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January 16, 2020

James Wood
Unit 712-170 Laurier Avenue,
902 Bannerman Ave
Ottawa, ON K1P 5V5

Re: Your request for access to information under Part 2 of The *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*: Request Number 19 12 1210

Dear Mr. Wood,

On December 17, 2019, the City of Winnipeg City Clerk's Department received your request for access to the following information:

All records related to the closure of a pedestrian footbridge over Omand's Creek close to the Assiniboine River due to ice, generated from the start of December 2019 to December 20th, 2019.

During our telephone conversation, and as confirmed by email on January, 13th, you have revised your request to the following information:

All PWD records related to the closure of a pedestrian footbridge over Omand's Creek close to the Assiniboine River due to ice, generated from the start of December 2019 to December 20th, 2019.

I am pleased to inform you that our search returned 140 pages of responsive records, to which access is granted in part. Please also note our search for records were inclusive to December 17, 2019, the date of the request. Some records may have been provided before and after the date range as they were determined to be responsive and helpful to this request. In particular, access is granted with severing under s. 17(2)(e) and 17(3)(e) and 17(3)(i) of the Act. Subsection 17(1) of the Act is a general, mandatory provision designed to protect the privacy of third parties. It is used in conjunction with 17(2)(e) of the Act which specifically protects information which relates to a third party's employment. Additionally, subsection 17(1) is used with 17(3)(e) and 17(3)(i) of the Act, which protects information which has been provided in confidence and disclosure would be

inconsistent with the purpose for which it was obtained. Information has been severed where personal identifiers, such as names and employment history are present. This information has been severed to protect the personal information of individuals, as required under the Act.

Disclosure harmful to a third party's privacy

17(1) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant if the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's privacy.

Disclosures deemed to be an unreasonable invasion of privacy

17(2) A disclosure of personal information about a third party is deemed to be an unreasonable invasion of the third party's privacy if

(e) the personal information relates to the third party's employment, occupational or educational history;

Determining unreasonable invasion of privacy

17(3) In determining under subsection (1) whether a disclosure of personal information not described in subsection (2) would unreasonably invade a third party's privacy, the head of a public body shall consider all the relevant circumstances including, but not limited to, whether

(e) the personal information has been provided, explicitly or implicitly, in confidence;
(i) the disclosure would be inconsistent with the purpose for which the personal information was obtained.

As required by subsection 7(2) of The Act, we have severed information that is protected from disclosure and have provided you with as much information as possible.

7(2) - The right of access to a record does not extend to information that is excepted from disclosure under Division 3 or 4 of this Part, but if that information can reasonably be severed from the record, an applicant has a right of access to the remainder of the record.

As you requested a copy of these records, and as they can be reasonably reproduced, in accordance with clause 14(1)(a) of The *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, a copy of the record has been provided.

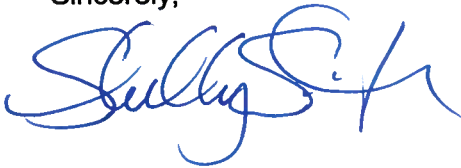
14(1) - Subject to subsection 7(2), the right of access is met under this Part
(a) if the applicant has asked for a copy and the record can reasonably be reproduced, by giving the applicant a copy of the record

Subsection 59(1) of The *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* provides that you may make a complaint about this decision to the Manitoba Ombudsman. You have 60 days from the receipt of this letter to make a complaint on the prescribed form to:

Manitoba Ombudsman
750 - 500 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg MB R3C 3X1
204-982-9130
1-800-665-0531

If you have any questions, please contact me at (204) 986-3041, by email at ssmith@winnipeg.ca, or by mail at the address below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shelly Smith'.

Shelly Smith
Records and Information Management Coordinator
Public Works Department

c.c. K. Krahn, Corporate Access and Privacy Officer

From: [Finch, Bill](#)
To: [Proulx, Cindy](#)
Cc: [Daudet, Martin](#)
Subject: RE: SR 101015162417 - Omand Park Bridge - bridge iced over
Date: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 9:49:30 AM

Cindy;

Same response as earlier regarding foot bridge at Omand's. Please send to Bridges for action.

Bill

From: Proulx, Cindy
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2019 2:13 PM
To: Finch, Bill
Subject: SR 101015162417 - Omand Park Bridge - bridge iced over

[Submit] [Submit]

Case ID:
101015162417
Date Created:
2019-11-14
Time Created:
13:53
Type:
Park Maint - Park Amenities
Due Date:
2019-12-05
Status:
open
Ward:
Daniel McIntyre
Neighbourhood:
Wolseley

101015162417

Caller First Name:

17(3)(e)(i)

From: [Finch, Bill](#)
To: [Proulx, Cindy](#)
Cc: [Daudet, Martin](#)
Subject: RE: SR 101015192491 - Omand Park - Bridge flooded, need barricades
Date: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 9:39:47 AM

Cindy;

You might be better off sending this to bridges or streets. POS do no work pertaining to the care and upkeep of this bridge. I don't think that putting additional barricades in this area would help this situation. If the water level is high and over the bridge, citizens would realize this immediately.

In any event, please redirect to Bridges or streets for assistance.

Thanks

Bill

From: Proulx, Cindy
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 7:57 AM
To: Daudet, Martin
Cc: Finch, Bill
Subject: SR 101015192491 - Omand Park - Bridge flooded, need barricades

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Case ID:
101015192491
Date Created:
2019-11-26
Time Created:
05:53
Type:
Park Maint - Signs
Due Date:
2020-01-09
Status:
open
Ward:
Daniel McIntyre
Neighbourhood:
Wolseley

101015192491

Caller First Name:

17(3)(e)(i)

Caller Last Name:

17(3)(e)(i)

Contact Phone Number:

17(3)(e)(i)

Ext:

Alternate Phone Number:

Ext:

Caller Email:

*Incident Address:

17(3)(e)(i)

Cross Street (if applicable):

T

* Park Name:

Omand Park

[Click for Park Map](#)

* Type of Sign:

Floding

* Details of the Request:

*-provide exact location of where the sign is
(or should be) located within the park*

Citizen stated inside the park there is a bridge close to Wolseley and Raglan for people crossing the river. The bridge is now flooded, water level is already over the bridge and citizen stated the sign is not good enough to warn people. Request to have barricade to be placed on both side of the bridge right away.

*** Is there potential for the risk of injury?**

Yes No

*** Has someone been injured?**

Yes No

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y-coord 5526838.3394

Press the [Locate on Map](#) link to launch the GIS map system to refine the location. Click the applicable location on the map. You may need to scroll down to see that the coordinates have been set and to submit.

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Assigned To:

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From: [Chase, Carrie](#)
To: [Terleski, Mike](#)
Cc: [Burmey, Darren](#)
Subject: Bridge inside Omand Park - SR 101015196440
Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 8:03:07 AM

Good morning Mike,

Please reply with a comment to update/close the case.

Thanks,
Carrie

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Case ID:
101015196440
Date Created:
2019-11-27
Time Created:
10:39
Type:
Bridges Overpass Underpass Report
Due Date:
2020-11-26
Status:
open
Ward:
Daniel McIntyre
Neighbourhood:
Wolseley

101015196440

* Caller First Name:

17(3)(e)(i)

* Caller Last Name:

17(3)(e)(i)

* Contact Phone Number:

17(3)(e)(i) [redacted]

Ext:

Alternate Phone Number:

Ext:

Caller Email:

*Incident Address:

17(3)(e)(i) [redacted]

Cross Street (if applicable):

T

* Type of Problem:

[Bridge Concern

*Location (Further Details):

-please be as descriptive as possible

-where exactly on the bridge, overpass, underpass etc is the problem

bridge near Wolseley and Raglan, inside Omand Park, for people to cross the river

* Additional Comments

please explain callers inquiry or concern and details of the problem

Resubmitting original request sent to Parks November 26. From original request: Citizen stated inside the park there is a bridge close to Wolseley and Raglan for people crossing the river. The bridge is now flooded, water level is already over the bridge and citizen stated the signs are not good enough to warn people. Requesting to have barricades placed on both sides of the bridge right away.

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Caller Last Name:

17(3)(e)(i)

Contact Phone Number:

Ext:

Alternate Phone Number:

Ext:

Caller Email:

*Incident Address:

17(3)(e)(i)

Cross Street (if applicable):

T

* Park Name:

Omand Park

[Click for Park Map](#)

* Type of Amenity (Asset ID):

na

* Details of the Request:

-where exactly is the amenity?

-what is the issue with the amenity?

Citizen called to report that the foot bridge across Omand's creek is covered with ice. Caller states that water on the creek reached the top of the bridge days ago and now that the water level went down it's now covered with ice. Citizen wants to request if it can be cleared. Please investigate, thank you.

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Yes No

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Case ID: 101015162417 **Date:** 2019-11-14 **Time:** 13:53
Created: **Created:**
Type: Park Maint - Park Amenities **Due:** 2019-12-05 **Status:** closed
Date:
Ward: Daniel McIntyre **Neighbourhood:** Wadley

Caller First Name:
Caller Last Name:
Contact Phone Number: **Ext:**

Alternate Phone Number: **Ext:**

Caller Email:

Incident Address:
Cross Street (if applicable):

*** Park Name:*** [Click for Park Map](#)
*** Type of Amenity (Asset ID):***

*** Details of the Request:**
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Assigned To:

Case ID: 101015192491 **Date:** 2019-11-26 **Time:** 05:53
Type: Park Maint - Signs **Created:** **Created:**
Ward: Daniel McIntyre **Due:** 2020-01-09 **Status:** closed
Neighbourhood: **Date:**
Neighbourhood:

Caller First Name: [Redacted]

Caller Last Name: [Redacted]

Contact Phone Number: [Redacted] [Redacted] Ext: [Redacted]

Alternate Phone Number: [Redacted] [Redacted] Ext: [Redacted]

Caller Email: [Redacted]

Incident Address: [Redacted]

Cross Street (if applicable): [Redacted]

* Park Name: Omand Park [Click for Park Map](#)

* Type of Sign:* Floding

* Details of the Request:

*-provide exact location of where the sign is (or should be) located within the park **

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Assigned To:

Case ID: 101015196440 **Date:** 2019-11-27 **Time:** 10:39
Created: **Created:**
Type: Bridges Overpass Underpass **Due:** 2020-11-26 **Status:** closed
Report **Date:**
Ward: Daniel McIntyre **Neighbourhood:** Wolsley

* Caller First Name: *

* Caller Last Name: *

* Contact Phone Number: * Ext:

Alternate Phone Number: Ext:

Caller Email:

* Incident Address: *

Cross Street (if applicable):

* Type of Problem: *

* Location (Further Details):
-please be as descriptive as possible
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Update: Back Office Only

Cancel Case

Submit

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From: [Burmey, Darren](#)
To: [Gilroy, Cindy](#)
Cc: [Houldsworth, James](#); [Domke, Dave](#); [Terleski, Mike](#); [Neirinck, Brad](#); [Berezowsky, Jim](#)
Subject: Closure of Omand's Park Pedestrian Bridge near Raglan Road and Wolseley Avenue
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2019 5:33:08 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image006.jpg](#)
[image007.jpg](#)
[image008.jpg](#)
[image009.jpg](#)

Hi Councillor Gilroy,

Today we closed the Omand's Park Pedestrian Bridge (circled in blue in the attached map below) because it is hazardous to cross because of unsafe conditions created by the high water and thick fractured ice that has been deposited on the bridge and the adjacent pathways. "Bridge Closed" signs were put up and snow fences were erected at appropriate locations. Photos of conditions present are included below.



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IMG_6863.jpeg



IMG_6862.jpeg



There are alternate ways to get across the creek including using Portage Avenue.

The bridge would be reopened when it is safe to do so. Clean up will be performed by Parks and will take a big effort.

It may have to wait until Spring.

Please email or call if you would like further explanation.

Darren Burmey, P.Eng., FEC
Bridge Planning & Operations Engineer



**Bridge Planning & Operations Branch
Engineering Division
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From: [Donaldson, Jim](#)
To: [Terleski, Mike](#)
Subject: RE: "BRIDGE CLOSED" Signs
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2019 7:43:21 AM

Signs are completed ready to go.

Thanks

From: Terleski, Mike
Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2019 7:11 AM
To: Donaldson, Jim
Subject: Re: "BRIDGE CLOSED" Signs

Hi Jim,

Will the signs be ready this morning?

Regards,

Michael Terleski, C.E.T.
Supervisor - Bridge Maintenance
Engineering
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City of Winnipeg

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On Dec 4, 2019, at 1:33 PM, Donaldson, Jim <JDonaldson@winnipeg.ca> wrote:

30x48
Black on orange

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 4, 2019, at 1:17 PM, Terleski, Mike <MTerleski@winnipeg.ca> wrote:

Hi Jim,

Can I get four "BRIDGE CLOSED" signs made up, possibly for tomorrow. We need to close a pedestrian bridge due to flooding and ice build up.

Regards,

Michael Terleski, C.E.T.
Supervisor - Bridge Maintenance
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From: [Terleski, Mike](#)
To: [Houldsworth, James](#)
Subject: Omands Park Bridge Closure
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2019 10:28:18 AM

Hi James,

I was not sure who to send this to. If it is not yourself, would you be able to direct me to the appropriate person.

Due to the high water and the subsequent ice that was deposited onto the bridge in Omands Park, we will have to close this structure for the winter as it too hazardous to cross.

Regards,

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Supervisor - Bridge Maintenance
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From: [Watsko, Miles](#)
To: [Terleski, Mike](#)
Cc: [Reimer, Douglas](#); [Neubauer, Darren](#)
Subject: FW: Oman's creek bridge
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2019 11:28:24 AM
Attachments: [IMG_0532.JPG](#)
[IMG_0534.JPG](#)
[IMG_0536.JPG](#)

Hi Mike,

Please see below. We will require a skid steer to clear the bridge but we are questioning if it's damaged in any way and safe to put the equipment on it for clearing. We have barricaded the bridge off for pedestrian safety.

Please advise.

Miles Watsko, C.E.T.
Supervisor of Streets (North)
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-----Original Message-----

From: Neubauer, Darren
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 11:20 AM
To: Watsko, Miles
Cc: Reimer, Douglas
Subject: FW: Oman's creek bridge

WE HAD A SERVICE REQUEST TO CLEAN THE ICE OFF THE BRIDGE ?

-----Original Message-----

From: Neubauer, Darren
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 11:18 AM
To: Neubauer, Darren
Subject: Oman's creek bridge

From: [Terleski, Mike](#)
To: [Burmey, Darren](#)
Subject: Omands Park - Bridge Closure
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2019 5:25:35 PM
Attachments: [IMG_6827.jpeg](#)
[IMG_6862.jpeg](#)
[IMG_6863.jpeg](#)

Hi Darren,

See photos below. I think that I might have just showed them to you when I was in your office.

The last two photos are of the signage we put up on the east side of the park. The west side is similar.



Regards,

Michael Terleski, C.E.T.
Supervisor - Bridge Maintenance
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From: [Terleski, Mike](#)
To: [Watsko, Miles](#)
Cc: [Reimer, Douglas](#); [Neubauer, Darren](#)
Subject: Re: Oman's creek bridge
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2019 12:51:31 PM

Hi Miles,

We will be closing the bridge to pedestrians for the winter. Barricades c/w with "Bridge Closed" signs, as well as snow fence will be installed.

Regards,
Mike

From: Watsko, Miles
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 11:28:23 AM
To: Terleski, Mike
Cc: Reimer, Douglas; Neubauer, Darren
Subject: FW: Oman's creek bridge

Hi Mike,

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To: Watsko, Miles
Cc: Reimer, Douglas
Subject: FW: Oman's creek bridge

WE HAD A SERVICE REQUEST TO CLEAN THE ICE OFF THE BRIDGE ?

-----Original Message-----

From: Neubauer, Darren

Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 11:18 AM
To: Neubauer, Darren
Subject: Oman's creek bridge

From: [Houldsworth, James](#)
To: [Terleski, Mike](#)
Cc: [Lucyk, Kyle \(PWD\)](#); [Domke, Dave](#); [Johnson, Andy](#); [Finch, Bill](#); [Daudet, Martin](#)
Subject: RE: Omands Park Bridge Closure
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2019 11:54:17 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

Hi Mike,

Thanks for the heads up, will you be putting up barricades on the pathway or at the entrance to the pathway and/or will you provide signage for people who use this route to reference the closure? I'll notify my Parks North team through this email and Parks administration of the bridge closure. You want to notify the Ward Councillor, Cindy Gilroy of the closure?

Regards, James

James Houldsworth

Superintendent of Parks Services North Area and Downtown



Parks and Open Space Division
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To: Houldsworth, James
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Regards,

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Supervisor - Bridge Maintenance

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To: [Burmey, Darren](#)
Subject: Re: Omands Park Bridge Closure
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2019 1:02:05 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

Hi Darren,

Would you like to reply to the Councillor or is including her in my reply to James with what we are planning to do, sufficient?

Our plan is to install barricades c/w "Bridge Closed" signs on the pathway and at each end on the bridge. We will also be securing snow fence to each end of the bridge to further deter pedestrians from trying to cross

Regards,

Mike

From: Houldsworth, James
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 11:54 AM
To: Terleski, Mike
Cc: Lucyk, Kyle (PWD); Domke, Dave; Johnson, Andy; Finch, Bill; Daudet, Martin
Subject: RE: Omands Park Bridge Closure

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From: [Terleski, Mike](#)
To: [Burmey, Darren](#)
Subject: Re: Oman's park
Date: Friday, December 6, 2019 11:11:50 AM

A crew will be heading back to reinstall

Michael Terleski, C.E.T.
Supervisor - Bridge Maintenance
Engineering
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City of Winnipeg

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On Dec 6, 2019, at 10:46 AM, Burmey, Darren <dburmey@winnipeg.ca> wrote:

-----Original Message-----
From: Allen, Ken
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2019 10:38 AM
To: Burmey, Darren
Subject: Oman's park

<IMG_0942.jpg>

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Houldsworth, James](#)
To: [Allen, Ken](#)
Subject: Fwd: Closure of Omand's Park Pedestrian Bridge near Raglan Road and Wolseley Avenue
Date: Friday, December 6, 2019 10:45:55 AM
Attachments: [image006.jpg](#)
[image007.jpg](#)
[image008.jpg](#)
[image009.jpg](#)
[image001.jpg](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

James Houldsworth,
Superintendent of Park Services - North Area & Downtown,
Parks and Open Space Division,
Public Works Department.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Burmey, Darren" <dburmey@winnipeg.ca>
Date: December 5, 2019 at 5:33:08 PM CST
To: "Gilroy, Cindy" <CGilroy@winnipeg.ca>
Cc: "Houldsworth, James" <JHouldsworth@winnipeg.ca>, "Domke, Dave" <DDomke@winnipeg.ca>, "Terleski, Mike" <MTerleski@winnipeg.ca>, "Neirinck, Brad" <BNeirinck@winnipeg.ca>, "Berezowsky, Jim" <JBerezowsky@winnipeg.ca>
Subject: Closure of Omand's Park Pedestrian Bridge near Raglan Road and Wolseley Avenue

Hi Councillor Gilroy,

Today we closed the Omand's Park Pedestrian Bridge (circled in blue in the attached map below) because it is hazardous to cross because of unsafe conditions created by the high water and thick fractured ice that has been deposited on the bridge and the adjacent pathways. "Bridge Closed" signs were put up and snow fences were erected at appropriate locations. Photos of conditions present are included below.

IMG_6827.jpeg



IMG_6863.jpeg



IMG_6862.jpeg



There are alternate ways to get across the creek including using Portage Avenue.

The bridge would be reopened when it is safe to do so. Clean up will be performed by Parks and will take a big effort.

It may have to wait until Spring.

Please email or call if you would like further explanation.



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From: [Burmey, Darren](#)
To: [Terleski, Mike](#)
Subject: FW: Oman's park
Date: Friday, December 6, 2019 10:46:42 AM
Attachments: [IMG_0942.jpg](#)
[ATT00001.txt](#)

-----Original Message-----

From: Allen, Ken
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2019 10:38 AM
To: Burmey, Darren
Subject: Oman's park

From: [Johnson, Andy](#)
To: [Dooley, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Omands Park Bridge Closure
Date: Thursday, December 19, 2019 7:59:58 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

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From: [Lucyk, Kyle \(PWD\)](#)
 To: [Johnson, Andy](#)
 Subject: **Fwd: URGENT: Noon deadline: Media Inquiry - Public Works - 17(3)(e) - Omand's Creek bridge closure**
 Date: Friday, December 13, 2019 12:25:20 PM
 Attachments: [jmsac001.doc](#)
[jmsac002.doc](#)
[jmsac003.doc](#)

What do you know about the Omand park bridge? Any plans to open?

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From: "Dooley, Julie" <JulieDooley@winnipeg.ca>
Date: December 13, 2019 at 11:13:52 AM CST
To: "Lucyk, Kyle (PWD)" <klucyk@winnipeg.ca>, "Burmey, Darren" <dburmey@winnipeg.ca>
Cc: "Allen, Ken" <KAllen@winnipeg.ca>
Subject: **URGENT: Noon deadline: Media Inquiry - Public Works - 17(3)(e) - Omand's Creek bridge closure**

Hi Darren and Kyle,

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Please let me know your thoughts.

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From: City-MediaInquiry
 Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 10:35 AM
 To: Dooley, Julie
 Cc: Wiltshire, Felicia; Driedger, David; Davis, Jeremy; Dryburgh, Matt; Oually, Kalen; Schmidt, Joelle; Campbell, Adam; Fortanski, Tamara; Allen, Ken
 Subject: Media Inquiry - Public Works 17(3)(e) - Omand's Creek bridge closure

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 Cc: Alex, Kim
 Subject: URGENT: Noon deadline: Media Inquiry - Public Works 17(3)(e) - Omand's Creek bridge closure
 Date: Friday, December 13, 2019 11:13:52 AM
 Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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To: [Dooley, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Omands Park Bridge Closure
Date: Friday, December 13, 2019 1:16:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

Looks like its closed for the winter. Andy Johnson has send me some other texts that say the same thing. I'm still planning on coming so see you about this. Won't be soon

Kyle Lucyk

17(2)(e)

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From: Dooley, Julie
To: 17(3)(e)
Cc: [City-MediaInquiry](#)
Bcc: [Driedger, David](#)
Subject: RE: Omand Park footbridge closure information 17(3)(e)
Date: Friday, December 13, 2019 1:37:00 PM

Hi 17(3)(e)

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From: 17(3)(e)
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To: Dooley, Julie
Cc: City-MediaInquiry
Subject: RE: Omand Park footbridge closure information 17(3)(e)

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Thanks again,

17(3)(e)

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From: Dooley, Julie <JulieDooley@winnipeg.ca>
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 1:08 PM
To: 17(3)(e)
Cc: City-MediaInquiry <City-MediaInquiry@winnipeg.ca>
Subject: RE: Omand Park footbridge closure information 17(3)(e)

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From: City-MediaInquiry <City-MediaInquiry@winnipeg.ca>
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 12:56 PM
To: 17(3)(e)
Subject: RE: Omand Park footbridge closure information 17(3)(e)

Hi 17(3)(e)

Thanks for your follow-up. Julie has advised that she will have a statement to you before 2 p.m.

Thanks,

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Hi Angela and Julie,

Are you able to provide a timeline estimate for when I might be able to speak with someone from public works or the parks department?

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From: 17(3)(e)

Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 10:35 AM

To: City-MediaInquiry <City-MediaInquiry@winnipeg.ca>

Subject: RE: Message from Unknown sender 17(3)(e)

Hi Angela, I just sent a follow up email.

Here's the body text, for your convenience:

Good morning,

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If it's possible to arrange a call before noon, that would be ideal. Please let me know when you get the chance. My deadline is today at 2 p.m.

Thanks in advance,

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From: City-MediaInquiry <City-MediaInquiry@winnipeg.ca>

Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 10:33 AM

To: 17(3)(e)

Subject: RE: Message from Unknown sender (17(3)(e))

Hi 17(3)(e),

Thanks for your call. We've received your voicemail and we'll get back to you as soon as possible.

Can you please clarify the name/location of the bridge you were inquiring about?

Thanks,

Angela

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From: Cisco Unity Connection Messaging System [<mailto:unityconnection@cowmancucp1.winnipeg.ca>]

Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 10:28 AM

To: media-inquiry@cowmancucp1.winnipeg.ca

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From: [Burmey, Darren](#)
To: [Dooley, Julie](#)
Cc: [Lucyk, Kyle \(PWD\)](#); [City-MediaInquiry](#)
Subject: Re: Omand Park footbridge closure information 17(3)(e)
Date: Friday, December 13, 2019 2:07:04 PM

Julie,

Just on site now. Left you detailed voicemail. My previous comments as indicated in below email to the Councillor still applies. Call me if you need further info/explanation.

Darren

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 13, 2019, at 1:48 PM, Dooley, Julie <JulieDooley@winnipeg.ca> wrote:

Hi Kyle & Darren,
Please see the follow up from the reporter. Can you advise why the closure is our chosen course of action?

Thanks,
Julie

Julie Horbal Dooley

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Hi Julie,

Thanks for the information.

The one follow up after our call:

Why is the City of Winnipeg not attempting to clear the ice from the bridge in order to

reopen it to the public as part of regular winter maintenance?

If you can please copy 17(3)(e) on the response they'll make sure it gets to the right person after 2 p.m.

Best,

17(3)(e)

From: Dooley, Julie <JulieDooley@winnipeg.ca>

Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 1:38 PM

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Subject: FW: Omand Park footbridge closure information - WFP

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Please respond via email.

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Cc: Houldsworth, James
Subject: RE: Omand Park footbridge closure information 17(3)(e)

That is true, it never left the Oval during the winter because of the salt/sand on roadways that could compromise the ice surface on the track.

As you discovered the speed skating group was very particular in regards to ice quality and prompt service.

The other tool-cats that are operational and have qualified operators available should be out working.

Midland's zone of responsibility is quite a distance to travel from the other yards.

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Andy Johnson

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From: Lucyk, Kyle (PWD)
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 3:32 PM
To: Johnson, Andy
Cc: Houldsworth, James
Subject: RE: Omand Park footbridge closure information 17(3)(e)

I was told that that tool cat never left the oval during the winter. Please confirm.

What are all the other north tool cats doing today?

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Kyle Lucyk

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From: Johnson, Andy
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 3:12 PM
To: Lucyk, Kyle (PWD)
Cc: Houldsworth, James
Subject: RE: Omand Park footbridge closure information 17(3)(e)

I responded in the text "It was Bridges that put up all the signage".

Mike Terleski C.E.T. Supervisor of Bridges sent the e-mail to James informing him of the closure for the season. Bridges is responsible for the safety of all bridges, even the small one at Kildonan Park.

James responded "Thanks for the heads up, will you be putting up barricades on the pathway or at the entrance to the pathway and/or will you provide signage for people who use this route to reference the closure? I'll notify my Parks North team through this email and Parks administration of the bridge closure. You want to notify the Ward Councillor, Cindy Gilroy of the closure?"

I never heard anything after that.

To answer your question, **Parks North has never cleared the pathways at Omands Park or the bridge.**

We move garbage cans to roadways from the pathway to collect trash because trail wasn't

maintained.

We have as a favour in the past threw sand on stairway going down at Raglan once in a blue moon. If it was ever plowed it would have been Streets.

How do you make a pathway safe? Clear it of obstructions or hazards that could potentially hurt the public.

With respect, we would have used Midlands ex-tool-cat to do this work if so directed.

From: Lucyk, Kyle (PWD)
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 2:38 PM
To: Johnson, Andy
Cc: Houldsworth, James
Subject: RE: Omand Park footbridge closure information 17(3)(e)

In response to your text, bridges will take care of the bridge. Pathway is ours. My questions to you is "if we are required to clear and/or make the pathway safe for pedestrians, how would you do that"

Please respond via email.

City of Winnipeg



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From: Lucyk, Kyle (PWD)
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 2:30 PM
To: Johnson, Andy
Cc: Houldsworth, James
Subject: FW: Omand Park footbridge closure information 17(3)(e)

Do you think we could make the pathways safe? I don't really know what that means. Sand the hell out of them?

Kyle Lucyk

17(2)(e)

From: Burmey, Darren
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 2:20 PM

To: Lucyk, Kyle (PWD)
Cc: Dooley, Julie; City-MediaInquiry; Johnson, Andy; Houldsworth, James
Subject: Re: Omand Park footbridge closure information 17(3)(e)

If the pathways are made safe we would de-ice the bridge.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 13, 2019, at 2:10 PM, Lucyk, Kyle (PWD) <klucyk@winnipeg.ca> wrote:

Hi Julie!

I'm sure Darren will confirm, but there is no easy way to clean the ice from the bridge without doing further damage to the bridge. The best course of action is to let nature take its course and allow the ice to melt in the spring. A detour exists, so the bridge is not essential to the AT network.

[<image001.jpg>](#) **Kyle Lucyk**
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From: Dooley, Julie
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 1:49 PM
To: Lucyk, Kyle (PWD); Burmey, Darren
Cc: City-MediaInquiry
Subject: FW: Omand Park footbridge closure information 17(3)(e)

Hi Kyle & Darren,
Please see the follow up from the reporter. Can you advise why the closure is our chosen course of action?
Thanks,
Julie

Julie Horbal Dooley
Communications
Office Of The Director

From: [Lucyk, Kyle \(PWD\)](#)
To: [Houldsworth, James](#); [Johnson, Andy](#)
Subject: Fwd: Response re: Omands Creek Park
Date: Sunday, December 15, 2019 5:36:10 PM

FYI

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Dooley, Julie" <JulieDooley@winnipeg.ca>
Date: December 15, 2019 at 4:00:34 PM CST
To: "Lucyk, Kyle (PWD)" <klucyk@winnipeg.ca>, "Burmey, Darren" <dburmey@winnipeg.ca>, "Smoljanovic, Mike" <MSmoljanovic@winnipeg.ca>, "Allen, Ken" <KAllen@winnipeg.ca>
Subject: Response re: Omands Creek Park

Hi all

We'll need to regroup on this situation tomorrow to determine operationally what needs doing, but we needed to provide a response by 4pm and didn't want to say nothing.

Here is what went out:

The City was not involved in clearing the bridge or path. While we understand the community's frustration, we want to stress the importance of respecting all City closures, signage and barricades.

As we do not know the means, methods or tools used to clear the bridge and pathways, we will be attending to inspect the structural integrity of the bridge and safety of the adjacent area.

Sent from my iPhone

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M. 17(2)(e)

E. juliedooley@winnipeg.cawinnipeg.ca

From: 17(3)(e) [mailto:17(3)(e)]
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 1:48 PM
To: Dooley, Julie
Subject: RE: Omand Park footbridge closure information 17(3)(e)

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Hi Julie,

Thanks for the information.

The one follow up after our call:

Why is the City of Winnipeg not attempting to clear the ice from the bridge in order to reopen it to the public as part of regular winter maintenance?

If you can please copy 17(3)(e) on the response they'll make sure it gets to the right person after 2 p.m.

Best,

17(3)(e)

From: Dooley, Julie <JulieDooley@winnipeg.ca>
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 1:38 PM
To: 17(3)(e)
Cc: City-MediaInquiry <City-MediaInquiry@winnipeg.ca>
Subject: RE: Omand Park footbridge closure information 17(3)(e)

Hi 17(3)(e)

The bridge in Omand's Creek Park was closed last week as overland flooding caused thick, hazardous ice to form over it and adjacent pathways. We have installed barriers and signage that will remain in place until the ice melts and the bridge is reopening in spring.

We appreciate the inconvenience of the closure, but want to ensure all park users stay safe. Pedestrians can still access the other side of the bridge by rerouting down Raglan Street to Portage Avenue.

Regarding community notification, such signage is our standard means for informing residents of weather-related closures in our various parks and open spaces.

Julie

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From: 17(3)(e)
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To: Dooley, Julie
Cc: City-MediaInquiry
Subject: RE: Omand Park footbridge closure information 17(3)(e)

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Hi Julie,

Ok, I appreciate the effort and understand it's a tighter timeline to work within. I've talked to my editors, and you can send statements after 2 p.m. to

17(3)(e) which is the City Desk. They'll forward the info and contact information to a reporter who is available to follow up.

Thanks again,

17(3)(e)

[Redacted signature block]

From: Dooley, Julie <JulieDooley@winnipeg.ca>
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 1:08 PM
To: 17(3)(e) <17(3)(e)>
Cc: City-MediaInquiry <City-MediaInquiry@winnipeg.ca>
Subject: RE: Omand Park footbridge closure information 17(3)(e)

Hi 17(3)(e)

I will be available for follow-up as required. I am doing my best to get you some information prior to your deadline, but am having trouble reaching the bridges and parks folks responsible. Who will be taking over the story if it is after 2 p.m.?

Julie

Julie Horbal Dooley

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To: Dooley, Julie
Subject: FW: Omand Park footbridge closure information 17(3)(e)

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Thanks for letting me know. As far as follow up questions go, will someone be available to talk or reply via email?

From: City-MediaInquiry <City-MediaInquiry@winnipeg.ca>
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 12:56 PM
To: 17(3)(e)
Subject: RE: Omand Park footbridge closure information 17(3)(e)

Hi 17(3)(e)

Thanks for your follow-up. Julie has advised that she will have a statement to you before 2 p.m.

Thanks,

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From: 17(3)(e)
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Hi Angela and Julie,
Are you able to provide a timeline estimate for when I might be able to speak with someone from public works or the parks department?
My deadline is today at 2 p.m.
Thanks,

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From: 17(3)(e)
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 10:35 AM
To: City-MediaInquiry <City-MediaInquiry@winnipeg.ca>
Subject: RE: Message from Unknown sender (17(3)(e))

Hi Angela, I just sent a follow up email.

Here's the body text, for your convenience:

Good morning,

I'd like to arrange an interview with someone from the city's public works or parks departments to talk about the closure of the footbridge over Omand's Creek bridge in Omand Park.

I have some questions about how the high water in the fall has impacted the bridge during the winter freeze, how long it's expected to be closed, and some other concerns.

If it's possible to arrange a call before noon, that would be ideal. Please let me know when you get the chance. My deadline is today at 2 p.m.

Thanks in advance,

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Hi 17(3)(e)

Thanks for your call. We've received your voicemail and we'll get back to you as soon as possible.

Can you please clarify the name/location of the bridge you were inquiring about?

Thanks,

Angela

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 Subject: Media Inquiry - Public Works - [17\(3\)](#); Omands Creek bridge closure
 Date: Monday, December 16, 2019 9:46:55 AM
 Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Date Received	Time Received	Media Contact	Outlet	Inquiry Topic	Inquiry Details	Phone #	Email	Dept Responsible	Comms Officer	Deadline	Inquiry Type	French Request?
12/16/2019	9:43AM	17(3)(e)	17(3)	Omands Creek bridge closure	Reporter sent: If at all possible, could I speak to someone on-camera about this story? If so, I'm free either before noon or after 1:30. If that doesn't work, would you be able to provide a statement for me? Here are the questions I have: When was the bridge closed and why? Is this the first time it's had to be blocked off? When was it planned to be reopened? A couple residents have since cleared the bridge - what's your reaction to that? Now that it's been cleared, is there anything the city is planning to do with it? Inspect it, leave it open, close it again, etc? What would you say to the people who want or expect the footbridge to be open year round? Anything else you'd like people to know about these kinds of closures/city operations?	17(3)(e)	17(3)(e)	Public Works Department	Julie Dooley	Today	On-Camera	No

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From: [Smoljanovic, Mike](#)
To: [Lucyk, Kyle \(PWD\)](#); [Burmey, Darren](#); [Dooley, Julie](#)
Subject: Inspection
Date: Monday, December 16, 2019 10:22:46 AM

Hey guys,

Just heading over there now.

Mike Smoljanovic
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From: Burmey, Darren
To: ["Dooley, Julie"](#); [Allen, Ken](#)
Subject: FW: Closure of Omand's Park Pedestrian Bridge near Raglan Road and Wolseley Avenue
Date: Monday, December 16, 2019 10:57:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
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FYI

From: Burmey, Darren
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 5:33 PM
To: Gilroy, Cindy
Cc: Houldsworth, James (JHouldsworth@winnipeg.ca); Domke, Dave; 'Terleski, Mike'; Neirinck, Brad; 'Berezowsky, Jim'
Subject: Closure of Omand's Park Pedestrian Bridge near Raglan Road and Wolseley Avenue

Hi Councillor Gilroy,

Today we closed the Omand's Park Pedestrian Bridge (circled in blue in the attached map below) because it is hazardous to cross because of unsafe conditions created by the high water and thick fractured ice that has been deposited on the bridge and the adjacent pathways. "Bridge Closed" signs were put up and snow fences were erected at appropriate locations. Photos of conditions present are included below.



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IMG_6863.jpeg



IMG_6862.jpeg

There are alternate ways to get across the creek including using Portage Avenue.

The bridge would be reopened when it is safe to do so. Clean up will be performed by Parks and will take a big effort.

It may have to wait until Spring.

Please email or call if you would like further explanation.



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From: [Dooley, Julie](#)
To: [Burmey, Darren](#); [Smoljanovic, Mike](#); [Lucyk, Kyle \(PWD\)](#)
Subject: RE: Inspection
Date: Monday, December 16, 2019 11:13:01 AM
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Coming soon. We were just out at the site (media was there).
julie

Julie Horbal Dooley

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From: Burmey, Darren
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 11:12 AM
To: Smoljanovic, Mike; Lucyk, Kyle (PWD); Dooley, Julie
Subject: RE: Inspection

Mike,

Let me know how things are going or if you have any concern that needs my input.

Julie,

Were you going to send over the list of media questions to respond to?

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To: Lucyk, Kyle (PWD); Burmey, Darren; Dooley, Julie
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From: [Palmquist, Ryan](#)
To: [Dooley, Julie](#)
Cc: [Lucyk, Kyle \(PWD\)](#); [Houldsworth, James](#); [Burmey, Darren](#); [Patman, David](#); [Baker, Christopher](#); [Wiltshire, Felicia](#); [Driedger, David](#); [Berezowsky, Jim](#)
Subject: Re: Omand's Creek foot bridge
Date: Monday, December 16, 2019 11:29:33 AM

Yes please thank you.

Ryan Palmquist
Executive Assistant/ Adjoint exécutif
City Councillor Matt Allard
Conseiller municipal Mathieu Allard
Quartier Saint-Boniface Ward
Matt: 17(2)(e)
Ryan: 17(2)(e)
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On Dec 16, 2019, at 11:28 AM, Dooley, Julie <JulieDooley@winnipeg.ca> wrote:

Good morning Ryan,
Chris just passed along your note regarding the interview. I'm just in the middle of prepping some messaging and a statement from the department on this very topic. Would you like me to pass it your way as an FYI once we solidify it?
Julie

Julie Horbal Dooley

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From: Baker, Christopher
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 11:26 AM
To: Dooley, Julie
Cc: Lucyk, Kyle (PWD); Houldsworth, James; Burmey, Darren; Patman, David
Subject: FW: Omand's Creek foot bridge

FYI

Christopher Baker, MCIP, RPP

Acting Active Transportation Coordinator / Pedestrian and Cycling Planner
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From: Palmquist, Ryan
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 11:24 AM
To: Gilroy, Cindy
Cc: Allard, Matt; Berezowsky, Jim; Wiltshire, Felicia; Baker, Christopher
Subject: Fwd: Omand's Creek foot bridge

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Subject: Omand's Creek foot bridge

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To: [Palmquist, Ryan](#); [Dooley, Julie](#); [Gilroy, Cindy](#)
Cc: [Lucyk, Kyle \(PWD\)](#); [Houldsworth, James](#); [Burmey, Darren](#); [Patman, David](#); [Wiltshire, Felicia](#); [Driedger, David](#); [Berezowsky, Jim](#)
Subject: RE: Omand's Creek foot bridge
Date: Monday, December 16, 2019 11:31:17 AM

Looping in Councillor Gilroy.

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On Dec 16, 2019, at 11:28 AM, Dooley, Julie <JulieDooley@winnipeg.ca> wrote:

Good morning Ryan,

Chris just passed along your note regarding the interview. I'm just in the middle of prepping some messaging and a statement from the department on this very topic. Would you like me to pass it your way as an FYI once we solidify it?

Julie

Julie Horbal Dooley

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From: Baker, Christopher**Sent:** Monday, December 16, 2019 11:26 AM**To:** Dooley, Julie**Cc:** Lucyk, Kyle (PWD); Houldsworth, James; Burmey, Darren; Patman, David**Subject:** FW: Omand's Creek foot bridge

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From: [Lucyk, Kyle \(PWD\)](#)
To: [Domke, Dave](#)
Subject: FW: Omand's Creek foot bridge
Date: Monday, December 16, 2019 11:40:46 AM

FYI. See [17\(3\)\(e\)](#) question to Councillor Allard below.

Kyle Lucyk
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From: [Smoljanovic, Mike](#)
To: [Burmey, Darren](#); [Lucyk, Kyle \(PWD\)](#); [Dooley, Julie](#)
Subject: RE: Inspection
Date: Monday, December 16, 2019 11:42:03 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
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Hey All,

Streets staff is currently shaving and sanding the ice on the pathways on both entrances of the bridge. They should have things cleaned up by this afternoon.

I will check in to see where they are at around 1:45pm and respond to this thread.

We will be closely monitoring this location for traction for the rest of the season.

Please let me know if we should be putting up specifically worded signs.

Thanks,

From: Burmey, Darren
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 11:12 AM
To: Smoljanovic, Mike; Lucyk, Kyle (PWD); Dooley, Julie
Subject: RE: Inspection

Mike,

Let me know how things are going or if you have any concern that needs my input.

Julie,

Were you going to send over the list of media questions to respond to?

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From: Smoljanovic, Mike
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 10:23 AM
To: Lucyk, Kyle (PWD); Burmey, Darren; Dooley, Julie
Subject: Inspection

Hey guys,

Just heading over there now.

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From: [Driedger, David](#)
To: [Dooley, Julie](#)
Subject: RE: Omand's Creek
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Please omit the last paragraph; otherwise, it looks good.

Thanks,

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From: Dooley, Julie
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 12:25 PM
To: Driedger, David
Subject: RE: Omand's Creek

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From: Driedger, David
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 11:54 AM
To: Dooley, Julie
Subject: RE: Omand's Creek

Please see attached. I've tried to soften it a bit, but I think we still have to address why it was not feasible for us to do it by hand if a couple guys could do it in an afternoon.

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Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 11:41 AM
To: Driedger, David
Subject: Omand's Creek
Importance: High

First and foremost, the City does not take bridge or park closures lightly and – most often – only implements them when a risk to public safety exists. What the residents did at the Omand's Creek footbridge, though well-intentioned – did nothing to mitigate the public safety risk that existed at this location.

As background, fluctuating water levels through late October and November caused overland flooding that formed thick, hazardous ice on the bridge itself and adjacent pathways. The pathways also became uneven with two approximately-six-inch layers of solid ice, unstable, and incredibly steep and slippery with a sharp shelf at the base of the bridge. While it appears that clearing the ice of the bridge itself was a fairly simple task, getting the machinery required to clear the pathway down the steep slope was deemed unfeasible. For this reason, we made the difficult decision to close the area until the spring melt.

The solution was not ideal, however safety was our top priority and took precedent over connectivity. Additionally, the park remained accessible to pedestrians and cyclists via Portage Avenue.

What we have now is a situation where residents are being heralded for taking matters into their own hands; in reality, the residents' actions caused more risk than existed in the first place. The residents had no way of knowing whether the bridge was structurally sound, and – in removing the signage and reopening the area – showed a disregard for public safety, process, and municipal bylaws. Furthermore, they could have caused major structural damage to the bridge by using inappropriate methods to clear the ice.

Luckily, our bridge inspectors attended the park this morning and confirmed that no physical damage occurred. We now have maintenance crews on-site attempting to remove the layers of ice on the pathway without sending machinery down the slope, create some traction for pedestrians, and mitigate additional hazards that were either left or created when the ice on the bridge was removed. This approach is not operationally ideal, but is now necessary.

In the interim, we urge anyone who chooses to use the pathway to please exercise caution and be aware of the steep incline and decline, as well as the uneven terrain. Additionally, we want to remind residents that, regardless of good intentions, only certified engineers are able to inspect a bridge structure and open it once closed. Disregarding or removing closure signage is dangerous and could create a larger public safety risk.



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Subject: RE: Corporate-approved response
Date: Monday, December 16, 2019 12:41:48 PM
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Looks good.

Kyle Lucyk
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 Subject: Media Inquiry - Public Works - **7(3)(e)** - Omands Creek bridge closure
 Date: Monday, December 16, 2019 12:52:17 PM
 Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Date Received	Time Received	Media Contact	Outlet	Inquiry Topic	Inquiry Details	Phone #	Email	Dept Responsible	Comms Officer	Deadline	Inquiry Type	French Request?
12/16/2019	12:50PM	7(3)(e)	7(3)(e)	Omands Creek bridge closure	Reporter sent: We're going to talk to one of the people who cleared the Omands Creek bridge on our afternoon show today. I see you send the 7(3)(e) a response about this this weekend. Has anything changed? Has the inspection mentioned in that story happened? Would you be able to send us an updated statement about this story too?	7(3)(e)	7(3)(e)	Public Works Department	Julie Dooley	4:00PM	Background information	No

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 To: Lucyk, Kyle (PWD); Burney, Darren
 Cc: Allen, Ken
 Subject: URGENT: REVIEW required - media re: Omand's Park
 Date: Friday, December 13, 2019 1:06:05 PM
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Updated response below. Please provide concurrence or changes ASAP

The bridge in Omand's Creek Park was closed late last month as overland flooding deemed the structure unsafe. We have installed physical barriers and signage which will remain in place until the bridge is deemed safe. We do not have a timeline on this.

Regarding community notification, such signage is our standard means for informing residents of weather-related closures in our various parks and open spaces.

We appreciate the inconvenience this poses to those wishing to utilize the trail connection, however public safety is our top priority.

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 Cc: Allen, Ken (KAllen@winnipeg.ca)
 Subject: URGENT: Noon deadline: Media Inquiry - Public Works - 17(3)(e) - Omand's Creek bridge closure
 Importance: High

Hi Darren and Kyle,

I just received a request from the 17(3)(e) to interview someone about the Omand's Park bridge closure. I just spoke with Ken, as this rang some bells from last week, and he gave me some background info. I think a statement would suffice, as it is pretty cut-and-dry, but would like your input (and certainly wouldn't deny either of you the opportunity to do an interview if you really wanted to).

In talking with the reporter, here are her questions:

- Bridge is closed – extent of information she has
- Why? Structural damage? Safety reasons?
- Process going forward?
- Trail network no longer accessible? How have you informed the community? Will you inform the community?

Her deadline is noon for a response.

Here is what I propose:

The bridge in Omand's Creek Park was closed in late November as a result of overland flooding damage. The bridge was deemed unsafe by our engineering team and physical barricades as well as signage were installed.

Late last week the City was notified that the signage had been knocked down and snow fence cut, and that residents were travelling over the bridge. Crews returned to the site and replaced the physical barricades and signage, which will now remain in place until [redacted]. Such signage is our standard means for informing residents of weather-related closures in our various parks and open spaces.

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Please let me know your thoughts.

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 Subject: Media Inquiry - Public Works - 17(3)(e) - Omand's Creek bridge closure

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12/13/2019	10:33AM	17(3)(e)	17(3)(e)	Omand's Creek bridge closure	Reporter sent: I'd like to arrange an interview with someone from the city's public works or parks departments to talk about the closure of the footbridge over Omand's Creek bridge in Omand Park. I have some questions about how the high water in the fall has impacted the bridge during the winter freeze, how long it's expected to be closed, and some other concerns. If it's possible to arrange a call before noon, that would be ideal.	17(3)(e)	17(3)(e)	Public Works Department	Julie Dooley	2:00PM	Print interview	No

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To: Domke, Dave; Lucyk, Kyle (PWD); Houldsworth, James; Burmey, Darren; Baker, Christopher
Subject: Corporate-approved response

Hi all,

Please see attached our proposed statement. It has been substantially wordsmithed, so it would be great if edits were limited to factual corrections/omissions/errors. I'd like to get it out asap, so an asap review would be so appreciated (as has been all your help thus far today). Preferably before 1:30.

Julie



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Subject: Update on Omand's Creek bridge
Date: Monday, December 16, 2019 1:24:39 PM
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To: [Dooley, Julie](#)
Subject: RE: Update on Omand's Creek bridge
Date: Monday, December 16, 2019 1:26:44 PM
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Thank you for this email Julie.

Jodie Kendel

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From: [Chorney, Kristin](#)
To: [Dooley, Julie](#)
Cc: [Leclerc, Sandra](#)
Subject: RE: Urgent media request: Omand's Creek
Date: Monday, December 16, 2019 2:19:14 PM
Attachments: [image005.gif](#)
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[image007.png](#)
[image008.png](#)

Hi Julie,

As we do not have a specific classification for the footbridge in Omand's Creek Park this information is not easily obtained. I was able to find a handful of cases based on the address and closest intersection of the Park.

On December 5th we received a Tweet from a citizen who was reporting that the bridge was covered with ice chunks and was extremely slippery. This was submitted under reference number 101015218598.

On December 15th someone contacted us to report that they had read in the Free Press that the bridge had been closed. They stated that they have seen people move the barricades so that they could access the Park using the bridge. They also stated they had seen the City come and replace the barricades when this has been done. They wanted to know when the bridge would be safe to walk on again. A case was submitted under reference number 101015244121.

Today we received a call from someone who wanted to see the drawing/presentation of the new bridge proposal that they said was given in 2010. This request was submitted under reference number 101015246401.

Those are the only reports I could find for the last two weeks for this location. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to assist.

Thank-you,

Kristin Chorney

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From: Dooley, Julie
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 1:58 PM

To: Chorney, Kristin
Cc: Leclerc, Sandra
Subject: Urgent media request: Omand's Creek
Importance: High

Hi Kristin,
Can you pull any complaints/inquiries regarding Omand's Creek Park and/or the Omand's Creek footbridge from the last two weeks, and forward me the SRs?
Much thanks in advance,
Julie



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Date: Monday, December 16, 2019 2:33:22 PM
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Ok thanks for letting me know!

17(3)(e)



From: Dooley, Julie <JulieDooley@winnipeg.ca>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 2:30 PM
To: 17(3)(e)
Cc: City-MediaInquiry <City-MediaInquiry@winnipeg.ca>
Subject: RE: Omand's Creek bridge closure

Hi 17(3)(e)

The bridge was closed on December 5, and the original intent was to keep it closed through spring due to the logistics of getting maintenance and ice-breaking equipment required for the pathways down the icy slope.

Julie

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When was the bridge originally closed and when was it set to be either worked on or inspected. We are hearing from residents the plan was to wait until the ice melted.

17(3)(e)



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To: [Varnes-Brown, Carlyne](#)
Cc: [Dooley, Julie](#)
Subject: RE: Request For Information/ Omands Creek Bridge
Date: Monday, December 16, 2019 4:02:50 PM

Hi Carlyne,

This should go to bridges not Parks.

From: Varnes-Brown, Carlyne
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 2:01 PM
To: Houldsworth, James
Subject: Request For Information/ Omands Creek Bridge

Good afternoon,

Is this something you can provide ? Or I should reallocate to Bridges.

Thank you,

Carolyn

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Case ID:
101015246401
Date Created:
2019-12-16
Time Created:
12:08
Type:
Parks Request for Information SR
Due Date:
2020-01-15
Status:
open
Ward:
Daniel McIntyre
Neighbourhood:
Wolseley

101015246401

Caller First Name:

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Caller Last Name:

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Contact Phone Number:

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Caller Email:

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*Incident Address:

INTERSECTION

17(3)(e)(i)

Cross Street (if applicable):

Wolseley Ave

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* Details of Request for Information:

VIA EMAIL: The citizen is requesting to see the drawings or presentation of the new bridge proposal that the City had given for the pedestrian bridge over Omands Creek at Raglan and Wolseley, if possible. The citizen stated that the presentation was made in 2010 to the area residents, and they believe that there were 3-4 variations provided.

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From: [Driedger, David](#)
To: [Dooley, Julie](#)
Cc: [Wiltshire, Felicia](#)
Subject: RE: Omand's Park update
Date: Monday, December 16, 2019 4:21:01 PM

Good to go.

David Driedger

Manager, Corporate Communications

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From: Dooley, Julie
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 2:55 PM
To: Driedger, David
Subject: FW: Omand's Park update
Importance: High

For approval:

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Cc: 17(3)(e)
Subject: Re: Omand's Park update
Date: Monday, December 16, 2019 4:38:26 PM

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Cc: City-MediaInquiry

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I've seen photos of the pathway and I believe James staff have seen it in person. The streets crews did an excellent job getting rid of the ice and sanding the pathway. I do not see a need for any signage.

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Kyle Lucyk

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From: Domke, Dave
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 1:30 PM
To: Lucyk, Kyle (PWD)
Cc: Houldsworth, James; Smoljanovic, Mike
Subject: RE: Inspection

We don't normally provided signage on any of our pathways in parks. In order for signage to be considered, circumstances would have to be exceptional. If there are exceptional circumstances here, then signage is a good idea. Otherwise, I would say no signage. I haven't been to the site, so I'm not sure how risky this site is.

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From: Lucyk, Kyle (PWD)
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 12:05 PM
To: Smoljanovic, Mike
Cc: Domke, Dave; Houldsworth, James
Subject: RE: Inspection

I don't know if signage is necessary. If you and your staff feel it is safe with the shaving and sanding, then I would say Parks it good.

If you feel signage is necessary, then 'Caution – Slippery Sections'

Dave and James, do you want to weigh in?

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From: Smoljanovic, Mike

Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 11:42 AM

To: Burmey, Darren; Lucyk, Kyle (PWD); Dooley, Julie

Subject: RE: Inspection

Hey All,

Streets staff is currently shaving and sanding the ice on the pathways on both entrances of the bridge. They should have things cleaned up by this afternoon.

I will check in to see where they are at around 1:45pm and respond to this thread.

We will be closely monitoring this location for traction for the rest of the season.

Please let me know if we should be putting up specifically worded signs.

Thanks,

From: Burmey, Darren

Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 11:12 AM

To: Smoljanovic, Mike; Lucyk, Kyle (PWD); Dooley, Julie

Subject: RE: Inspection

Mike,

Let me know how things are going or if you have any concern that needs my input.

Julie,

Were you going to send over the list of media questions to respond to?

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From: Smoljanovic, Mike
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 10:23 AM
To: Lucyk, Kyle (PWD); Burmey, Darren; Dooley, Julie
Subject: Inspection

Hey guys,

Just heading over there now.

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