



# Downtown BIZ, Siloam offer downtown relief; pop-up toilet available through August

Danton Unger

**Published:**  
June 4, 2018

**Updated:**  
June 4, 2018 3:46 PM CDT

**Filed Under:**  
[Winnipeg SUN](#) > [News](#) > [Winnipeg](#)



Downtown Winnipeg BIZ launched Pop-up Toilet, a new fully accessible two stall public washroom with a small retail kiosk, in Downtown Winnipeg on June 4, 2018. Danton Unger/Winnipeg Sun

When walking the streets of Downtown Winnipeg, those who feel nature calling will no longer have to frantically beg store owners to use their facilities. The days of public washrooms in downtown Winnipeg have returned after the Downtown Winnipeg BIZ announced the opening of the pop-up toilet.

The bright orange public pop-up toilet, created in partnership with the Siloam Mission, officially opened Monday morning after a ceremonial cutting of a toilet paper ribbon. The two stall washroom will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. In addition to the washroom, the pop-up toilet features a small kiosk, offering patrons reusable water bottles, T-shirts and original art cards.

“Winnipeg needs to have something which is as convivial and friendly, kind of street furniture, that helps take care of each other,” said CEO of Bridgman Collaborative Architecture, Wins Bridgman, the architect behind the design of the pop-up toilet, which was inspired by the British telephone booth.

The hard-to-miss bright orange structure currently resides on the property of the Holy Trinity Anglican Church on Graham Avenue, but will be moved to different locations around down town each month until September. Planned locations will include the SHED district,

## COLUMNISTS

COLUMNISTS

**BRODBECK:** Tories remain popular despite controversial policies



COLUMNISTS

**BRODBECK:** Vast majority of



near Portage Place and one off Main Street.

“This pop toilet gives people dignity to anyone who needs a publicly accessible toilet here in the downtown area of Winnipeg,” said Siloam Mission CEO Jim Bell. “But it also gives dignity to those seeking employment.”

The pop-up toilet kiosk will be staffed by members of the Siloam Mission programs, including the employment program and the foster care exit program. Revenue from the kiosk will go back into the Siloam Mission programs. Bell said this will provide employees with excellent customer service and cleaning skills. Downtown Watch will regularly check the pop-up toilet throughout the day to ensure safety of the employees,

The stalls will be cleaned every 10 to 15 minutes by the staff, and will be serviced regularly by King’s Services.

“If you want a vital downtown, you need to have places for people to use the washroom,” Bridgman said. “We still have a long way to go, but we made a good amount of progress.”

Bridgman said he hopes to see regular permanent public washrooms available in Downtown Winnipeg all year round.

**Comments**  
Share your thoughts

- DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG
- EDITORS PICKS
- SILOAM MISSION

### Featured Articles



### Two sent to hospital following shooting

Two people were taken to hospital, one in critical condition, following a shooting which occurred shortly after midnight Tuesday near the Bar Italia restaurant on Corydon Avenue. Police said...

staff still employed under hospital revamp

#### WINNIPEG

HAL'S HEADLINES: You tweeted what?!



#### COLUMNISTS

BRODBECK: Still big questions around hospital mergers



## TOP STORIES



Student taken to hospital after being hit at Maples Collegiate

Watch: MMF launches legal action against Manitoba, preparing second challenge