

Media Release

Island Park Causeway Grand Opening

November 30, 2021

Today, members of Council, staff and residents celebrate the grand opening of the new Island Park Causeway in Portage la Prairie. The new Island Park Causeway project is complete and has officially opened after many years of planning and construction.

The Island Park Causeway is a three-lane low level causeway with a culvert structure, including roundabouts at the north and south intersections, and an active transportation pathway. The roundabouts have been designed to accommodate truck movements in all directions.

The new Causeway replaces the 700 foot long, two lane timber bridge originally constructed in the late 1920's and provides improved traffic flow as well as a beautiful entrance to Island Park.

Funding for the \$8.87 million causeway project was sourced from the Canada Community-Building Fund and Federal Restart Funds with the remaining \$1 million being a City of Portage la Prairie debenture of which the payments will all be made over the next 2 years by CCBF contributions in those years.

Quotes:

“The new Island Park Causeway makes commutes safer and shorter for Portage la Prairie residents, and its multi-use path is good news for all pedestrians, cyclists, and skiers, who will now benefit from a healthy and green transportation alternative.”

- The Honourable Daniel Vandal, Minister of Northern Affairs, Minister responsible for Prairies Economic Development Canada and Minister responsible for the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency, on behalf of the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities

“Municipal investments help ensure that communities have access to modern and sustainable infrastructure to not only accommodate growing populations, but also stimulate economic growth and opportunities for Manitobans.”

- The Honourable Reg Helwer, Minister of Central Services

“The Island Park Causeway has been a fantastic addition to our community. This new community asset provides improved functionality accommodating for future growth in our city, while incorporating meaningful greenspace and beautification that can be enjoyed by everyone.”

- Mayor Irvine Ferris, City of Portage la Prairie

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