

Partnerships:

- City of Winnipeg By-Law enforcement
- Winnipeg Police
- Jason Schreyer City Councilor
- Riverwood Church
- Elmwood Community Resources Centre
- Winnipeg Rental Network
- Elmwood EK Active Living Centre
- Neighbourhoods Alive!
- Manitoba Housing
- City of Winnipeg Community Services and Planning Property and Development
- Chalmers area schools
- Chalmers Community Centre

Chalmers Neighbourhood Identified Housing Needs:

- HOUSING COORDINATOR (WITHIN CNRC)
- PARTNERSHIPS FOR “DAY OF CARING” VOLUNTEERS
- PARTNERSHIPS WITH MANITOBA GREEN RETROFIT
- PARTNERSHIPS FOR BEDBUG RESOURCES/PREVENTION AND TREATMENT
- BETTER CONNECTION WITH RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES BRANCH
- MORE INFORMATION SHARING FROM/WITH WINNIPEG RENTAL NETWORK
- MORE ENGAGEMENT AND UNDERSTANDING OF BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT
- STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY POLICING CONNECTIONS
- PROMOTING AWARENESS FOR, AND ACCESS TO, FIX-UP GRANTS
- TAKE PRIDE WINNIPEG SUPPORT
- FACILITATE RESIDENT HOME REPAIR WORKSHOPS
- MORE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN GROUPS ABOUT EVENTS AND RESOURCES
- RESOURCE/ADVOCATE FOR HOUSING LIKE TENANT LANDLORD CO-OPERATIVE
- MORE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR AREA IMPROVEMENTS



Chalmers Neighbourhood Housing Plan: 2015

What is a 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 how the neighbourhood can best be supported for the next five years.

How will the plan be used?

The Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation (CNRC) will use the plan to develop resources, facilitate grants & programs related to housing goals and continue to build and sustain partnerships required for a more livable neighbourhood. 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.

How is the plan being developed?

The CNRC Board (which consists of residents and stakeholders), housing working group and consultant research team have worked together with residents to develop the plan. Over 600 people participated in the housing survey. We attended seven community events to discuss neighbourhood needs and conducted an exterior audit of every home in the neighbourhood (over 5000 addresses). Neighbourhood history, recreation options, demographics and statistics will be included as part of the plan to provide context for neighbourhood housing conditions.

When will the plan be complete?

A DRAFT of the housing plan will be available September 14 on the CNRC website and a hard copy will be posted in the CNRC offices (180 Poplar). Feedback will be collected using a CNRC website link - and a physical comment box will also be provided at 180 Poplar. The DRAFT with feedback will be presented at the Sept. 23 Annual General Meeting of the CNRC at 180 Poplar. The final plan will be presented to the Board by mid-October and posted to the CNRC website.

Nourishing the potential of our neighbourhood.

Housing Goals for Chalmers

#1

ACCESS

- Provide better access to rental information
- Improve community access to computers
- Improve access to advocacy, supports and resources for housing
- Improve access to affordable housing

#2

BEAUTIFICATION

- Promote partnerships and participation in community clean-up
- Support and co-ordinate Green Team efforts & required pruning
- Eliminate back lane weeds, overgrowth & bulk waste issues
- Support more community art and youth art engagement projects

#3

SAFETY

- Develop City partnerships to improve lighting for parks and streets
- Promote a community-led initiative to report By-Law issues
- Develop community-led condition audits for sidewalks, parks and lighting

#4

DIRECT ACTIONS TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION

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

#5

PROGRAMMING

- Develop a Housing Coordinator Position in CNRC
- Coordinate supports required for: 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
- Support Tenant and Landlord relationships and dispute resolution.
- Increase low income homeowner renovation capacity

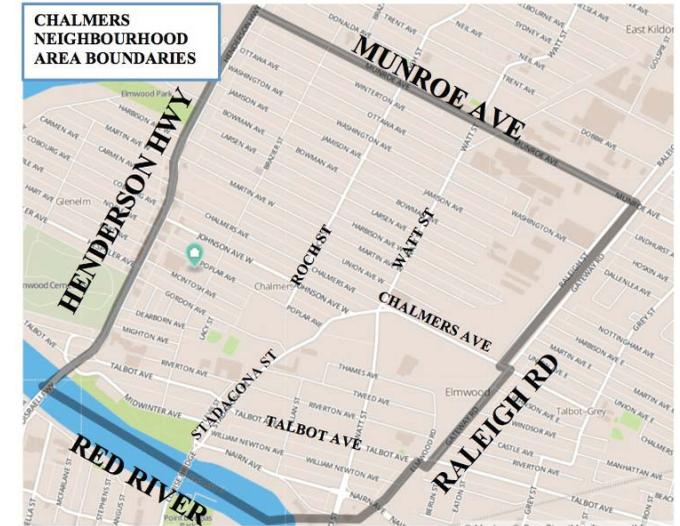
These goals are a rough-draft developed to date.
Your input is appreciated.

Housing Condition Audit:

The Chalmers neighbourhood boundaries are the Red River (south), Munroe Avenue (north), Raleigh Road (east) and Henderson Highway (west).

The housing condition audit of over 5000 addresses showed a strong contrast in housing conditions on some residential blocks with the majority being in good condition. Approximately 30% of homes appear to require exterior repairs or maintenance and of the residents surveyed, about 20% report repairs are required for:

Foundation	16.9%
Roof	14.8%
Electrical	12.9%
Windows	16.8%



The audit will assist the CNRC in directing resources to where they may be needed most.

Neighbourhood Safety and Perception:

Neighbourhood appearance affects perceptions of safety and security. 94% of survey participants report feeling somewhat safe in the day while only 68% felt safe at night. Improvements to public street lighting and park lighting was a common concern for residents. Residents identified areas of highest concern and need for safety improvements to be: Ernie O' Dowda Park, the Watt/Nairn intersection, the industrial lands near Raleigh and Larsen and the skate park at Henderson near Chalmers. Strengthening partnerships with community policing and foot patrols was a need identified by residents. Focusing efforts on areas of safety concern is a priority for Chalmers residents.

Chalmers statistics at a glance...

Population
of about
9740

52% of
people own
their homes

68 new
dwellings
built between
2011 and
2015

29%
live below
low income
measure

Child
poverty
rate double
that of WPG