



## OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR SHAWN NASON – TRANSCONA WARD

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### Transcona to welcome the 2023 World Police & Fire Games

**Winnipeg, Manitoba, Treaty 1** – The 2023 World Police and Fire Games are coming to Winnipeg next year and Transcona is set to host several sporting and entertainment events during games time between July 28 - August 6.

With more than 8,500 athletes representing law enforcement and firefighters from more than 60 countries across the world, athletes will compete in more than 60 unique and Olympic-style sports here in Winnipeg. Spectators, including our Transconians are invited to attend to watch all the events free of charge.

Through the Parks and Recreation enhancement program, an investment of \$250,000 has been allocated to the East Winnipeg Sports Association to upgrade ball field drainage along with other infrastructure improvements.

Chief Operating Officer of the 2023 World Police and Fire Games Mike Edwards stated, “we are so proud to partner with Buhler Recreation Park and the residents and businesses of Transcona to welcome athletes from across the world. With an investment to the Park for these games, athletes will compete in a world class facility while leaving a legacy for the people of Transcona to use and enjoy for years to come. We look forward to seeing Transconians volunteer next year at our Games and bring their families out to cheer on world class athletes representing law enforcement and firefighters.”

Buhler Recreation Park is a Winnipeg Regional Park, operated thru the East Winnipeg Sports Association. The Park encompasses 170 Acres of land and is a regular destination for sporting events in Winnipeg. The Park included 8 softball diamonds, a baseball diamond, 4 soccer fields, a toboggan hill, walking/cycling trails & a full service canteen area.

As a host site, there is a need to modernize and refurbish the playing surfaces for the games. As an investment in the Park, Councillor Shawn Nason has worked closely with Mr. Steve Mymko and the City of Winnipeg Parks team to identify core investment opportunities in the park.

“The World Police and Fire Games will be a world class event for the entire city of Winnipeg and will be a chance to showcase the community of Transcona to the World. We would like to thank Councillor Nason for his continued support of the Buhler Recreation Park and his investment in recreation that will benefit our communities families in the years to come,” said Steve Mymko, Buhler Park Executive Director.

“Leaving investment in our local sporting venues for the next generation is an important segment that the residents of Transcona will be proud of. As Buhler does not receive ongoing support as a regional park this investment will assist in a strongly needed injection to improve a beautiful facility in our community,” said Shawn Nason, Councillor Transcona Ward.

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