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Natural area threatened - Parker/Mayfair Community Meeting – Wednesday Feb 13, 2013

City-wide plan to protect greenspace needed

While some new neighbourhoods are gaining wetlands an existing natural wetland is slated to be lost. The City of Winnipeg's Final Report for Transit Stage 2 along Pembina Highway recommends a route that juts out into the Parker/Mayfair neighbourhood and travels through quality forest and wetland beside Parker Street. This detour away from Pembina Hwy into the Parker/Mayfair neighbourhood adds 1 to 1.5 kilometres more than a direct route along Pembina Hwy. Parker Street is in West Fort Garry, west of Pembina and south of Taylor Avenue.

What you can do:

- Attend Parker/Mayfair community meeting to learn more

Wednesday, February 13, 2013
Fort Garry Community Centre
Victoria site, 80 Derek Street
7:00pm

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- Attend Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works Regular Meeting at City Hall – Thursday, Feb 26, 2013 at 9:00 Meeting is to recommend a route for rapid transit phase 2
- Phone 311 to register to speak at Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works Regular Meeting
- Contact your Mayor and [City Councillors](#). Let them know what you think about the decision to put rapid transit through a quality forest and wetland rather than straight down Pembina Hwy. Winnipeg needs a city-wide plan to protect rapidly diminishing greenspace and [natural areas](#).
- Write letters to the editor
- Like Parker Wetland Conservation on [Facebook](#)

It is important to have your voice heard. It will make a difference!

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Background:

Winnipeg Transit Website for Final Reports
<http://winnipegtransit.com/en/inside-transit/futuredevelopment/>

- In 2008 a [rapid transit plan](#) was announced. What began as a plan for a direct rapid transit route alongside Pembina Hwy morphed into a transit route with a 1 to 1.5 km detour through a forest and wetland, part of which is designated ecologically sensitive according to the City's own assessment
- In 2009, nine acres of land in Fort Rouge were swapped for 59 acres of land in Fort Garry, including the Parker lands. The swap was approved at the last council meeting of the summer of 2009 when the item was walked on to the agenda late in the meeting without [prior public notice](#).
- In 2009 area residents were [promised](#): "no development until the city conducts a "secondary plan," a detailed analysis of the neighbourhood that will require the land developer and neighbourhood residents to collaborate. Engineering and traffic studies must be conducted. Hydro and CN Rail must be consulted. Environmental concerns must be addressed and residents will have the ability to influence the outcome".
- In 2012 the City of Winnipeg held two [public information sessions](#) in Fort Garry about the proposed rapid transit route phase 2 on an issue of City wide interest
- The Parker lands swap is included in the [City Audit of property transactions](#), one of two audits Council approved in late 2012 following the fire hall land swaps
- In 2013, the preferred choice for the Pembina Rapid Transit route takes a 1 to 1.5 km detour through the Parker Lands neighbourhood and through the middle of the forest and wetlands.
- Feb 2013 - Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works is meeting on Tuesday, Feb 26 at 9:00 at City Hall to recommend a route for rapid transit phase 2