

At long last: shovels in the ground!

In the last week final contracts have been signed with Assiniboine Credit Union, and Concord Projects. The City of Winnipeg has issued foundation permit and Concord Projects has begun preparatory work at the site.

Watch our website (oldgracehousingcoop.ca) for news of a sod turning event.

The Old Grace Housing Co-op project team offers its grateful thanks to Assiniboine Credit Union for its agreement to provide bridge financing, and to our generous members for their pledges to cover our remaining gap in funding.

Member shares

A deadline of July 13 was set for members who'd been allocated suites to provide the full amount of the Member Shares. We are pleased to report that virtually everyone met that deadline. OGHC now has approximately \$2.9 million of the \$3.5 million it needs in Member Shares to finance the co-op. That gap will continue to close as the few remaining suites are filled.

Construction timeline

Concord predicts a 15-month construction period—commencing in July 2016 and concluding in October 2017. This is slightly earlier than our initial projections of the completion of construction in early 2018. Members will be able to move in once construction is completed and the City of Winnipeg issues an occupancy permit.

Regular construction updates will be posted on our website: oldgracehousingcoop.ca.

Volunteers needed

With the start of construction, OGHC is entering a new phase and changing our volunteer structure is in order. New volunteers will be needed for the Board, committees and work groups. Committee terms of reference will be developed over the next few months, but in the meantime we are seeking volunteers for the following tasks:

- *Photographers.* We will want regular updates of the construction progress to post on our website. If you live nearby and/or are a regular visitor to the area and love to take photos, we need to hear from you.
- *Event planners and assistants.* We hope to plan a number of events over the next 15 months where residents can meet and get to know each other better. We need volunteers to help with the planning and organizing of these events.
- *Boulevard maintenance.* Members with a gas mower or push mower can help keep the boulevards around our two sites maintained (and the neighbours happier). Otherwise we will need to pay for the service, and those funds could go toward other priorities – additional landscaping, for example.

If you can help with any of these tasks, please send an email to our website with a subject “Volunteering to Help with (fill in the blank)” and one of our volunteers will get back to you.

And enjoy the rest of our too-brief summer.

For more information

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