

Park rentals now much simpler



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With the arrival of warmer weather, our family looks forward to engaging with all that Winnipeg's summers have to offer, and I hope your family does as well.

Many of you use city parks to hold family and community events. In past years, I know there have been challenges with booking park space and that improvements to simplify this process were needed. In response to this I put forward a motion, co-sponsored by Coun. Jeff Browaty (North Kildonan), to review the parks booking process in order to make it more user-friendly and efficient. I am now pleased to report that the park rental e-form was launched earlier this spring, alongside a revitalized parks web portal at www.winnipeg.ca

The new form allows would-be renters to select their group size, preferred site, and preferred date, enter supplemental information, such as equipment and insurance requirements, and then submit the form online for approval and follow-up.

Prior to the e-form, reserving a site relied completely on phone, email, mail, and in-person processes. Reservation requests were submitted via 311 or directly by resi-



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Renting facilities for events in city parks can now be done online at winnipeg.ca

dent using paper forms and were processed manually, which sometimes took several business days to complete.

The new form speeds that process, and allows users the freedom to explore multiple sites prior to making their request. As we head into a busy summer season, we're so happy to offer Winnipeggers an easier way to plan their days in the park.

On Saturday, June 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Kildonan Park, Trees Winnipeg is hosting Arbor Day celebrations, a combined event

in partnership with its annual ReLeaf event. ReLeaf aims to provide low-cost tree packages to Winnipeggers to expand and broaden our urban canopy. Arbor Day is a free, family event which celebrates the importance of trees in our communities and the arborists who care for them. Some of the planned activities include tree climbing, crafts, zip-lining, bucket truck rides, and tree planting.

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