

Seven Oaks School Division Board of Trustees

Motion supporting network of Winnipeg neighbourhood greenways

Passed March 13th, 2023

WHEREAS the Seven Oaks School Division teaches over 2,000 students how to safely and confidently operate bicycles through the successful Bicycle Education and Skills Training in Schools (BEST) program every year; and

WHEREAS northwest Winnipeg has long been underserved by inadequate bicycle and active transportation infrastructure compared to the rest of the city; and

WHEREAS neighbourhood greenways with safe speed limits of 30 kilometres per hour and adequate traffic calming provide safe connections for students and staff to walk or bike to school, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, encouraging active transportation, and alleviating vehicle traffic congestion around schools; and

WHEREAS schools and community spaces in the Seven Oaks School Division, including École Seven Oaks Middle School, Victory School, Governor Semple School, the Seven Oaks School Division Board Office, the West Kildonan Community Centre, the West Kildonan Memorial Arena, the West Kildonan Library, and Kildonan Park are all served directly by neighbourhood greenways along Powers Street and Scotia Street;

BE IT RESOLVED the Seven Oaks School Division formally support the March 7th, 2023 recommendation of the City of Winnipeg's Standing Policy Committee on Public Works to implement a permanent network of neighbourhood greenways with reduced speed limits and additional traffic calming, including along Powers Street and Scotia Street; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Seven Oaks School Division urge the City of Winnipeg to continue investing in a comprehensive bicycle and active transportation network throughout northwest Winnipeg, ensuring that all students in our school division have a safe, comfortable, and sustainable way to get to class by foot or bike.