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Follow up to Open House for Toilers Park Construction Project

This is to follow up on the feedback we received from residents at the Toilers Park Construction Project open house on Tuesday, April 8, 2014. For a full report on what we heard, please visit our website at wwdengage.winnipeg.ca/cso

1. Why do the construction activities have to go through the park?

- The new land drainage pipe and outfall must travel through the park to allow land drainage (rain water) from the neighbouring area to drain into the Red River.
- The new outfall pipe is:
 - in approximately the same location as the old (existing) outfall pipe,
 - larger to accept increased land drainage flows in the future.

2. Why did you wait until after the park was developed to start this project?

- Park upgrades were completed in Toilers Park in 2008.
- The initial design phase for the land drainage pipe:
 - started in June 2011,
 - considered a number of alternatives for access to the Red River, and
 - determined that locating the pipe through Toilers Park was the most reasonable option from both an engineering and cost perspective.

3. Why did the riverbank stabilization require so much rock, eliminating the areas to fish from the shores of the park?

- The rock is necessary to protect the riverbank from erosion during high river levels.
- Fishery habitat studies have proven that this riverbank protection technique enhances fish habitat.

4. Are you able to incorporate natural species, perennials or evergreens into the landscaping and restoration work?

- We are incorporating:
 - a Paper Birch tree, which is a native species, and
 - Savin Junipers in the new concrete planter, which are coniferous (evergreen) shrubs
- We are not including any perennials because they would require maintenance.

5. A light fixture was removed. Will you replace it?

- The lamp post was removed during construction to protect it from being damaged.
- We will replace it once we have finished construction.

6. Will you replace the trees, bench and bollards that were damaged?

- Yes. Bollards (traffic barriers to enhance pedestrian safety) were removed to provide access for construction vehicles and will be replaced following construction.
- We will replace any trees removed during construction and install new standard City of Winnipeg benches.

7. Did you meet with stakeholders in advance of the project?

- Yes. In advance of construction, the project team met with key stakeholders, including those involved in the original development of the park and the City's Superintendent of Park Services.
- Conceptual designs were reviewed and modifications were made based on their feedback.
- We presented these modified designs at the open house.