

# Local upgrades continue in our community



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As your city councillor, I have recognized and heard our community's need for more free recreational family activities.

I was so excited to finally announce on July 4 that we will be having a new free outdoor spray pad in Adsum Park at the Maples Community Centre. After initiating and working with the community centre executive and city departments, we were able to access provincial and federal funding to go along with the city money I had already secured for our area.

It took many months of planning and meetings for this to come together, resulting in a new 3,000-square-foot, accessible spray pad. It will include new walkways, benches, picnic tables, bike racks, shade structures, and upgraded landscaping. This will be a destination point for families when it is hot and, by keeping it free, the spray pad will be accessible to all in this well-used recreation hub in our community.

Another project approved on July 5 was

my motion for new traffic control signals at the north intersection of Templeton Avenue and McPhillips Street. This signal is necessary because of growth in traffic volumes on Templeton, which have greatly increased in recent years in part due to housing growth in the area, increased commercial activity, the new transit route, and the new École Templeton School.

You played an important part in letting me know your comments and concerns. It is anticipated that the signal construction project will be completed during the 2022 construction season, and by early 2023 at the latest.

We have also obtained funding for a major walking and cycling pathway, which will be announced in the next few weeks. I know many of you will enjoy this development, so I encourage you to stay tuned.

As I've consistently done in past years, I continue funding improvements to area parks, which adds new play equipment, picnic tables, and benches.

I am pleased that these projects can be finalized as they often take time to develop from ideas to reality, but it is always worth the time spent to help build stronger, safer, and more enjoyable communities for all of us.

I hope your summer is a wonderful time to



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Old Kildonan city councillor Devi Sharma is pictured with neighbourhood children at the July 4 announcement of a new spray pad at Maples Community Centre.

connect safely with family and friends. If you have any questions, comments, or ideas, you can reach me by email at [devi@winnipeg.ca](mailto:devi@winnipeg.ca) or by phone at 204-986-5264.