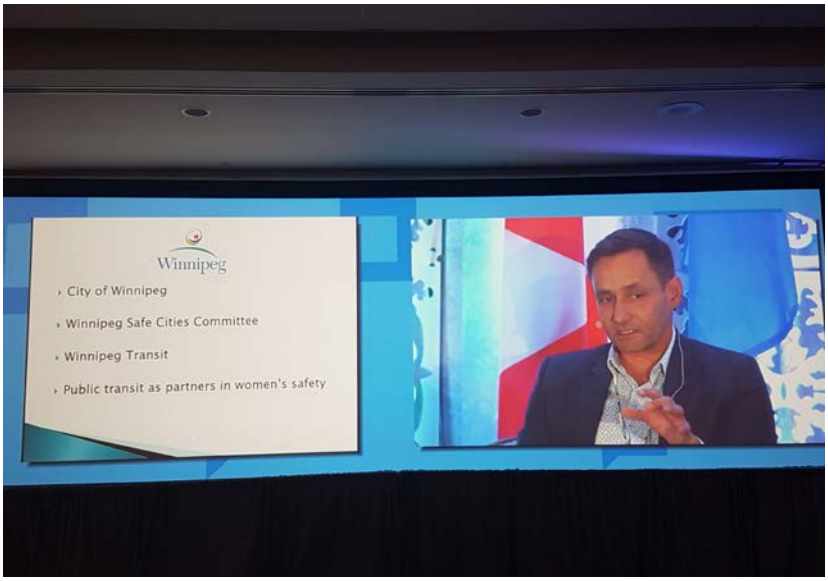
URBAN SPACES

A common theme throughout the forum was the power of urban space design. Urban spaces are designed with intentionality and these decisions can greatly determine how women experience the built environment in their daily lives. Women and girls regularly engage in what Jay Pitter, Forum Keynote Speaker, termed "cognitive mapping" - a process of mentally outlining and planning routes based on where we are least likely to experience sexual violence. This mapping is so ritualized that women and girls become accustomed to living with a sense of hypervigilance. We tend to avoid public places that are too enclosed, too deserted and/or have poor lighting. This limits our access to space which in turn impacts our choices for work, education and recreation.

But it does not have to be this way. Urban spaces can be more inclusive of women's perspectives from the initial planning stages to implementation. Women offer tremendous insight into what makes a space safer. Walking and cycling infrastructure, well-lit neighbourhoods and reliable public transportation serve to foster a sense of community and belonging. As Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson stated, "cities that are safer for women and girls are safer for everyone".

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

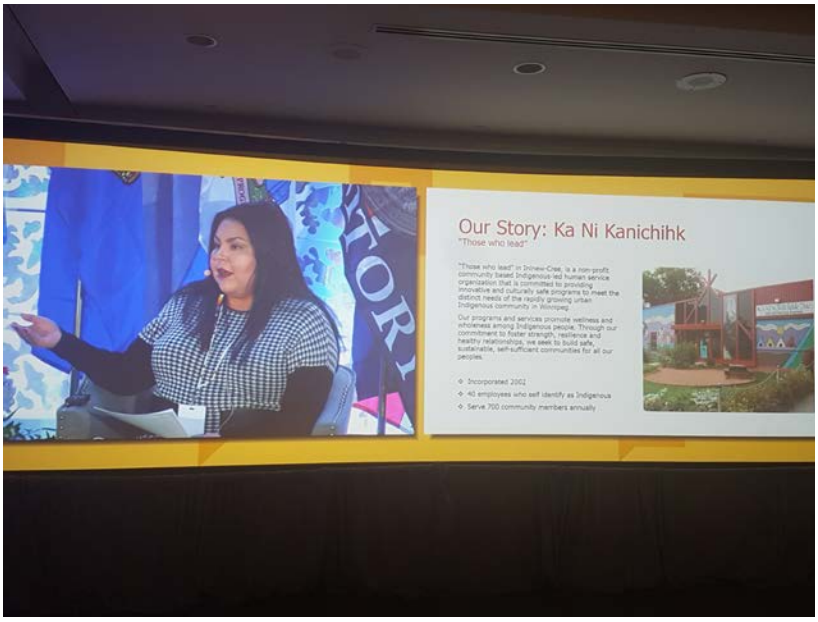
Whether in a train, bus, subway or taxicab, women around the world identify public transportation as a consistent area where sexual violence occurs. This is obviously problematic, particularly for women who rely on public transportation for their daily activities. Public transportation entities play an important role in advocating for women's safety.



Caption: Randy Tonnellier (Manager of Operations, Winnipeg Transit) presents to UN Women on the integral role public transportation plays in fostering women's sense of safety.

For example, Winnipeg Transit re-launched its Request Stop Program, which allows passengers to exit the bus between stops if they feel unsafe. (This service is available every day after 7 pm and is at the discretion of the Bus Operator for safety purposes). Winnipeg Transit also partnered with Klinic Community Health Center to develop specialized awareness training for Bus Operators on how to recognize and help prevent sexual violence on Transit. Winnipeg Transit also launched public awareness advertisements aimed at increasing appropriate and safe bystander intervention. Not only do these tools support victims/survivors, they also serve to remind perpetrators that sexual violence is unacceptable.

INNOVATIVE APPROACHES



Dinae Robinson, Ka Ni Kanichihk, shares the innovative approach of the Heart Medicine Lodge, the first culturally-based support and advocacy series for Indigenous women who have experienced sexual assault and sexual violence.

Although the prevalence of sexual violence is universal, local solutions to the issue must take into account contextual factors such as social demographics, cultural attitudes towards women and environmental design. Collaboration with a multitude of stakeholders, including various levels of government, is key. For example, Mexico City saw a prevalence of street harassment stemming from construction sites. Awareness training become mandatory for all construction companies who require permits from the municipal government to carry out their work. If construction workers were found to be sexually harassing women while on the job, the company's permits would be revoked by the municipal government. Quito, Ecuador assembled groups of women and men to walk throughout the city and conduct safety audits - comprehensive assessments aimed at identifying 'hot spots' where the potential for crime is increased because of design flaws. Utilizing technology, London, Ontario began mapping where women feel unsafe and/or experience harassment or assault. The results of this assessment will formulate future recommendations for change. Finally, noting a lack of culturally-appropriate resources for Indigenous women, Ka Ni Kanichihk Inc, partnered with the Province of Manitoba to begin the Heart Medicine Lodge - the first culturally-based support and advocacy series for Indigenous women who have experienced sexual assault/sexual violence in Canada.

What works in one context may not be useful in another. Gatherings such as the UN Women Global Leaders' Forum creates the space to share successes and challenges and to brainstorm new ideas. It also empowers leaders and advocates to continue to enhance women's rights and create lasting local and global change.

For more information, please see:

winnipeg.ca/Clerks/boards/WpgSafeCity/default.stm

www.kanikanichihk.ca/heart-medicine-lodge/

And follow us on Twitter! @WpgSafeCity

BPW

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S AWARD



Councillor Cindy Gilroy and Honourable Minister Rochelle Squires accept the BPW Manitoba Award with members of BPW Manitoba on September 19, 2018.



Councillor Gilroy shares the BPW award with members of the Winnipeg Safe City Initiative

The Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women develops the professional and leadership potential of women in Canada through education, awareness, advocacy and mentoring within a supportive network. Founded in 1930, BPW Canada is part of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women, with clubs in more than 100 countries around the world.

BPW's vision is for women to achieve equal status in all levels and areas of society where decisions are taken in true partnership with men, based on mutual respect, for a more balanced and peaceful world.

BPW's four key areas of activity are:

- Awareness, advocacy and action
- Leadership skills and career advancement
- Personal development
- Supportive networking and lasting friendships

A pervasive barrier to the equality that BPW hopes to achieve is the threat of sexual violence in public spaces. Combating the complexity of this pervasive problem takes leadership, political will and dedication. In 2018, BPW recognized the City of Winnipeg as a local champion for women's rights and awarded them for their efforts in ending sexual violence.

For more information about BPW, please visit **bpwmanitoba.ca/homepg/about-bpw-manitoba.html**

CNIB GUIDE DOG PROGRAM

Enhancing Safety and Accessibility through the CNIB's Guide Dog Program



Four month-old Golden Retriever puppy, Dickson, sports his Future Guide Dog vest while he sits calmly and waits to go on a training walk with his Puppy Raiser.

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) has a long history of providing support for the blind and partially-sighted community. Prior to the introduction of their Guide Dog Program in 2018, blind and partially-sighted Canadians who were interested in having a Guide Dog had to acquire one outside of Canada. This often resulted in a large financial burden for many, in addition to the logistics involved with travel and the time required to train alongside the future Guide Dog.

Appreciating this challenge, the CNIB established its own Guide Dog Program to enhance opportunities for blind and partially-sighted people across Canada. The CNIB is responsible for obtaining puppies that are well-suited to meet the demands of a career as a future Guide Dog. Common breeds that excel in this position are Golden Retrievers and Labradors, who are both known for their high intelligence, agility and loyalty.

Puppies are matched up with volunteers selected by the CNIB, known as Puppy Raisers. Puppy Raisers are consistently supported by CNIB's expert dog trainers in exchange for providing future Guide Dogs with a loving and safe temporary home. Puppy Raisers are responsible for maintaining each dog's proper nutrition and exercise, regular veterinary visits, bathroom training, obedience training and socialization in the community. The CNIB covers all related costs at no expense to Puppy Raisers.

After approximately 12-15 months with their Puppy Raisers, CNIB Future Guide Dogs move on to Advanced Training at a specialized training school in Ottawa, Ontario. Their training includes learning how to be a set of eyes for a human, including navigating street curbs, locating buttons or empty chairs and staying calm, yet alert, in a variety of distracting environments and situations. They are then matched up with a blind or partially-sighted individual. Over the course of a few weeks, the pair are then trained together as a Handler and Guide Dog team.

Acquiring a Guide Dog can be a life-changing experience, offering an increased sense of safety, greater mobility, inclusion and independence for blind or partially-sighted people. To learn more about the CNIB Guide Dog Program, please visit: **cnib.ca/en/programs-and-services/live/cnib-guide-dogs/introducing-cnib-guide-dogs?region=mb**



Dickson socializes with Mayor Bowman at City Hall (Mayor Bowman made sure to ask the Handler for permission before petting Dickson.)

Many of us have encountered a service dog as it navigates throughout the city and provides support for a person. Here is a list of Do's and Don'ts when you encounter a Guide Dog:

DO	DON'T
Remember that Guide Dogs are highly trained to assist their Handlers in navigating space safely and comfortably. As cute as they can be, while they are working they are not for the enjoyment of others.	Don't pet a Guide Dog without explicit permission from the Handler. If the Handler chooses not to allow the Guide Dog to be pet, please be respectful. Don't take it personally.
Remember that Guide Dogs get plenty of play and love when they are off-duty. Just like humans, they have time to work and time to play!	Don't talk to the dog and not the Handler. Think of the Handler as the captain of the Guide Dog team who must be respectfully addressed first.
Remember that Guide Dogs and their Handlers have the right of way on sidewalks, crosswalks, or in a store. If safe to do so, please move out of their way.	Don't attempt to give a Guide Dog any treats as this distracts them from their important work.
If you are walking with your own dog, steer your dog away from the Guide Dog. This will help them remain focused.	Don't walk alongside the Handler and the Guide Dog without the Handler's permission. This can be intimidating for a Handler and may distract the Guide Dog.
Remember that Guide Dogs are not Therapy Dogs. As such, they are legally allowed into any public space that a blind or partially-sighted person needs or wants to enter.	Don't forget to share these tips with your friends and family!

Winnipeg Committee For Safety

