



October 11th ,2018

Dear Winnipeg,

This October at the polls, Winnipeg Trails Association is calling on all Winnipeggers to consider the health, happiness, safety, and sustainability of future generations.

VOTE YES

to re-opening Portage and Main to pedestrian crossings.

Winnipeg Trails Association has a mandate to help support human movement, social interaction, compassion, access to nature, recreation, and transportation. The current state of our most iconic intersection, Portage and Main, stands not only in opposition to this mandate but is an affront to our commitment to become a more integrated, connected, accessible, and vibrant city.

As an organization, we represent all of Winnipeg – residents of downtown, residents of the furthest suburbs, and everyone in-between. It is our job to make connections. We connect trails from your home to your destinations, we connect neighbours to each other and to nature, we connect information and ideas to the issues that matter most to you.

Over the last 15 years, we have met tens of thousands of locals, partnered with a breath of communities and neighbourhoods (Transcona Trails, Downtown Biz), organizations (Diabetes Canada, Children's Health Research Institute of Manitoba) and institutions (University of Manitoba, Red River College, University of Winnipeg). And we have found you are all saying the same things:

Yes, you care about the safety of your children.

Yes, you care about the health of your community.

Yes, you care about sustainability of the economy.

Yes, you care about spending quality time with your family and friends.

Yes, you care about the right to mobility.

A walkable and bikeable community leads to decreased rates of traffic congestion, chronic disease, crime, stress, poverty and increased rate of access to basic needs, positive social relationships, quality of life for all. It is also a simple fact that the younger generations prefer walkable and bikeable communities and Winnipeg has a higher than average youth population.

For more facts and non-partisan information about this current issue, go to VoteOpenWpg.ca

In the end, the decision we make at the polls is not about current commuters, it is about our future generations. Winnipeg Trails Association looks forward to election day when voters will show our leaders that the heart of our city is open to people, families, and businesses.

Let's make our city better for generations to come. The least we can do is try.

Regards,

Winnipeg Trails Association Board of Directors



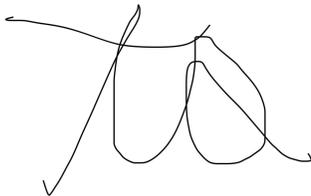
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