

CHALMERS NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING PLAN

“Nourishing Potential”



2015-2020 Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation

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Introduction

What is a Neighbourhood Housing Plan?

A Neighbourhood Housing Plan is a guiding document - not a governing document. It represents a community vision for neighbourhood goals, initiatives and required partnerships developed with Chalmers residents. A housing plan is a snapshot of what the condition of neighbourhood housing is now, and a record of the vision of residents' hopes for the neighbourhood in the next five years. Neighbourhood Housing Plans reflect current housing issues and respond with vision, goals, and initiatives for the future.

When neighbourhoods qualify for a funded housing plan, it is an indicator of neighbourhood change, pressure, problems or risks. Our Winnipeg is the plan for the City. The context of a neighbourhood plan within the framework of Our Winnipeg:

"Provide leadership in encouraging and enforcing property related housing standards that create and promote safe living conditions for homeowners, tenants and for communities as a whole."

- Our Winnipeg, Housing Direction 4



How will the plan be used?

The Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation (CNRC) is the organizing body for the housing plan. CNRC will use the plan to develop resources and programs related to housing goals and continue to build and sustain partnerships required for a safe and healthy neighbourhood. Chalmers Community Renewal Initiative Inc. is the funding administrator for the plan; CCRI supports community development initiatives, strategies, projects and programs that address poverty related issues in the Elmwood community neighbourhood of Chalmers.

Residents can use the plan to help find resources and information for grants and other available supports. The City of Winnipeg funds the housing plan and refers to this document to assist in directing programs and services for residents within Chalmers.

CNRC is leading actions for the Housing Plan; a robust network of neighbourhood partnerships support Chalmers. Community gardening, safety initiatives, food security initiatives, parenting programs, neighbourhood immigrant settlement services and special events are just a few of the many program types and services offered by community partners. A shared goal for community people to work together is essential.

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How was the plan developed?

The CNRC Board (which consists of residents and stakeholders), CNRC housing working group and BridgmanCollaborative consultant team worked together with residents to develop the housing plan. Over 600 people participated in the housing survey. The research team attended seven community events to discuss neighbourhood needs. The team conducted an exterior condition and safety audit of homes in the neighbourhood.

A housing-themed panel was hosted at 180 Poplar on August 25; neighbourhood residents posed questions about housing in Chalmers and had responses from a City of Winnipeg By-Law Officer, a Real Estate and Property Management Expert, a Housing Policy Specialist and a Housing Coordinator. Neighbourhood history, recreation, safety, demographics and statistics inform analysis within the plan and provide context for neighbourhood housing conditions.

The research, audit findings, and survey results were analysed and consolidated by BridgmanCollaborative. A draft plan with five goals was provided to residents on August 25. The final plan was posted online for resident review and presented to residents at the CNRC annual general meeting on September 23, 2015.

Over 600 community surveys were collected for the housing plan.

Goals

GOAL 1: ACCESS

Develop a Housing Coordinator Position to meet multiple access objectives.

GOAL 2: BEAUTIFICATION

Coordinate, partner and increase the impact of community clean-up events.

GOAL 3: SAFETY

Use the housing audit and survey results to identify specific areas in need of attention and top By-law issues in Chalmers.

GOAL 4: DIRECT ACTIONS TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION

Build on existing special events such as International Women's Day, Aboriginal Day, Louis Riel Day and Black History month to develop cross-cultural events. Engage professional partnerships to lead anti-discrimination workshops.

GOAL #5: PROGRAMMING

Strive toward neighbourhood stability by ensuring Chalmers is a safe and healthy place to live with a balance of housing, recreation and leisure options. CNRC will develop a Housing Coordinator position to administer new programs.

Goal ONE: ACCESS

Develop a Housing Coordinator Position to meet multiple access objectives.

- Connect with community to create awareness of the housing plan and opportunities
- Advocate for fair resolution of disputes between tenants and landlords
- Administer housing fix-up grants through the Chalmers Community Renewal Initiative Inc.
- Coordinate home repair workshops with various business supports
- Build awareness and contact with local service and repair shops
- Establish a working relationship with City By-law enforcement under the Neighbourhood liveability By-Law
- Strengthen working relationships with Winnipeg Rental Network to provide better access to rental information
- Improve community access to computers as well as community photocopy and fax services
- Assist residents in finding low income and/or assisted living accommodation
- Assist with coordination of Urban Green Teams in Chalmers

Required partnerships to achieve this goal:

Tenant Landlord Cooperation (review of precedent program)
Other Housing Coordinators (precedent positions/roles)
City of Winnipeg – By-Law, Planning, Property and Development
Local businesses
Large corporations (Rona and/or Home Depot)
Neighbourhoods Alive!
Winnipeg Rental Network
Rental Tenancies Branch
Elmwood Community Resource Centre
Elmwood EK Active Living Centre
Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA)

Who Leads?

Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation (CNRC)

Who Funds?

Chalmers Community Renewal Initiative will take the lead in finding and directing funds for the role.



Future Planning:

Encourage development of additional housing units for low-income residents. An increase of 300 units by 2021 is a goal of CNRC.

Goal TWO: BEAUTIFICATION

Coordinate, partner and increase the impact of community clean-up events.

- Spring – Earth Day Clean-Up (partner with schools)
- Spring - North East Pioneers Greenway Clean-up (partner with River East Neighbourhood Network and City Councilors)
- Summer – Trash the Neighbourhood (partner with Riverwood Church and City of Winnipeg)
- Fall – Event to be developed
- Promote partnerships and participation in community clean-up
- Support and co-ordinate Urban Green Team efforts & required pruning
- Eliminate back lane weeds, overgrowth & bulk waste issues
- Advocate for Johnson/Henderson greenspace development plan
- Support more community art and youth art engagement projects including graffiti removal
- Explore possibility of Ernie O-Dowda Park urban orchard
- Develop a vision for beautification lighting related to the orchard and other public spaces, not just safety lighting
- Strengthen the working relationship with Beautify Elmwood based on the strategic plan.

Required partnerships to achieve this goal:

City of Winnipeg – By-Law

Winnipeg Police Department

Elmwood Community Resource Centre

Riverwood Church

Community Centres

Area Schools

River East Neighbourhood Network

Beautify Elmwood



CNRC Johnson/Henderson Greenspace Proposal

(Image by Lombard North Group)

Who Leads?

CNRC will take leadership and connect with partners and supports.



Future Planning:

When the housing coordinator role is well-established, he or she may try an “adopt a block” program where residents keep their block tidy, take a picture, send it to CNRC to post on the Facebook page and become entered for a draw prize monthly.

Who Funds?

City of Winnipeg provides garbage bags, gloves and waives fees at the dump. City Councillors and community police officers have proven track-record to lend a hand. Volunteer efforts and donations (food, prizes etc.) required. CCRI will coordinate additional funding and resources.

Goal THREE: SAFETY

Use the housing audit and survey results to identify specific areas in need of attention and top By-law issues in Chalmers.

- Establish working relationships with City of Winnipeg Community Police
- Commit to Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design assessment of Ernie O'Dowda Park and Clara Hughes Recreation Park. Develop an action plan.
- Collaborate with and promote Block Parent Program activities: "Still Here, Still Helping, Still Needed." www.winnipegblockparents.mb.ca
- Direct fix-up grants through CCRI to residences where safety issues are observable
- Direct By-law Officers to addresses where significant By-law infractions were documented in the audit.
- Partner with City By-law enforcement to clean up and increase safety in/around industrial park north of Elmwood High and vacant buildings at Tweed and Allan behind Balkan Foods.
- Provide residents with a protocol for contacting 311 to report By-law and safety issues; make the recommendation tool available at 180 Poplar Avenue, on CNRC & ECRC websites and with area organizations.
- Develop City partnerships to improve lighting for parks and streets
- Inform residents of the City Neighbourhood Liveability By-law – post the By-Law brochure on the CNRC website and host additional By-law information sessions.
- Inform residents of the Provincial "Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act."

The Act applies to properties where community safety issues are ongoing – not occasional. Activities include: unlawful drug use, dealing, production or cultivation, prostitution and related activities, unlawful sale of liquor, unlawful use or sale of intoxicating substances - non-potable and solvent-based products, sexual abuse or exploitation of a child or related activities, possession or storage of an unlawful firearm, weapon or explosive, participation in a criminal organization.

www.gov.mb.ca/justice/safe/scna.html

Manitoba Justice - Public Safety Investigations

Phone (Winnipeg) (204) 945-3475

Required partnerships to achieve this goal:

City of Winnipeg By-law

City of Winnipeg Community Police (strategies for connecting at the personal level – prevention versus punishment)

Elmwood Community Resource Centre

Elmwood EK Active Living Centre, 180 Poplar

Together In Elmwood

River East Neighbourhood Network – currently engaged in developing walking paths

Block Parent program "Still Here Still Helping"
www.winnipegblockparentsmb.ca

Manitoba Justice: Public Safety Investigations
Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA)

Who Leads?

CNRC

Who Funds?

Neighbourhoods Alive! Funds fix-up grants administered by Chalmers Community Renewal Initiative Inc.



Future Planning:

Residents have expressed interest in the Citizens on Patrol Program. Details to organize a COPP team and process are provided in the appendix of this plan as a long-term possibility. Create a 311 report-back annual session with City of Winnipeg By-Law enforcement to review 311 statistics and activities related to Chalmers and Elmwood.

Goal FOUR: PREVENT DISCRIMINATION

Build on existing special events such as International Women's Day, Aboriginal Day, Louis Riel Day and Black History month to develop cross-cultural events. Engage professional partnerships to lead anti-discrimination workshops.

- Promote cross-cultural events
- Facilitate partnerships and collaborations between cultural groups
- Understand, address and advocate for prevention of discriminatory rental practices
- Organize WATT WALKS

Partnerships to achieve this goal:

Elmwood Community Resource Centre (545 Watt Ave.)

Neighbourhood Immigrant Settlement Worker

Manitoba Metis Federation (150 Henry Ave.)

Manitoba Indigenous Cultural Education Centre (119 Sutherland)

United Way

River East Neighbourhood Network

North East Winnipeg Historical Society

Sierra Leone Nationals Association of Manitoba



WHAT ARE WATT WALKS? A proposed a weekly themed walk that would occur on the same day and at the same time on a weekly basis. Given the interest in addressing safety concerns along Watt, the proposed starting location is Elmwood Community Resource Centre at 545 Watt Street. Snack and draw prize at the gathering point at the end of the walk could be offered..

Who Leads?

CNRC by connecting with organizations who facilitate cross-cultural workshops.

River East Neighbourhood Network has led broader walking/exploring partnership's to share possibilities of trails and parks with youth and others in Chalmers/Elmwood/River East to Birds Hill Park and other destinations.

Who Funds?

Small grants may be available through the United Way, Winnipeg Foundation or other organizations to support community workshops to build cross-cultural understanding. CNRC is prepared to commit funds to support the WATT WALK pilot project through the operating budget and small grants funds program through the Chalmers Community Renewal Initiative.



Future Planning:

The knowledgeable volunteers from the North East Winnipeg Historical Society have previously organized successful "Jane's Walks" in Elmwood. The ability to draw diverse people together for a common theme has potential to break down barriers by strengthening community.

Goal FIVE: PROGRAMMING

Striving toward neighbourhood stability by ensuring Chalmers is a safe and healthy place to live with a balance of housing, recreation and leisure options. CNRC will develop a Housing Coordinator to administer new programs.

- CNRC will focus on retaining our current population and growing the total number of dwellings and residents over time.
- Housing Coordinator will assist people to find low-income/subsidized housing
- The Coordinator will partner in order to provide residents with information about community services such as: seniors' snow removal, youth programming and Aboriginal resources and programs.
- The Coordinator will support tenant and landlord relationships and dispute resolution.
- CNRC will strengthen initiatives like the Better Access to Groceries and the Kildonan MCC Thrift Store Farmers Market which have been established to serve people under Essential Foods in Elmwood program.
- CNRC will partner and support preschool, school-age and youth programs in response to Chalmers' demographics

Required partnerships to achieve this goal:

Neighbourhoods Alive!
City of Winnipeg
Winnipeg Rental Network
Elmwood Community Resource Centre
River East Neighbourhood Network
Chalmers Community Centre
Kildonan MCC Thrift Store
Together In Elmwood
Riverwood Church and other faith communities
Community schools
Local businesses
Elmwood EK Active Living Centre
Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA)



Who Leads?

CNRC through the funded Housing Coordinator and other resources identified within the Community Plan.

Who Funds?

Neighbourhoods Alive!, City of Winnipeg and Chalmers Community Renewal Initiative Inc. through the small grants fund.



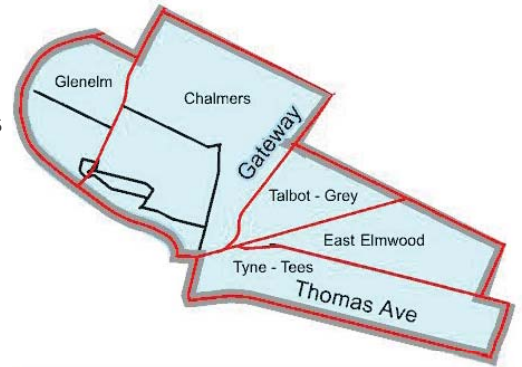
Future Planning:

Provide a "one stop shop" for information and resources such as: seniors' snow removal, emergency sheltering for women, youth programming, Aboriginal resources and programs, mental health resources, employment and resources for youth at risk and cross-cultural programming.

Neighbourhood History & Character

THE CHALMERS NEIGHBOURHOOD

Chalmers is one of the five neighbourhood profiles that comprise the River East South neighbourhood City of Winnipeg Census cluster. Only four of these neighbourhoods have associated census data as the population of Tyne Tees falls below the number of dwellings required to compile a census data set. Of Chalmers, Glenelm, Talbot-Grey, and East Elmwood, Chalmers stands out as having the highest population of the five profiles with its 9,740 residents. The other three profiles have under 3400 residents each. Between 2006 and 2011, the population of Chalmers has increased by 2.8%.



River East South Neighbourhood Cluster

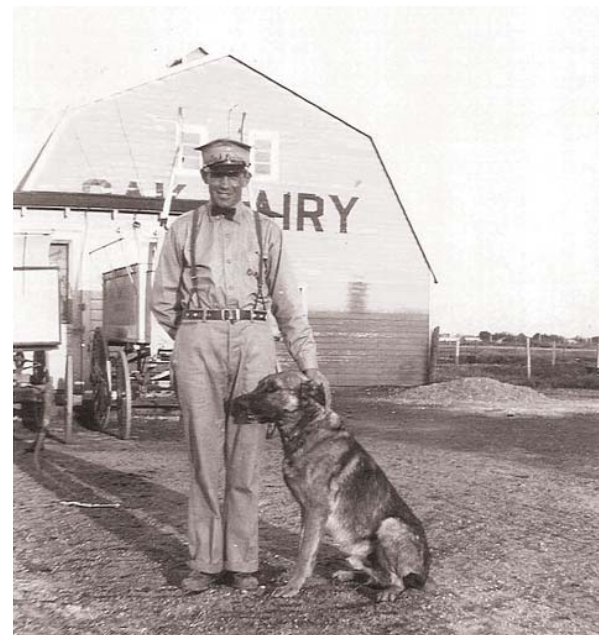
HISTORY

In 1877, Charles Midwinter (1851-1939) became one of the first settlers in the area. Midwinter was an employee of the Brown and Rutherford lumber yards across the Red River in Point Douglas. Midwinter Avenue is named in his honour. Crossing the river for work was not always an easy task. Prior to construction of the Louise Bridge, crossing the Red River meant traveling north to the Kildonan ferry or south to the St. Boniface ferry. The new bridge provided Elmwood with its own, year-round connection to Winnipeg. The Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) developed the Louise Bridge for rail traffic in 1881 as a primary use with pedestrian, horses, buggies and streetcars were permitted to use the bridge when not in service for rail cars.

Residential development inevitably clustered near the bridge and what later became Nairn Avenue. Development of stores, stables, a farmers' market and other businesses emerged. By 1905, several dairy farms and market gardens were established on neighbouring river lots. Industrialization along the CPR tracks, including the J.Y. Griffin meat packing plant, also impacted settlement. With increased work on the east side of the river, modest-sized residential development began to flourish.



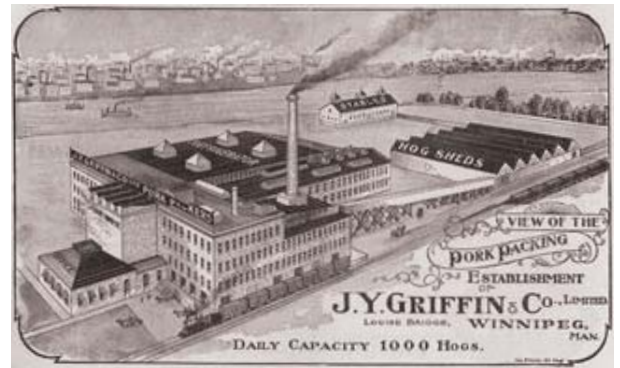
Early Residents Sorting Garlic and Onions, c.1917



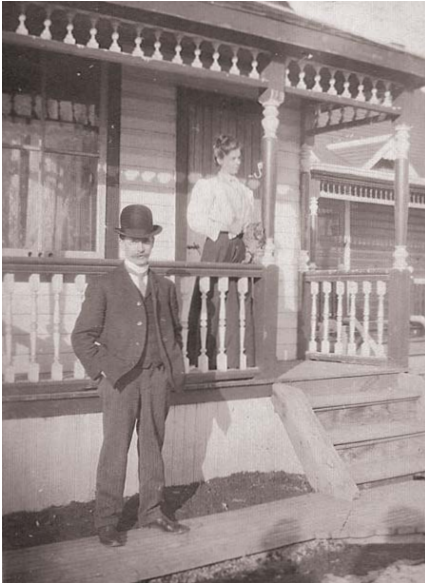
Oak Dairy, c. 1940

SELECTED HERITAGE BUILDINGS AND LANDMARKS:

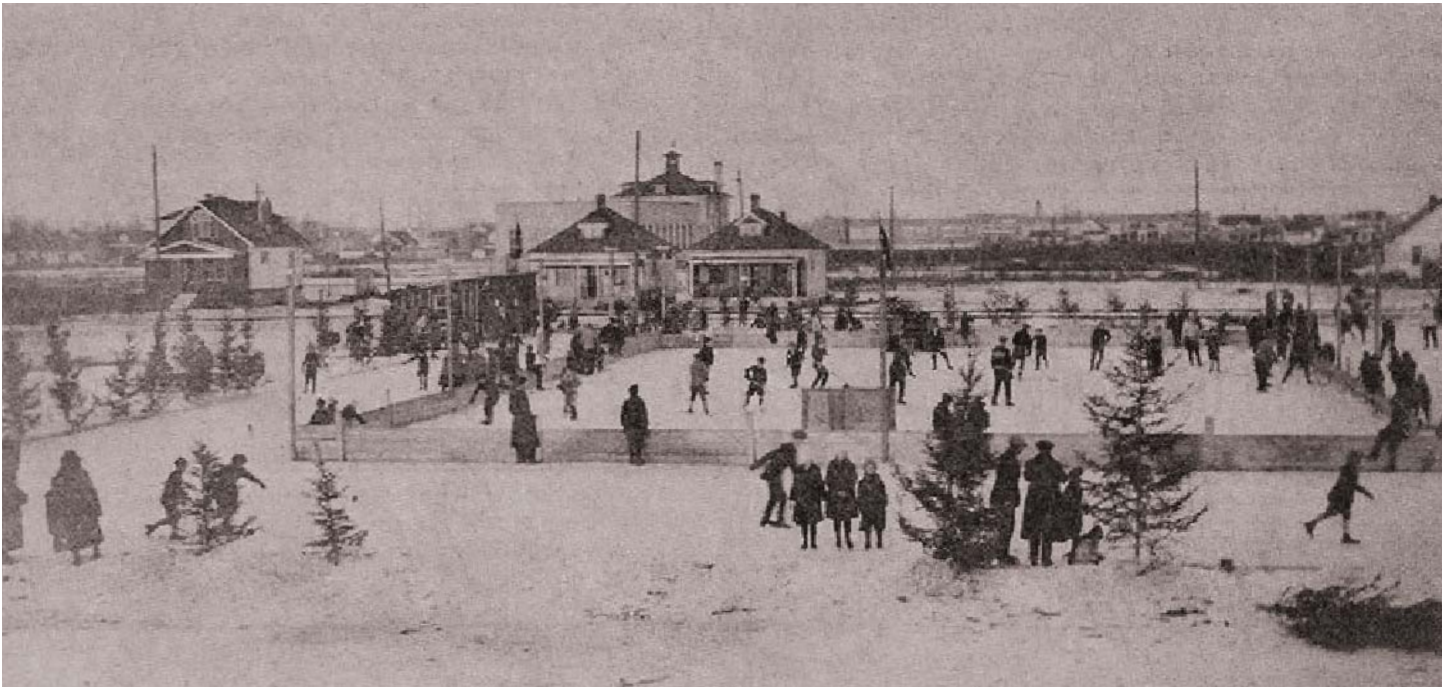
- CIBC Bank, Nairn Ave, 1906
- La Salle Hotel, Nairn Ave, 1914
- Fire Hall #8, Talbot Ave, 1906
- River Elm (Elmwood) School, Riverton Ave, 1930
- St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Tweed Ave, 1911
- Elmwood Postal Station, Henderson Hwy, 1935
- Louise Bridge, 1881
- Midwinter Park Statue, north side of Louise Bridge, 1911



J.Y. Griffin Pork Packing Plant on Midwinter Avenue, 1904



179 Chalmers 1908 (left), 2015 (Right)



Ward One Rink, 300 block of Winterton Ave

Demographics

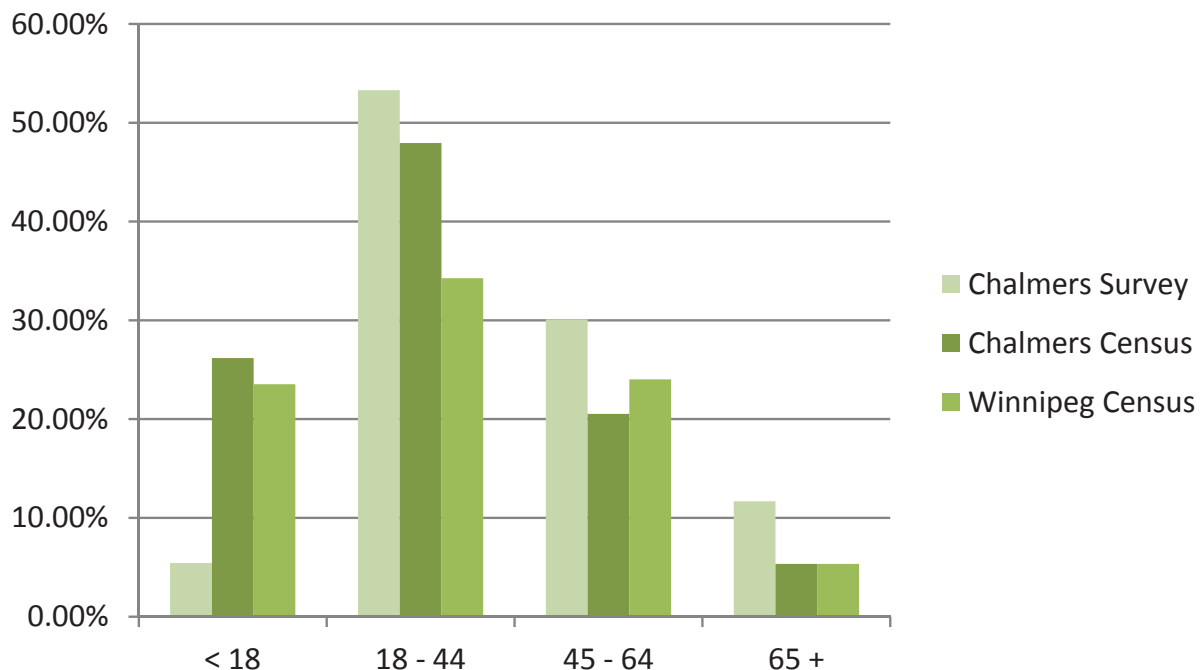
Chalmers has slightly more children, youth and adults under the age of forty than the City of Winnipeg in general. In this relatively young population, Chalmers also has a child poverty rate that is nearly double that of the City of Winnipeg. Programs to support children and youth include drop-in at Elmwood EK Active Living Centre and Elmwood High School, TIE Tykes, open gym and free play programs at the Chalmers Community Centre, Lord Selkirk School, Polson School and the Elmwood Winter Club, and the Status4 art and music program. As a neighbourhood for young families, child-care, schools, community centres and parks are important neighbourhood assets.

All five housing plan goals are intended to serve and support children, youth and young families in Chalmers.

Chalmers Neighbourhood Profile

Licensed Child Care	55 Stadacona	75 Brazier	505 Chalmers	
Schools	Elmwood High, 505 Chalmers	Lord Selkirk, 170 Poplar	Polson School 491 Munroe	River Elm School 500 Riverton
Major Parks	Ernie O'Dowda*	Clara Hughes Recreation Park*	Elmwood Winter Club*	
Community Centres	Chalmers Community Centre	Clara Hughes Recreation Park*		
Neighbourhood Centres	Elmwood Community Resource Centre	Elmwood East Kildonan Active Living Centre	East End Culture & Leasure Centre	

* The Elmwood Community Recreation Review provides a comprehensive review of all parks, fields, pools and splash pads in Chalmers/Elmwood.



Surveys collected closely resembled overall population ages. Noting a lack of youth participation the consultant team facilitated a workshop and social media campaign specifically to target youth input.

CNRC aims to support older adults who wish to remain in their Chalmers home but who may be experiencing difficulties maintaining their property. Goals #1, #3 and #5 are intended to support older adults living in Chalmers.



Housing researcher Albert (right) helps survey respondent

Chalmers Neighbourhood Assisted Living Options 55+	
53 Stadacona, Manitoba Housing	Subsidized
404 DeSalaberry, Columbus Centennial Seniors Co-Op	Subsidized
505 Munroe, Kildonan Horizons	Subsidized
170, 190 Watt, 366 Thames, Parkwood Square	
273 Talbot, Silverlion Apartments	

Although qualitative consultations revealed that residents believe Chalmers has a high population of seniors, Chalmers actually has 1.25% fewer seniors than the City population in general. There are thirty-five assisted living facilities listed by the River East Neighbourhood Network (RENN) but only five are located in Chalmers. The low population of people over fifty-five living in Chalmers may be related to the following housing factors:

- Homes in the area were predominantly built before 1960 and may have higher maintenance needs and costs than newer housing. For this reason, older adults may be seeking lower maintenance housing.
- Availability of affordable apartments or condominiums may affect the choice of people with fixed income to remain in Chalmers.
- People requiring assisted living facilities may face restricted choice and availability.

“It would be nice to have a place for seniors in my area & a seniors block to live in when we move from our house”
-Survey Respondent

Demographics

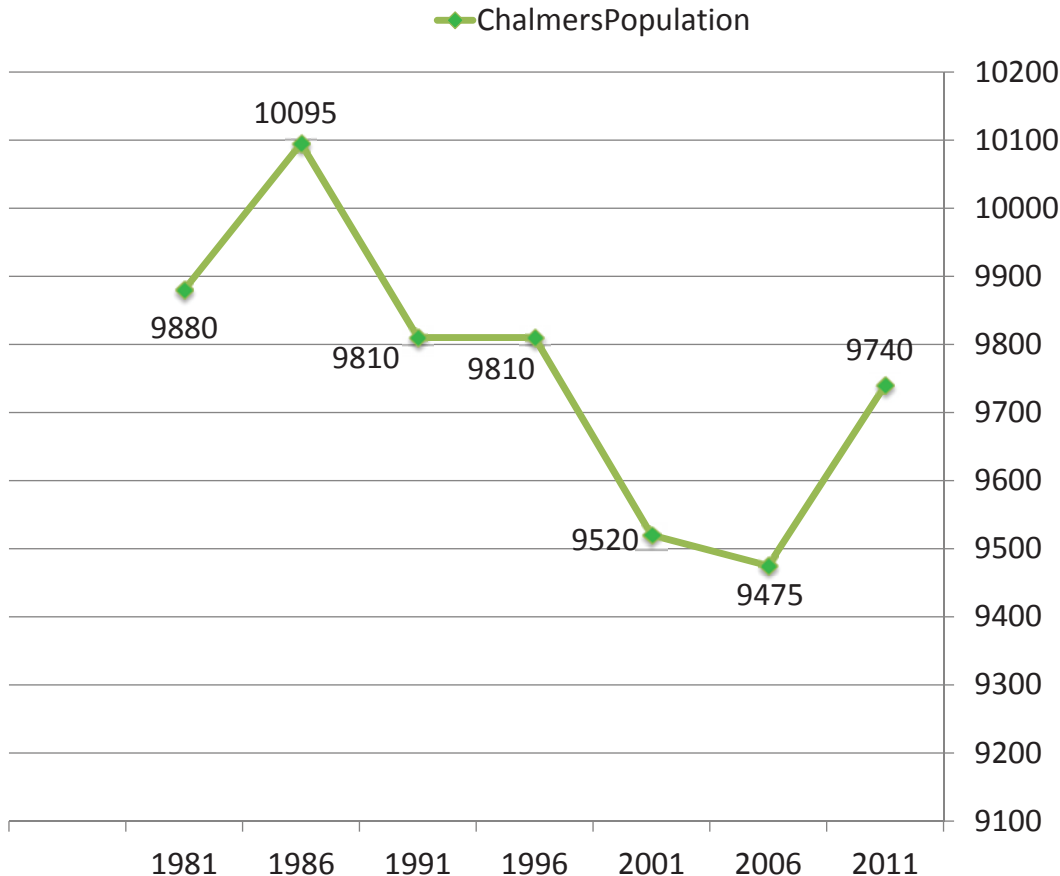
Understanding needs of neighbourhood residents extends beyond schools, parks and housing and into areas of other required programming and supports. A goal of the CNRC is to maintain the existing population by ensuring people do not have to move from the neighbourhood to access services available in a **complete community**. The City of Winnipeg defines complete communities in Our Winnipeg:

Complete communities are places that both offer and support a variety of lifestyle choices, providing opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to live, work, shop, learn and play in close proximity to one another (pg. 4).

Chalmers is in a healthy growth trend with an increase of 2.8% in the neighbourhood population between 2006 and 2011. Comparatively the City of Winnipeg grew by 4.8% in the same period of time. Immigration is an important aspect of population growth. In the period between 2006 and 2011, Chalmers experienced an increase in its newcomer population by 6.7%. This figure is closely aligned with the total increase of the newcomer population in Winnipeg during that same census period of 6.8%. Data provided by the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg shows that 68 new dwellings were provided in Chalmers between 2011 and 2015. These new dwellings support the goal of CNRC to strive toward a consistently stable population of approximately 10,500 people by 2021.



Researchers conducting housing survey for the CNRC



RIVER EAST SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CLUSTER DATA

<i>Number of newcomers settled in the neighbourhood 2006 - 2011</i>		<i>Number of new dwellings 2006 - 2011</i>	<i>Number of new dwellings between 2011-2015</i>
Glenelm	20	0	Data not available
Talbot Grey	50	0	
East Elmwood	180	45	
Chalmers	650	30	68

In contrast, the adjacent neighbourhoods that constitute the River East South neighbourhood census cluster became home to considerably fewer newcomers. In these neighbourhood profiles, only East Elmwood and Chalmers added new housing units to the total number of dwellings in the area between 2006 and 2011. Although East Elmwood received fifteen more new dwelling units than Chalmers (45 vs. 30), Chalmers became home to 470 more newcomers. To achieve the CNRC goal of Chalmers residents staying in Chalmers, ensuring newcomers have appropriate supports, access to information and quality housing will remain significant.

Programs like the Kildonan MCC Thrift Store Farmers Market and **Better Access to Groceries** support and help retain new residents in the area. **BAG** is a bulk-buying member program run by CNRC that provides approximately \$15-\$20 worth of fresh fruit and vegetables for a member price of \$10, this program is currently functioning at maximum capacity of over 300 participants, many of whom are newcomers. All five goals of the Housing Plan are intended to have relevance for newcomers who have chosen Chalmers as their home neighbourhood.



BAG helps with nutrition education and affordable food supply.



Chalmers hosts Farmers Markets both indoors and outdoors



MCC Thrift store has a strong and positive presence in the neighbourhood

Transportation

Chalmers residents use public transportation about 10% more than Winnipeg residents on average. Survey feedback from residents emphasized a need for more bus shelters and active transportation supports. Cycling paths are a significant part of active transportation in Chalmers and adjacent neighbourhoods. In addition to the Disraeli cycling and footbridge, the Northeast Pioneer Greenway – a conversion of the CPR Marconi Spur line in 2007 - also supports active transportation in Chalmers. Residents noted that cycling within the neighbourhood was a challenge, despite being connected to good cycling paths at the edges of the area. Small moves to support cycling in the neighbourhood, such as providing more bike racks and lock points, enable to community to identify itself as a bike friendly community. Providing community accessible 1/2 tonne truck or transport was identified as a possible community need - for those times that cyclists, gardeners, or other community members need to haul larger items.

Multiple partnerships and collaborations support cycling in the neighbourhood. The Headingly Correctional Centre donated twenty-six refurbished bicycles as prizes for the Happy Days on Henderson event. The Manitoba Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Council donated new helmets for all bicycle winners. The Elmwood High School CYCLE program donated six bicycles for the event. CYCLE is supplies with some of the bicycles they work on from the Winnipeg Repair Education and Cycling Hub (WRENCH). The CYCLE program is part of the River East Neighbourhood Network (RENN) and they receive funding from a number of organizations, including Neighbourhoods Alive! and the Manitoba Community Services Council. Active transportation is a community collaboration in Chalmers.



Cyclist at the Chalmers Farmers Market



Hydro Greenbelt bisects the Chalmers Neighbourhood - other jurisdictions have leveraged these routes for active transportation.



Chalmers is bisected by a significant hydro greenbelt. Precedents to utilize hydro greenbelts as active-transport routes exist throughout Ontario and are increasingly under planning consideration in Alberta. Future Housing Plans may elect to place efforts and support into development of the hydro greenbelt for friendlier neighbourhood multi-use. Transforming the hydro greenbelt for multiple non-motorized uses is a future planning opportunity.


A strength of transportation in Chalmers is the multiple thoroughfares that enable efficiency. The weakness is that Chalmers is bound and bisected by several heavy traffic routes including: Henderson, Watt, Raleigh, Talbot, Nairn and even Munroe. Heavy traffic and speeding cars were identified as concerns for Chalmers residents in the survey and at community events. One result is that Chalmers is less a destination and more a pass-through neighbourhood. Traffic calming is another planning initiative of future interest to Chalmers residents to reduce motorist speeds through the neighbourhood. Additional traffic circles and safe pedestrian crossing points are of interest to residents.

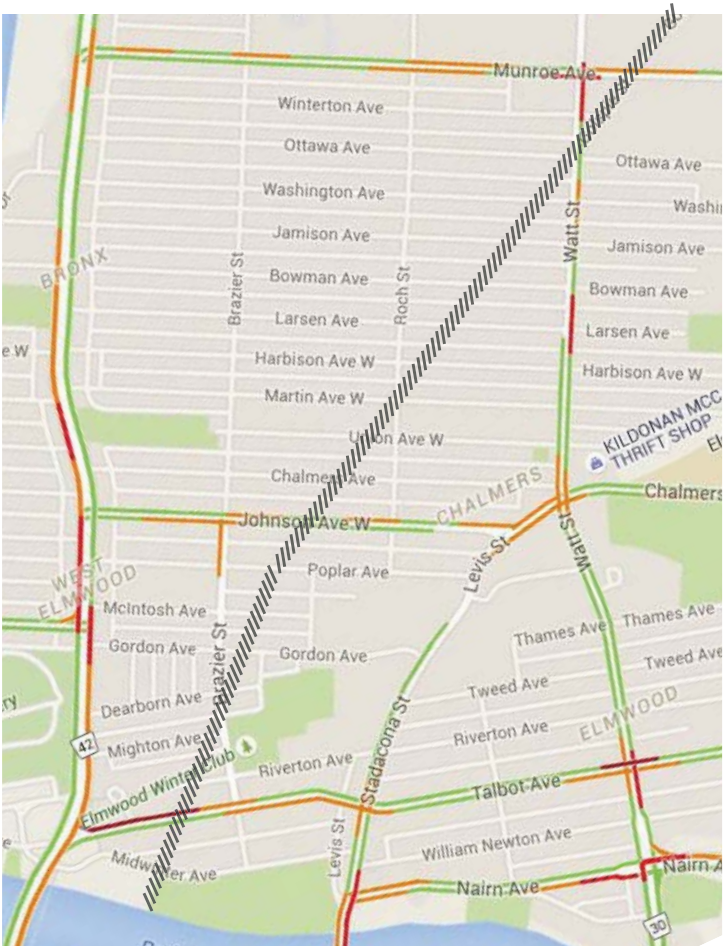


Bikes lined up at the Chalmers Happy days



A WRENCH volunteer fixes up bikes at Happy Days

Traffic during afternoon rush hour. Note congestion at access points to Chalmers.  line denotes hydro-greenbelt active transportation opportunity.



Affordability, Mobility & Stability

Compared to other Winnipeg neighbourhoods where median home prices are over \$240,000, Chalmers is an affordable place to purchase housing given the median home price of less than \$150,000. While the majority of housing stock was constructed prior to 1960 (over 62%), thirty new dwelling units were added to Chalmers between 2006 and 2011 and an additional sixty-eight new dwellings were added between 2011 and 2015. The CNRC would like to see between three and four-hundred (300-400) new dwelling units added to Chalmers by 2021 to accommodate approximately eight-hundred (800) new residents.

The City of Winnipeg Housing Policy, Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), The Social Planning Council of Winnipeg and the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives all document that housing is affordable when costs are 30% of household income. Core Housing Need is a term used in housing policy to describe households where shelter does not meet affordability, suitability or adequacy. Based on Core Housing Needs in CMHC data for 2011, over 10% of Winnipeg households live in Core Housing Need. Renting tenants face a greater challenge as 23% of Winnipeg renters are in Core Housing Need according to a 2015 study by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

Housing is affordable when costs are 30% of household income

Household Income (\$)	Monthly Affordability Range	Affordability of Average Rents (2014)				Proportion of Winnipeg households ¹⁴ (2010)	Proportion spending more than 30% on shelter
		Bachelor (\$585)	1 Bedroom (\$771)	2 Bedroom (\$1015)	3 + Bedroom (\$1188)		
Under 10,000	< \$250	Not affordable	Not affordable	Not affordable	Not affordable	5.2%	91.9%
10,000 - 19,999	\$250-\$500	Not affordable	Not affordable	Not affordable	Not affordable	7.9%	69.7%
20,000 - 29,999	\$500 - \$750	Not affordable < \$23,400	Not affordable	Not affordable	Not affordable	8.9%	49.8%
30,000 - 39,999	\$750 - \$1,000	Affordable	Not affordable < \$30,840	Not affordable	Not affordable	9.9%	28.0%
40,000 - 59,999	\$1,000 - \$1,250	Affordable	Affordable	Not affordable < \$40,600	Not affordable < \$47,520	18.1%	14.0%
60,000 and up	\$1,250 - \$1,500	Affordable	Affordable	Affordable	Affordable	50.0%	2.3%

The median household income in Chalmers is \$41,245, approximately \$17,000 below the City of Winnipeg median household income average. The table (opposite page) illustrates how people in the median income range and requiring a bachelor suite or one bedroom may find Chalmers affordable, while people with less than the median income and requiring larger accommodation may not find Chalmers affordable without subsidy. When housing affordability is challenged, other neighbourhood resources become essential to community sustainability and stability.

Programs such as the previously mentioned **BAG** is an example where access to quality low-cost fruit and vegetables is a strategy some residents use to potentially off-set higher than affordable shelter costs. At the time of this housing plan, the program was functioning at maximum capacity with over 300 registered participants. A similar program helping to offset home maintenance costs while increasing home repair capacity in the neighbourhood may help offset higher than affordable shelter costs.

Low-cost and no-cost recreation and leisure options become critical to neighbourhood health when housing affordability is at issue. The importance of youth drop-in opportunities with cooking and food components, seniors' programs as well as supportive parenting programs offered by Together in Elmwood are clear when we examine how many people in our neighbourhood are impacted by the effects of housing affordability based on the median household income in the neighbourhood.

The community focus on food security and comprehensive recreation and leisure planning that is ongoing emphasizes the positive actions of people and partner organizations in Chalmers. Continued strengthening of programs and initiatives to support the many households in Core Housing Need is integral to the goals and initiatives of this housing plan.

Population stability is an indicator of complete community status. A complete community reflects a balance of housing options for all demographics, has recreation, leisure and wellness resources, local businesses and services, quality outdoor space and access to public transportation. A balanced neighbourhood with significant heritage features and landmarks – as Chalmers can boast - positively contributes to the unique qualities and character of an area.



Housing Panel Workshop

The Housing Panel held on August 25, 2015 provided a chance to hear what Chalmers residents wanted to discuss. Four panelists were on hand to provide expertise on issues of interest:

- City By-Law enforcement
- Professional Real Estate and Property Management
- Housing Policy
- Housing Coordination Services

Home rental versus home ownership in Chalmers was a theme at the panel as well as in the surveys. People wanted to know what the percentage of rented homes and owner occupied homes were in Chalmers and what represents a stable neighbourhood balance. In Winnipeg, approximately 66% of homes are owned and 33% are rented. In Chalmers, 55% are owned and 45% are rented.

The Real Estate and Property Management panel expert addressed the fact that affordable housing is not subsidized housing. While Chalmers does provide some subsidized housing options, the neighbourhood could support an increase in subsidized dwellings – particularly for seniors who may not find it possible to remain in Chalmers as their housing needs change.

The Social Planning Council of Winnipeg emphasized that the percentage of owners to renters is less significant than how long people stay in the neighbourhood. Discrimination against renters is also counterproductive as shown in the neighbourhood of West Broadway where maintaining rental stock is a priority of their housing plan. In West Broadway, just 7% of homes are owner-occupied and almost 93% of homes are rented. From a neighbourhood renewal perspective, West Broadway is an example of a neighbourhood that began with housing plans more than fifteen years ago and currently enjoys robust neighbourhood redevelopment and investment. Neighbourhood safety and beautification initiatives are intentionally linked in West Broadway.

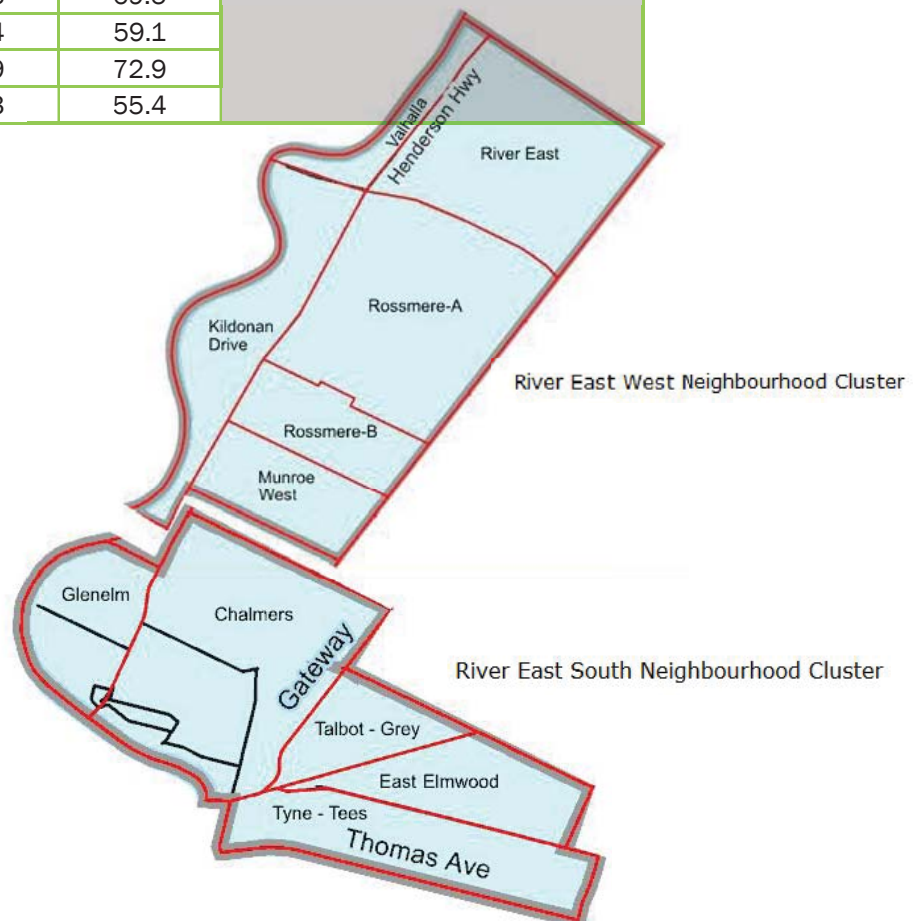


Housing Panel Workshop was well attended with community members

Retaining residents in the Chalmers neighbourhood strongly informed Goal #5 of this plan. In the Census year of 2010-2011, over 82% of people stayed within the Chalmers neighbourhood. In the five-year period between 2006 and 2011, over 50% of people stayed in Chalmers. This is relevant because residents who choose to remain in the neighbourhood contribute to the stability of the area. By comparison, in the River East neighbourhood for the year of 2010-2011, over 93% of people stayed in the neighbourhood. In the five-year measure, over 74% of people stayed in River East. CNRC recognizes neighbourhood stability and incremental population increase will have a positive influence on the neighbourhood. By the 2016 Census, CNRC has a goal for 2015 – 2016 to increase tenure stability to 85%.

By the 2021 Census CNRC would like to increase tenure stability to 60% or better. These slow and steady increases would represent growth of approximately 210 residents from 2015-2016 and 820 new residents by 2021.

Neighbourhood Profile Comparison				
	2010 - 2011	2006 - 2011	CNRC Target 2015 - 2016	CNRC Target 2016 - 2021
River East South				
Glenelm	87.9	61.5	Not Applicable	
Talbot Grey	91.6	58.3		
East Elmwood	79.7	50.6		
Chalmers	82.6	50.2	85%	60%
River East West			Not Applicable	
Valhalla	84.2	51.2		
River East	93.1	74.3		
Kildonan Drive	92.8	69.5		
Rossmere A	86.4	59.1		
Rossmere B	93.9	72.9		
Munroe West	86.3	55.4		



Housing Condition Audit

Chalmers neighbourhood boundaries are the Red River (south), Munroe Avenue (north), Raleigh Road (east) and Henderson Highway (west). This area is located in the neighbourhood profile called *River East South* in the City Census profile.

The housing plan team conducted an audit of all addresses in Chalmers to assess exterior conditions and safety items. Near the northern boundary of Munroe, homes generally required fewer repairs and appeared to be well-maintained. Starting at Washington and south toward Chalmers, homes in good condition were often located next to poorly maintained dwellings. This patchwork of poor/fair/good housing conditions characterizes the outward appearance of Chalmers housing at the centre of the neighbourhood area. Housing in need of more significant maintenance and repair are somewhat concentrated between Thames and Nairn with pockets of housing in need of maintenance and repair near the eastern industrial edge of the neighbourhood.

Twenty percent (20%) of housing in Chalmers was assessed in poor exterior condition. Housing audit data combined with data from the Winnipeg Rental Network revealed that of that 20% in poor condition, 78% of those homes are owner-occupied and 22% are occupied by renting tenants. This is significant as perceptions of rental properties in the survey revealed a bias that rental properties are more often poorly maintained. The perception is not supported by the data.

The audit will assist CNRC by providing recommended locations for follow-up with City By-Law enforcement as well as positive opportunities to target CCRI home improvement fix-up grants in 2016.





These stairs lack railing and the slope reveal a possible foundation and drainage issue



Derelict Garage



Damaged Siding

Exterior condition examples:



Sinking Porch



Peeling Paint



Broken Window



Damaged and Missing Shingles



Damaged Soffit/Fascia



Damaged Eaves/Fascia

Winnipeg Rental Network (WRN) is a resource for neighbourhood information. The WRN has collected and shared data for Chalmers regarding homeowners and landlords; this information will be used extensively by CNRC Housing Coordinator. Updating this database will be the responsibility of CNRC.

This data helps to:

- Inform owners of any fix up grants they may be eligible for
- Connect landlords to workshops offered
- Invite homeowners to Annual General Meetings & workshops
- Send newsletter mail-out of community updates and information
- Help locate landlords when required
- Provide support if tenants having an issue
- Identify By-law issues and target supports
- Determine levels of affordable housing in the area
- Determine and if more people are becoming homeowners or landlords
- Assist with funding applications
- Collect landlord email and phone number and enter into registry. This registry is shared with other housing coordinators at other associations. Some landlords have multiple rentals throughout the city.

The relationship between the age of housing, extent of required repair and median income is clear – repairs and maintenance cannot be done if households cannot afford additional expenditures. The importance of the housing plan to assist residents is emphasized in Goal #1 where a Housing Coordinator will disperse housing fix-up grants on a yearly basis to assist owners in need with some financial help. In the resident survey, lack of money to do repairs emerged as a top issue. Renting tenants documented concerns regarding lack of repairs and maintenance on their housing and noted that landlords were not always responsive to required repairs. The effect of poverty on housing repair and maintenance is slow decline of both individual properties and the general character and appearance of the neighbourhood.

Housing Condition Audit

A housing audit of over 2850 dwellings revealed that 10% of homes are in need of minor repair and 20% appear in need of major repairs. These conditions are marked as poor and fair on the audit map. Often, residents may be unaware of By-Law requirements. The Neighbourhood Liveability By-Law is available on the City website. Eight of the top ten fix-up items documented for the audit are actually violations of City By-Laws.

CNRC intends to approach these top ten items with information sharing and community education organized by the new Housing Coordinator as a first step under Goal 1 – Access to information about housing. The intention of CNRC is to be a good neighbour first by sharing information and providing opportunities to qualify for fix-up grants funded by the Chalmers Community Renewal Initiative. Where properties continue to exhibit By-Law infractions, nuisance bulk garbage, derelict vehicles and non-compliance, CNRC will work in partnership with the City of Winnipeg By-Law Officer to address properties of concern to the neighbourhood.

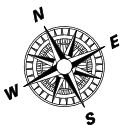
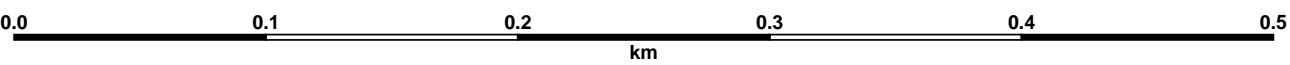
Top Ten Fix-Up items based on the audit:

• Rear Number Plate Missing	77.63%
• Overgrown Weeds/Grass	17.20%
• Paint Peeling/Chipping	18.77%
• Sloped/Sinking Porch/Stairs No Rail	14.49%
• Shingles need Repair/Missing	8.99%
• Bulk Waste	7.98%
• Foundation Chipped/Cracked	6.75%
• Drains towards home or no downspout	6.70%
• Walk through from back lane	6.23%

Over 75% of houses reviewed for the audit did not have an address posted on the garage or rear of the property. Back-lane numbering is a By-law requirement and is a safety factor for fire and police response. Other neighbourhood development corporations have developed initiatives to provide back-lane numbers to residents. Chalmers is opting to inform residents of the requirement and review progress in the next housing plan.

A walk-through from the back lane to the front street is not a By-law infraction, but it is a neighbourhood safety concern. Walk-throughs provide opportunities for people with criminal intent to move more easily through properties. A gate between the front and rear yard is a measure of prevention and helps deter strangers from walking through your property.

Peeling and chipping exterior paint is not a crime, but painting can help prevent wood rot and improve neighbourhood appearance. CNRC hopes people in need of minor or major repair will apply for grants under the program in 2016. Take Pride Winnipeg is another funding and resource that can assist with funding for exterior housing issues identified in the he audit.



Survey & Workshops

Over 600 surveys were collected for the housing plan. More than half of the surveys were collected using a facilitated method where researchers talked with residents. Researchers attended seven community events to connect with community members. Events included **Better Access to Groceries** on multiple days, Kildonan Mennonite Central Committee Thrift Shop Farmers Market, Happy Days on Henderson, Take Pride Elmwood and the Riverwood drop-in. The demographics of survey participants matched the census data composition for Chalmers very accurately with the exception of youth participation. For this reason, a specific youth housing workshop was held in August.

Fourteen youth participated in a social media (Instagram) project to capture the Chalmers neighbourhood in pictures. Photographs provided a tool to discuss the character of the neighbourhood, favorite places and places of concern. Youth agreed that street litter is an issue around both 7-11 locations – this was a concern noted by many in the survey. While they don't like litter, youth don't have a mechanism to address the litter issue with peers without possible bullying. The participants echoed survey findings regarding safety issues around Clara Hughes Recreation Park. Even for people who use the park for skateboarding, they described real fears about bullying and violence as well as concerns for physical safety of the skate bowl; the design has resulted in injuries.

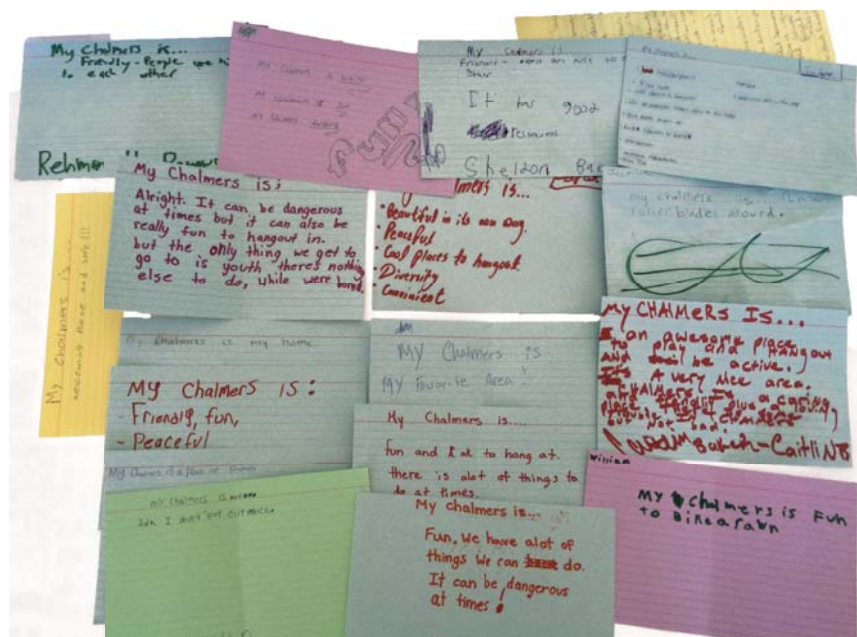
Younger residents had some interest in how the housing plan could help their family make necessary home repairs. They were also interested in how both the schools and dividing streets like Watt create “the two Chalmers.” What they described were physical and social geography boundaries that keep people divided. In general, the youth described Chalmers as a good place to live.

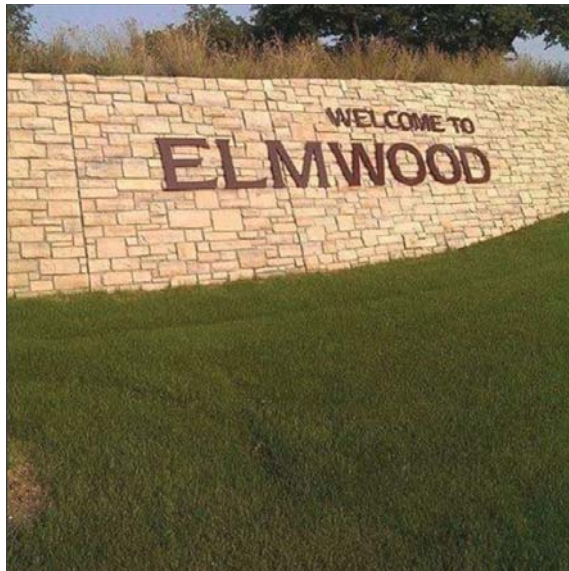


“Wavy Dude” from the Instagram project.

“I love how people pull together to support each other. ”

- Survey Respondent





Images from the social media (Instagram) project to capture the Chalmers neighbourhood in pictures.

Safety

Community safety is an important aspect of all neighbourhoods. 94% of people surveyed feel safe in the neighbourhood during the day. Only 68% of people feel safe at night. Surveys stated that lack of foot-patrols was the number one item missing from the neighbourhood. Survey comments regarding traffic, poor road and sidewalk conditions, lack of street/park lighting and speeding cars were prevalent.

Based on City of Winnipeg Crimestat data, crime has gone up 17% in the Chalmers neighbourhood in 2015 from (January to August) 2014. Residential break and enter impacts people directly in their home, and the rise of 112% over 2014 statistics could have negative impacts on the feeling of community safety. However, of the 9740 residents of Chalmers, fewer than 0.01% of people were statistically impacted by crime in the neighbourhood.

Feelings of safety and security are influenced by many factors. Street lighting, friendly people, graffiti-free lanes, tidy residences as well as interesting and safe places to gather are just a few of the many aspects of a complete community. The Block Parent Program of Winnipeg currently has only ten participating households in Chalmers based on information received at the Happy Days on Henderson event. Increasing the number of households participating in Block Parents is included in Goal 3: Safety.

WATT WALKS are a community safety initiative under Goal 4 Direct Actions To Prevent Discrimination. **WATT WALKS** will emphasize partnerships with residents of all ages, Community Police, City By-law enforcement, North East Winnipeg Historical Society, neighbourhood faith-based organizations, as well as other neighbourhood groups, educational facilities and agencies. The focus is prevention and partnership over prosecution. **WATT WALKS** will be a weekly happening, hosted by CNRC in partnership with Elmwood Community Resource Centre. Walks will be held on the same day, at the same time and use a weekly theme to inform residents about By-law and safety resources, share community history and provide community collaboration opportunities to improve area safety. CNRC neighbourhood safety efforts will be focused partnerships with Community Police and By-law officers to make environmental improvements to prevent crime and address perceptions of a lack of safety in Ernie O'Dowda Park and Clara Hughes Recreation Park.

The fix-up grant program may reward applications that intend improvements that contribute to the overall character of a cared-for neighbourhood. The Citizens On Patrol program is as a future program that is relevant for residents.



Representatives of North East Winnipeg Historical Society



Representatives of the Block Parent Program

Conclusion

The Chalmers neighbourhood housing plan is a five-year document that will guide the actions of CNRC with their partners to help ensure Chalmers is a complete Winnipeg community with diverse housing options, programming and supports, recreation and wellness and a good neighbour feel throughout the area.

The Chalmers housing plan will help nourish the potential of our neighbourhood. It is a five-year road map of community-based actions. With five goals, thirty-five initiatives and fifteen partnerships identified to date, the Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation has the necessary direction to take the actions residents most wanted to see in the neighbourhood.

PARTNERSHIPS:

Elmwood Community Resource Centre
545 Watt Street

Elmwood East Kildonan Active Living Centre
180 Poplar

River East Council for Seniors
720 Henderson Highway

Chalmers Community Centre
480 Chalmers

River East Neighbourhood Network
<http://www.rivereastnn.org/>

Together In Elmwood; Parent Child Coalition
Programming at 480 Chalmers and 180 Poplar

Winnipeg Regional Health Authority

Northeast Pioneer Greenway

Riverwood Church and other faith-based organizations

Participating Schools River East & Winnipeg
Community Schools Initiative

Winnipeg Rental Network

Neighbourhoods Alive!

Take Pride Winnipeg!

Manitoba Housing

City of Winnipeg: Councilors, By-law Officers,
Community Police



Appendix

Questions and comments from the housing panel were wide ranging. Information contained in responses have informed the data in this plan.

Q: What about land banking by the City for even a small shopping center? 50,000 sq ft - \$25million for grocery store. Also are there any plans for the Johnson and Henderson NE corner?

Q: Does the housing plan for the vacant property include affordable apartments for seniors, veterans and low income families and would an all year round market be in that plan as a street level business with apartments above?

Q: How do residents who live on the east side of Gateway get involved in this program or in the community garden program or how can we volunteer and start a similar program in our east Elmwood area?

Q: Is it possible to have a bus shelter along Johnson and Watt and Stadacona?

Q: Encourage WPS initiative “restore the core” in the plan going forward. The initiative is new to WW and Dufferin.

Q: Check into “fruit share” for the area. Many seniors need help to pick and are willing to provide fruit with assistance for the help.

Q: Is there any thought of having more café or patios like Sam’s Place ie) Corydon/Osborne to promote foot traffic?

Q: What grants might be available (City of Province) to replace outdated windows?

Q: What percentage is desirable in this neighbourhood for rental?

Q: What is the best way to find out about home rental options in the area?

Q: What are common examples of By-law infractions?

Q: How high can houses be on 25’ lots?

Q: Pre-fab cement apartments are supposed to be way cheaper – doing anything on this?

Q: Extremely low vacancy rates for low-cost apartments for seniors. If free enterprise doesn’t address this what can be done?

Q: You see a lot of community gardens and many residents have fruit trees. Is CNRC looking at the possibility of incorporating this into the neighbourhood?



Standards for Maintenance of Residential Properties:

A Guide for Property Owners, Landlords, and Tenants*

Yards

- Yards and boulevards must be maintained free of garbage and debris.
- Grass must be cut as often as needed to control weeds and to ensure it is not longer than 15cm (6 inches).
- It is recommended that garbage bins and carts be stored in a secure location, and placed at the collection area the morning of collection. Carts should be removed from the collection area promptly after pick-up.

Exteriors and Fences

- Houses and accessory structures (such as sheds, garages, and fences) must have a protective coating that is in good condition (paint, siding, stucco) to prevent deterioration of the structure.
- Windows that are broken must be repaired, and doors must be tight-fitting to prevent insects and rodents from entering the property.
- Eavestroughs and downspouts must be kept in good repair, and directed away from any building foundation. This can help to prevent flooding of basements and neighbouring properties, and excessive moisture which can lead to significant and costly damage, and mould problems.

Interior Conditions

- Floors, walls, and ceilings must be in good repair, and free of holes and cracks.
- Paint as needed to keep surfaces washable, and to protect against damage and deterioration.
- Stairs must be in good repair and equipped with handrails, to prevent falls.

Heating and Water

- Rental properties must maintain a temperature of not less than 21°C (70°F) during the day (7am - 11pm), and not less than 18°C (65°F) overnight (from 11pm - 7am).
- Plumbing systems must be in good repair and provide hot water that is at least 43°C (110°F). The hot water temperature should not exceed 57°C (135°F), as it can cause severe burns, especially to small children.

Basement Rooms

- Basement rooms used for sleeping must have 2 clear exits, one of which can be a window, provided it is at least 38cm (15 inches) in width or height, with a minimum of 0.35m² in area (3.77ft²) and easily opened without the use of keys or tools.
- Basement rooms must be protected from moisture, seepage, and sewer back-up.

Insects and Rodents

- All properties must be kept free of insects and rodents, in order to prevent damage to the home, and the transmission of disease through bites and feces.
- Kitchens and food storage areas should be kept tidy, and food should be stored off the floor to keep pests out. Even pet food left out in a feeding dish will attract unwanted pests.
- At the first sign of insects or rodents, take aggressive action or call an exterminator before the problem gets out of hand.

Fire Pits

- Backyard fires must only be burned in appropriate receptacles, that are at least 3m (10ft) from any combustible materials (decks, fences and trees), and overhead wires or electrical and phone lines.
- Only burn clean, untreated wood (no garbage, painted materials, or renovation waste) .
- Fires must never be left unattended, and must be extinguished with water before leaving the area.

Vehicles

- Vehicles that are not operational, are rusted, wrecked or partly wrecked, or are dismantled or partly dismantled, or are not insured and registered under the Highway Traffic Act and do not have a current, valid license plate attached to it are not permitted to be stored on the property for more than one month.
- A maximum of 4 passenger vehicles are permitted on a residential property.

Providing Rental Accommodations in Your Home

- Single family dwellings can have up to 2 boarders, who pay room and board, and live with the family as part of the family unit (bedroom doors do not have keyed locks).
- Rooming houses (single-room occupancy with locked/keyed bedroom doors) are not permitted without obtaining proper licences, zoning approvals, and development permits. For more information visit Winnipeg.ca, Planning Property and Development Department.

Landlord/tenant concerns or disputes are handled by the Province of Manitoba

- The Provincial Residential Tenancies Branch has information and resources on both landlord and tenant rights and responsibilities (including lease agreements, damage deposits, etc.).
- See website at www.gov.mb.ca/ccs/rtb/

*** This resource does not contain all property standards requirements for the City of Winnipeg. A link to City By-laws, Including the Neighbourhood Liveability By-law, is available on the City of Winnipeg home page.**

Questions or concerns? Visit Winnipeg.ca/cms/BLES/default.stm, or contact 311 by dialing 311 or emailing 311@winnipeg.ca.

Housing Plan Survey

Chalmers is doing a Housing Plan
Your feedback is important to us!

(Please fill out one form for each person)

1. Do you live, work or volunteer in the neighbourhood?

- ☐ I live in Chalmers
- ☐ I work (but don't live in Chalmers)
- ☐ I Volunteer (but don't work or live in Chalmers)
- ☐ Other: _____

2. What is your Postal Code: _____
(if you don't know your Postal Code, please fill in cross streets or landmark)

3. What is your age:

- ☐ 17 and under
- ☐ 18 - 44
- ☐ 45 - 64
- ☐ 65 +

4. How long have you lived, worked, or volunteered in the Chalmers Neighbourhood?

- ☐ Less than 1 year
- ☐ 1 - 4 years
- ☐ 5 - 9 years
- ☐ 10 - 14 years
- ☐ 15 - 19 years
- ☐ More than 20 years

5. How do you identify?

- ☐ Aboriginal (First Nation (Status, Treaty or Non-Status), Metis and Inuit)
- ☐ Born in Canada, non- Aboriginal
- ☐ New Immigrant (arrived in Canada in the past 10 years)
- ☐ Born outside Canada, but have been in Canada 10+ years
(including refugee, Permanent Resident or Citizen)
- ☐ Other: _____

6. Are you (check all that apply)?

- ☐ Temporarily staying with a friend or relative in Chalmers
- ☐ Having someone temporarily stay with you
- ☐ Renter
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____
- ☐ Home Owner
- ☐ Condo Owner
- ☐ Business Owner
- ☐ Landlord

7. How safe do you feel **during the day** in the Chalmers neighbourhood?

- ☐ Very Safe
- ☐ Safe
- ☐ Unsafe
- ☐ Very Unsafe

8. How safe do you feel **at night** in your neighbourhood?

- ☐ Very Safe
- ☐ Safe
- ☐ Unsafe
- ☐ Very Unsafe

9. Is there one aspect that makes you feel safe and one which makes you feel unsafe in the neighbourhood?

10. What do you like most about the Chalmers neighbourhood?

11. What do you like least about the Chalmers neighbourhood?

12. What is missing from your neighbourhood? (check all that apply)

- | | | | |
|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trees | <input type="checkbox"/> Convenience Stores | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Clinics | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drop in Centers | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> Bus Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Banks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Stores | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic Food Stores | <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurants | <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benches/ Bin | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care Centres | <input type="checkbox"/> Street Lighting | <input type="checkbox"/> Foot-patrols |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Drop In | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ | | |

13. Are you aware of your residence needing repairs or maintenance in any of the following areas? (please check any and all that apply)

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical repairs/updating | <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing repairs/updating | <input type="checkbox"/> Furnace repairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation repairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Roof repairs/replacement | <input type="checkbox"/> Insulation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pest control (mice, bedbugs, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Locks/doors/windows repairs/replacement | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | |

14. What are the reasons the repairs have not been done?

Are there any concerns or comments regarding safety or housing in the Chalmers Neighbourhood that you would like to express?

All responses are confidential.

Thank You for Helping Chalmers Neighbourhood!

The Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP) began in Manitoba in 1991. The program was initially guided by local law enforcement, as it fell under their auspices along with Manitoba Justice. From there, partnerships were formed with communities with a goal of making their communities safer. In 1992, Manitoba Justice initiated a granting option for COPP groups. They could apply for one-time grants to cover the cost of basic equipment such as portable radios, cell phones, flashlights; and clothing such as vests or jackets.

In March 2001, Manitoba Public Insurance partnered with Manitoba Justice to improve support and networking opportunities for the groups. The goal of this partnership was to provide support, assist with coordination and improve the sharing of knowledge and techniques used by COPP groups in communities across the province. This led to the creation of the Manitoba Citizens on Patrol Program.

On December 8, 2001, the first COPP Conference was held, bringing together the existing COPP groups, obtaining feedback on their programs and formally announcing Manitoba Public Insurance's role with COPP. Annual conferences have continued since then.

The Manitoba Citizens on Patrol Program established a Provincial COPP Advisory Committee to help guide and support the program. Their first meeting was held in February 2002.

Today, there are 78 groups registered with the Manitoba Citizens on Patrol Program.

How to start and run a COPP group:

Contact the Manitoba COPP Provincial Coordinator or your local law enforcement office for direction and support. The Provincial Coordinator and/or your Regional Representative are available to come and talk to anyone interested in COPP. After a community meeting and/or reading all the information, if the group decides to organize the program, they will need to:

- Receive approval from their local law enforcement agency to start the group
- Establish an executive
- volunteers are needed to coordinate this program
- the police liaison officer provides support, versus coordinating the program
- Apply to join the Manitoba COPP for further support
- submit Group Registration Application
- once approved, sign Group Letter of Agreement
- Establish policies and procedures
- identify the patrol area
- recruit additional volunteers, a criminal record search is mandatory
- Arrange and participate in volunteer training – A COPP trainer will come to your community
- Establish an Executive Committee

Every COPP group should outline, in writing, the procedures for starting and ending a shift, so all members follow the same procedures to maintain consistency.

Contact: Clif Eden, Project Manager <http://citizensonpatrol.mb.ca/Start.html>

Road Safety Programming | Manitoba Public Insurance

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510-234 Donald St. Winnipeg, MB R3C 4A4

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