

Neighbourhood Renewal Plan

2016 - 2021

presented by
**Thompson Neighbourhood
Renewal Corporation**



- *Advocacy* • *Capacity Building* • *Collaboration & Partnerships*
- *Neighbourhood Improvement* • *Reducing Marginalization*
- *Cultural Awareness & Acceptance* • *Economic Development*
- *Inclusive* • *Empowerment*

About the TNRC

Mission: Healthy Homes, Healthy Communities

Vision: Working with the community to promote a place of empowerment to influence positive change.

The Thompson Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation (TNRC), established in 2001, has been a leader in community development in Thompson for over fifteen years. Every 5 years our organization engages in a broad based & inclusive consultative process resulting in a renewal plan that guides our operations for that period.

In 2015/16, over 300 people participated in the community consultation process representing a number of different stakeholder groups, including the City of Thompson, the School District of Mystery Lake, community based service providers, youth, the homeless, and the general population.

As a result, our 2016 – 2021 community priority areas are:

1. Safety: Crime Prevention
2. Housing
3. Youth
4. Economic Development
5. Cleanliness & Beautification

Community identified priority neighbourhoods are:

1. Eastwood
2. Downtown
3. Juniper
4. Deerwood
5. Burntwood
6. Southwood
7. Westwood
8. Riverside

Safety & Crime Prevention

Goal #1: Promote personal, family and community capacity building through a focus on community wellness and safety for all members, and especially for the most vulnerable of our population.

Safety & Crime Prevention Initiatives:

- The Public Safety Committee is a multi-stakeholder committee designed to enhance collaboration and partnership among various community organizations. The TNRC holds a seat on this committee.
- Support and promote the development of recreational areas and neighbourhood improvement initiatives.
- Support the development of community based education programs that promote personal and family health.
- Promote a sense of collective responsibility for coordinated safety planning through awareness, education and partnerships.



Affordable, Accessible & Suitable Housing

Goal #2: Improve housing conditions (as measured by physical improvements to substandard housing, development of affordable housing units, increased housing values/investments and promotion of homeownership including cooperative housing models)

Affordable, Accessible & Suitable Housing Initiatives:

- Advocacy is provided to individuals and organizations on a ongoing basis.
- The Thompson Housing Agency, a growing multi-stakeholder organization, is administered by the TNRC.



Youth

Goal #3: Promote Healthy recreational activities that are accessible to all youth, and promote cultural awareness/acceptance to create pride and positive regard for all cultures through education, awareness, events, and community building with priority given to the Indigenous cultures of this territory.

Youth Initiatives:

- National Indigenous Peoples Day is a priority event for the TNRC, and partner organizations, through planning, execution and financial contribution.
- Thompson Urban Indigenous Strategy is an inter-agency committee, of which the TNRC is part of that allocates \$400,000 annually to community-based projects serving urban Indigenous people.
- TNRC supports cultural development for youth and seeks the knowledge of traditional teachings and Elders.
- Thompson Indigenous Accord is a groundbreaking document that recognizes the role of Indigenous people in our history and affirms our commitment to strengthening relationships with Indigenous governments and peoples. The TNRC is a partner that reports on



Economic Development Cleanliness & Beautification

Goal #4: Support partnerships that will help to diversify Thompson's economy, and that support increasing economic opportunities for its lowest-income community members.

Economic Development Initiatives:

- Explore training and employment initiatives that enhance the employability of low income families and individuals that face multiple barriers to employment including youth and people with disabilities.
- Explore models for development of Social Enterprises for low-income families, individuals and youth.

Goal #5: Plan and support initiatives that enhance community spaces for all community members, with sensitivity and inclusion being given to those who are homeless.

Cleanliness & Beautification Initiatives:

- Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF), administered by NAI with local support from the TNRC and Board of Directors.

Other Programs and Projects

The Small Grant Fund (SGF), administered by the TNRC, provides \$50,000 annually in small grants of up to \$5,000 each for community-building initiatives to support the five year neighbourhood renewal plan.



The Neighbourhood Renewal Fund provides annual contributions that make it possible for neighbourhood organizations to carry out projects that help achieve the goals of the neighbourhood plan. Neighbourhoods Alive! also provides core funding to the TNRC which supports its sustainability.



The Supporting Employment & Economic Development (SEED) Asset Building Program offers money management training to low-income participants, which assists them in reaching their saving goals.



Networks

The Canadian Community Economic Development Network (CCEDNet) is a national member-led organization committed to strengthening Canadian communities by creating better economic opportunities and enhancing environmental and social conditions



The CCEDNet Manitoba Regional Committee is a member-led governance structure providing leadership, strategic direction and oversight, as well as accountability for network activities in Manitoba.

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