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ON THE COVER – Photo by my daughter of a Christmas tree at this year's Calgary ZOO LIGHT.

FROM THE EDITOR – Best wishes and a Happy New Year filled with many hours of smooth model railroading without too many derailments.

We have officially launched our club's website, wmrctrainclub.ca, thanks to Murray Brown. The site contains a wealth of information about the club including the past two years editions of the Lantern. As our membership form and all of the Forms required for the *Model* (2 forms), *Module* (3 forms) and *Photography* Contest are now online at <https://www.wmrctrainclub.ca/forms> they will no longer be published in the Lantern.
Bob Harrison

Material for the Lantern

This is your Club's news letter. Why not let others know what you have been up to. A short writeup describing what you have built or done on your layout may inspire others. Pictures are always welcome, either model or prototypical. You never know they may end up on the cover of the Rolling Stone, oops, sorry, Lantern.

Winnipeg Model Railroad Club Mission Statement

1. The Winnipeg Model Railroad Club, (WMRC), is a non-profit model railroad club that offers fellowship, education and fun to anyone interested in the wonderful hobby of model railroading whether they are a beginner or expert. We strive to promote the hobby through our monthly meetings, our public shows and other activities throughout the year.
2. The Purpose of the Club shall be the uniting of its members to promote interest in the hobby of scale model railroading; to increase the knowledge of its members: and to foster and promote construction and operation of all phases of scale model railroading. None of the activities shall be carried on for the profit of any individual member.

WMRC Code of Conduct

The function of the Winnipeg Model Railroad Club, (WMRC), is to promote fellowship within the hobby of model railroading. Anyone who has an interest in model railroading is welcome. The Club will refrain from publicly criticizing any individuals, group, organization or business.

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President's Message

As always, there are quite a few things happening in the WMRC. We now have a 10% discount on new rolling stock, not already on sale, at Frog and Diamond, and so WMRC membership cards will be distributed at the January meeting. NMRA membership cards are being shipped.

We have a few nice layouts for the layout tour event to be held in the Spring, but we could use a few more. Please consider opening your doors to visitors. Any layout, large or small, completed or incomplete, can be valuable.

We have a website that is up and running. Please visit wmrc.trainclub.ca and take a look. Our webmaster, Murray Brown, would appreciate any feedback.

Name tags sporting our new logo are available free of charge to members, provided that you promise to come to meetings and wear them.

We don't want to make name tags that don't get used. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at the January meeting.

The January meeting will feature a presentation on travelling across our country on Via Rail, by Darrell Brownlee, who gave us a close-up look at 3D printing at our last meeting. It should be good. Come out and join the fun.

-John Bate

Vice President's Report

The Tin for the Bin donations at Clinic Carnival were over welling. Arlene and myself took the donated food to Winnipeg Harvest on December 6. Winnipeg Harvest was impressed with it weighing in at 74 pounds and asked us to thank the club for it. Well done WMRC.

Nothing else new to report. The 50/50 draw will be held as usual.

Submitted by Marvin Fetch

WMRC General Meeting, December 5th 2025 Charleswood Legion, 6003 Roblin Blvd, Winnipeg, Manitoba. R3R 1X1

Members present 31

Guests present: Sharon Foell, Eric Dawson

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

John asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14th General Meeting as published in the Lantern. Alan Graham made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14th General Meeting and Christopher Robinson seconded the motion.

Kharid Dhabhar mentioned an error in the Lantern where a picture of Ian Plett was identified as Marvin Fetch. The motion carried with the amendment noted.

President's Report-John Bate

John mentioned the club member layout tour program and asked for anyone that would open

their home layout for club members to visit to please see John.

John mentioned the WMRC website and Murray indicated that it is progressing and is currently in Beta test mode.

John advised the members present that the NMRA has standards for logos and that club logos must be monochrome when combined with the NMRA logo. John shared a picture of the WMRC logo as converted, without the black colour removed from the locomotive.

John announced that new logo name tags are available and that you can still use your old logo name tag if you wish or to see Murray for a new name tag. The club will pick up the cost of new name tags for any member that plans to attend meetings.

John stated that he had sent out emails to club members that had not renewed their membership yet and found that in most cases the member had renewed and that our records were not current.

John advised the members that Frog & Diamond has agreed to give WMRC members 10% off on new rolling stock and that the club would print membership cards to flash at Frog & Diamond. Mike Weger asked if his NMRA membership card would work at Frog & Diamond Hobby Shop and was advised that no it wouldn't, as you can be a NMRA member but not a WMRC member.

Billy Yachison asked if we can make a temporary card? Khirad said that he will advise Tony at Frog & Diamond regarding his membership.

John asked if there were any questions and there were none.

Vice President's Report-Marvin Fetch

Marvin advised the members present that he has new 70th Anniversary shirts available at \$25.00 and also toques at \$25.00. Marvin also mentioned that he would be doing the 50/50

draw again tonight and to see him with your money.

Treasurer's Report Khirad Dhabhar

John asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as published in the Lantern. Christopher Robinson put forward a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and Tommy Kucera seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Khirad mentioned that he has the money from Gino raised through sales of donated items at the Manitoba Train & Hobby Show and will deposit it.

Program Director-Ian Plett

Ian described the presentations for tonight's clinic carnival including Murray Brown's how to make decals clinic, Fred Headon's how to install decal's clinic, Marvin Fetch's how to construct buildings clinic, Darryl Brownlee's how to 3D print models and parts clinic and John Bate's how to design 3D models.

Lantern-Bob Harrison

Bob mentioned that the Lantern went out last weekend and that there are eight members shown as not paid up for 2025-26. Khirad explained his bookkeeping error to members and that that members should be getting their Lantern despite his error.

Library-David McNeil

David mentioned that he has DVDs and a few Blue-Rays available for members to take out tonight.

Social Media-Paul Ullrich

Facebook:

- 12,029 views in past 28 days, up 49%
- 1,927 followers
- 603 views for post about Neil Carleton's 3D printing of gears Lantern article, 8 link clicks
- 453 views for post about clinic carnival
- 2,363 views for post about CPKC holiday train, 75% non-followers, 8 shares

- 1,047 views for post about WinNtrak at Christkindlmarkt, 51% non-followers, 3 shares
- 2,248 views for post about Bart Hasselfield's funicular Lantern article, 33% non-followers, 2 shares, 59 link clicks
- 984 views for post about Neil Carleton's installing powered frogs Lantern article, 48% non-followers, 19 link clicks

Blog:

- 22 views for on 3D printing to make gears
- 23 views for clinic carnival post
- 97 views for post about CPKC holiday train
- 36 views for post about WinNtrak at Christkindlmarkt
- 68 views for Bart Hasselfield's article about building a funicular
- 39 views for Neil Carleton's article about installing powered frogs
- 746,097 views since October 2013
- 1,018 posts created

Monthly Model Contest-Gary Stempnick

Gary noted that there are several nice models present tonight. The winner of the random draw was Neil Carleton.

Photo Contest-Bob Harrison

Bob mentioned that there were 20 photos for tonight's display. The winner of the random draw was Tommy Kucera.

Annual Model Contest-Murray Brown

Murray stated that the annual model contest details will be available on the website shortly.

Canteen-Mark McLellan

Mark talked about the Hot Dog banquet and the usual assortment of cookies, chips, drinks and coffee.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

Khiraad mentioned that memberships are not yet submitted to NMRA and that he would get this fixed shortly.

Announcements

John advised the members present that the next meetings will be January 9th, 2026 and February 13th, 2026.

A motion to adjourn was made by Christopher Robinson.

Tonight's 50/50 winner was Brent Karr Submitted by Brent Karr, Secretary

Notice of Motion

As you may recall from the monthly financial reports, there is an old "Capital Assets Purchase Fund" once intended for "equipping and maintaining a club room". This is no longer a viable objective, and for many years our by-laws concerning this account have been neglected. They require re-appointment of the trustees every three years, investment of the fund, an annual report, etc., none of which have been done in a long time. The Executive and Caucus discussed this matter in a meeting on Dec. 30, and a motion will be brought forward from the Executive to rename this fund the "Reserve Fund" and simplify its by-laws and bring them up to date. The old and new versions are given below. (The old was numbered 16 but the new is numbered 14. This is not a typo. Two previous by-laws were deleted by a previous motion.)

16. CAPITAL ASSETS PURCHASE FUND (old version)

- a. The Club will establish a fund for the purpose of equipping and maintaining a Club room.
- b. The Capital Assets Purchase Fund will be administered by three trustees whose terms shall be three years, and who shall be appointed by the executive so that one trustee's term shall end each year. In the

interest of maintaining stability, a trustee may be appointed to consecutive terms.

c. The Club will allocate from the operating budget at the close of each fiscal year and transfer to the Capital Assets Purchase Fund ten percent of the gross membership dues revenue as shown in the Club's financial statements for that fiscal year. At the discretion of the Club Executive, this allocation may be waived in circumstances where the funds in the Capital Assets Purchase Fund exceed the total of the current fiscal year's and two prior fiscal year's gross membership dues revenues (a three year total).

d. Among the fiduciary duties of the trustees will be the responsibility for the prudent investment of the Capital Assets Purchase Fund's monies. For certainty, all of the Capital Assets Purchase Fund monies shall be invested in interest bearing instruments and/or the interest bearing accounts of a recognized financial institution with sufficient standing in the community such that deposit-taking guarantee insurance is provided to the institution. Additionally, the lesser of \$3,000 or the total balance of the Fund monies shall be invested so that this amount or balance would be available to the Club within 60 days of a request by the Club membership for an ordinary disbursement of Capital Assets Purchase Fund monies.

e. The trustees shall meet at least once a year and they shall elect one trustee to be Chairman of the fund.

f. Notice of any proposed expenditures from the Fund must be made at a regular business meeting, published in The Lantern and a vote taken at the following meeting. A two-thirds majority of the members eligible to vote who are present shall be required to disburse Capital Assets Purchase Fund monies.

g. The trustees shall present a written report at the same time as the annual financial report.

14. RESERVE FUND

a. The Club will maintain a Reserve Fund (RF) (formerly known as the Capital Assets Purchase Fund).

b. Withdrawals from the RF must be approved by a vote of the membership, and withdrawals or cheques must be signed by two of the Treasurer, the President, or the Secretary.

c. The Executive will be responsible for the prudent investment of the RF monies, in interest bearing instruments and/or the interest bearing accounts of a recognized financial institution, with the total balance of the Fund monies available to the Club within 60 days of a motion by the Club membership for an expenditure of these funds.

d. Notice of any proposed expenditures from the Fund must be made at a regular business meeting, published in The Lantern and a vote taken at the following meeting. A two-thirds majority of the members eligible to vote who are present shall be required to disburse Capital Assets Purchase Fund monies.

January Program

The WMRC is not the only 70 years around, VIA Rail marked the 70th anniversary of the Canadian and her famous Budd cars last year. In order to travel coast to coast by rail in Canada you will be riding on "The Canadian", from Vancouver to Toronto, a Corridor train between Toronto and Montreal and finally "The Ocean" from Montreal to Halifax". Or vice versa which every way your clock is wound.

Whether you are a "Budd" or a "Renaissance" Man travelling Canadian Rails will give you a sense of adventure and a greater insight for modelling railways. In 1954, CP rail started taking delivery of 173 Stainless Steel Budd cars,

launching "The Canadian" in April 1955. VIA Rail took over the fleet in the late 70's and has been running the famous cars ever since, the rails they travel on may have changed but the ride is the experience.

"The Ocean" is the oldest continuously operating named passenger train in North America. The Intercolonial Railway started the service in 1904, then was absorbed by CN in 1919 and Via Rail in the late 70's. The current Ocean uses Renaissance cars built for "The Chunnel" between Britain and France in the 1990's, those cars were never used. Bought by VIA Rail in December of 2000, and brought to Canada, going into service in 2002.

Darrell Brownlee has made a number of trips on The Canadian and The Ocean, He will be presenting some of his travel knowledge and some tips at the January 9th meeting.





- Ian Plett Program Director

WMRC Merchandise

The Club has several items available for sale. The inventory changes so always check our website <https://www.wmrctrainclub.ca/store> for updates.

Current gear includes WMRC ball caps and toques, 70th Anniversary T-shirts and mugs. Fill in the details of what you want using Order Now and the Gear Store Manager will arrange to receive your payment in cash or by cheque at the next meeting. If you require these items before hand, please include a note to that effect and you and the Gear Store Manager can make alternate arrangements.

a) Ball Caps are solid on the front and mesh on the rear. Available black only. Size is fully adjustable at rear. Material is 65% polyester and 35% cotton. Hand washable. \$25 CAD each.



b) Toques are super warm - they have a *Coral Fleece* inner lining! Designed and Swiss embroidered in Canada, they're perfect for those cold winter days! One size fits all. Outer material is 100% Acrylic; 100% Polyester inner lining. Hand washable. \$25 CAD each.



c) T-shirts to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Winnipeg Model Railroad Club; **limited quantities and sizes**. Available light blue only. Material is 100% cotton. Machine washable in cold water, inside out, to help protect the image. \$25 CAD each.



d) Mugs to enjoy your favorite beverages. Holds 10 oz. of your coffee, tea, or whatever. Hand wash only; dishwasher soap is caustic. Imprinted in Canada. \$10 CAD each.



Public Relations Report

Nothing new to report at this time.

Spring Show

The Spring show is on April 18th & 19th. All of the groups that will be at the 2026 Spring Show have been contacted to begin the floor plan layout.

All of the Forms required for the Model (2 forms), Module (3 forms) and Photography Contest are now online at <https://www.wmrctrainclub.ca/forms>.

And thanks to last year's suggestion by Neil Carleton, all of the forms can be filled in with your keyboard.

– Murray Brown

Annual Photo Contest

This years Photo Special event is Bridge, Trestle or Culvert. A new way of presenting the photographs will be discussed with myself, Bob Harrison, and Murray Brown over the next couple of months. The PDF online-fillable Photography Contest Entry Form is available by contacting Murray Brown at murraygto@shaw.ca

– Larry Leavens

Annual Model Contest

As announced at the September 12th Meeting, the 2026 Special Event will be a Winter Railroad Scene. Model and Module Entry Forms as well as a Tips document are available as PDF online-fillable documents. Contact Murray Brown at murraygto@shaw.ca to obtain the items you need.

– Murray Brown

WMRC Website

The Winnipeg Model Railroad Club has a great new website, just created and launched. It's chock full of information about our club, plus it has all our forms that you can download, many of our newsletters, and a store where you can buy WMRC themed merchandise. Visit your Club at www.wmrctrainclub.ca and try out the several links.

– Murray Brown

The Gateway Western Railway

The Gateway is still closed.

- Gino Kost

Manitoba Train and Hobby Expo (MTHE)

Nothing new to report.

- Gino Kost

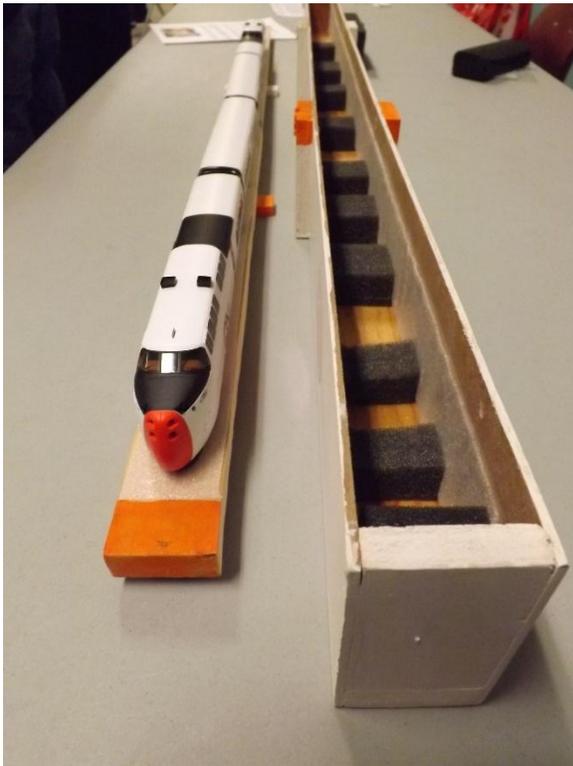
Monthly Model Contest

Remember to bring a model to the meeting to show to other members and be entered in a random draw. Please include a short write-up on what you did so it can be included in the next Lantern.

Three individuals entered the December model contest. The lucky winner of the random draw of the entries was Neil Carlson. The following models were entered in December.

a) Rapido Turbo Carry Case by Neil Carleton

Turbo is a well-made model and features a power car at each end and two-wheel trucks between cars. The sprung connections are "fussy" and required threading very small guide rails to complete the consist. I participate in module shows so move Turbo regularly and occasionally take it to other layouts. Each time takes a lot of effort and can be frustrating. The solution is this carry case that allows for a complete train to be carefully moved on and off the tracks, ideally without falling apart. Note: that I already lost/misplaced one of the trucks, likely at September module show, so have a replacement coming from Rapido. I only bought the five car set but in service the train was nine units, and Rapido markets that too. It is an additional 34 inches longer.



b) Winter Gas Station by Bob Harrison

The gas station was a LaserKit No. 797 by American Model Builders that was made into a winter setting. The kit was assembled according to the instructions. It was suggested to paint both sides of walls and roof to prevent warping of the wood. The model parts were either sprayed or brush painted with acrylic paint. Assembly was using AC glue. The window sash, door frames and glazing were a peel and stick material. They were adhered to the building following the detail drawings for exact part

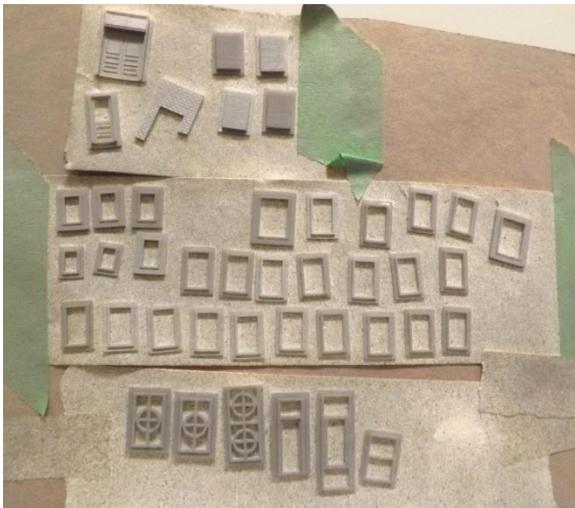
placement. The two gas pumps were attached to a base.

To add winter effects DecoArt Snow-Tex was applied to the roof and the roof's valley flashing by brush. The rest of model was sprayed with Artificial Snow with any excess snow brushed off. To seal the model, it was sprayed with DecoArt acrylic sealer.



c) Two N Scale Buildings by Darrell Brownlee

Two N Scale Buildings getting ready to paint These two buildings were designed with Fusion360 loosely based on two building in the exchange district. I have designed them so I can add the window frames after painting. The small restaurant style building is 95 Arthur Street was completely printed using a Resin Printer The four Story Building is a compressed view of 91 Albert Street. The Main building, roof and floor insert were printed with a Filament Printer and the doors and windows were printed using a resin printer. the taller building has an insert which will have wiring going up the centre to power Led's on each floor.



our monthly meeting. Winners are picked in a random draw and awarded a small cash prize. By enter in the monthly display you give the WMRC the right to use the photos in the Lantern and on social media as the Cub sees fit.

Five individuals entered a total of 20 photos. The lucky winner of the random draw of the entries was Tommy Kucera.

Some pictures from the Monthly Photo Display



Tommy Kucera



Tommy Kucera

Monthly Photo Contest

Remember to send your photos to photo.wmrc@gmail.com by 4PM on Friday of



Tommy Kucera



Bob Harrison



Cliff Davidson



Bob Harrison



Cliff Davidson



Ian Plett



Felix Lesiuk



Felix Lesiuk



Ian Plett



Cliff Davidson

Photos Clinic Carnival

At our December meeting, the club held its annual Clinic Carnival. It was a great opportunity to learn some valuable tips and see some great ideas to help you improve your modelling skills and layouts. Everybody had a great time and enjoyed our annual Christmas hot dog banquet prepared by canteen operator Mark McLennan. Photos of some of our presenters.



Murray Brown shows **Graham Leathers (R)** and **Gary Stempnick (L)** how to make decals.



Marvin Fetch shares some of his expert structure building techniques with long time member **Alan Graham (L)** and **Bob Harrison (R)**.



Darrell Brownlee (left) demonstrates how to make model with his 3D computer. John Bate, sitting behind him, conducted a clinician how to use 3D printing software.



After Murray Brown showed you how to make your own decals, you could mosey on over to MMR Fred Headon's table to learn how to apply them.

Fred's Decal Tips and Process

TIPS:

- PLAN your project, collect the required items in advance.
- CONSULT an Official Railway Equipment Register AND/OR photos for information.
- Most decal sets contain extra items in an effort to be all-inclusive. Save these as back-ups for when things go wrong it will happen.
- PLAN your project.
- Do the ENDS FIRST to minimize and possibly prevent damage to the sides.

- WORK FROM THE TOP of the car down the end or side to avoid moving previously applied decals.
- Right -handed people should work from left to right across the car to avoid moving previously applied
- Trim out all the required decals, then apply them (almost assembly line fashion) more efficiently.
- Watch a CFL or NFL or MLB game on TV while applying decals.
- PLAN your project.
- HAVE EXTRA toothpicks, knife blades and pins handy.
- Mount your decal pricking pin in a handle (dowel, pin vise) to better fit your hand.
- Avoid self closing tweezers - frustration abounds.
- DISTILLED WATER leaves far less to no residue when compared to tap water. It is worth the investment.
- Don't try to decal during NHL or NBA games - more frustration.
- PLAN your project.
- A dark felt marker applied to the non-decal side of the backing paper will let you read light-coloured lettering on the typical light-coloured backing paper.
- Keep a detailed record of decalling projects - names, reporting marks, numbers and data used to avoid duplication.
- PLAN your project.

The PROCESS:

- CONFIRM that the car, the photo/lettering diagram and decal set are compatible.
- WASH with isopropyl alcohol the areas) to be decalced to ensure a clean surface.
- TRIM the desired lettering from the decal set. Trim close to the lettering or around the decal film if separate items.
- SOAK the decal for 10 to 30 seconds in distilled water in the small dark-coloured dish.

- LIFT OUT, set aside on a clean, dry surface (glass is best) for another 10 to 30 seconds to ensure the adhesive has released.
- APPLY MICRO-SET (blue lettering) to prepare the surface to be decalced. This will assist in having the decal stick to the surface and will assist in floating the decal into position.
- SLIDE the decal a maximum of 1/8" or 0.5 cm off the backing sheet.
- Pick up the decal using the exposed backing sheet, place it in its approximate location and hold the decal onto the model with a toothpick. Pull the backing paper out from beneath the decal and discard the paper.
- POSITION the decal accurately by measuring with the clear ruler or dividers (eyes are NOT good enough) using rivets or seams on the model.
- CONFIRM the correct location of the decal.
- ALLOW THE DECAL TO DRY.
- APPLY MICRO-SOL (red lettering) to the decal.
- WATCH IN HORROR as everything about the decal goes "wrinkly" - DO NOT TOUCH the decal.
 - WHEN DRY, re-do as necessary to allow the decal to snuggle onto details/texture on the model surface
 - PIN PRICK any "silvering" or bubbles, and re-apply

Rail relocation in Winnipeg, A Report on a public meeting recently held at the Norwood Community Club by Neil Carleton

The province of Manitoba has started a consultation process on how and when rail right of way and yards can be moved.

Lloyd Axworthy, a former Member of Parliament and Cabinet Minister has been hired to head the study. As minister of transport, he was involved with the relocation of the rail yard that became The Forks.



The group includes Barry Prentice, professor of Supply Chain Management a University of Manitoba and Director of the Transport Institute; Jino Distasio, professor in the department of geography at the University of Winnipeg and director of the Institute of Urban Studies.

The group also includes lawyer Mary-Jane Bennett, who was on the Canadian Transportation Agency and recently involved in relocation of the BNSF cross boarder rail relocation in the Vancouver area; Jennifer Moore Rattray, Chief Executive Officer of Marymount, in the past she has worked with the Southern Chiefs organization and was a CBC journalist.

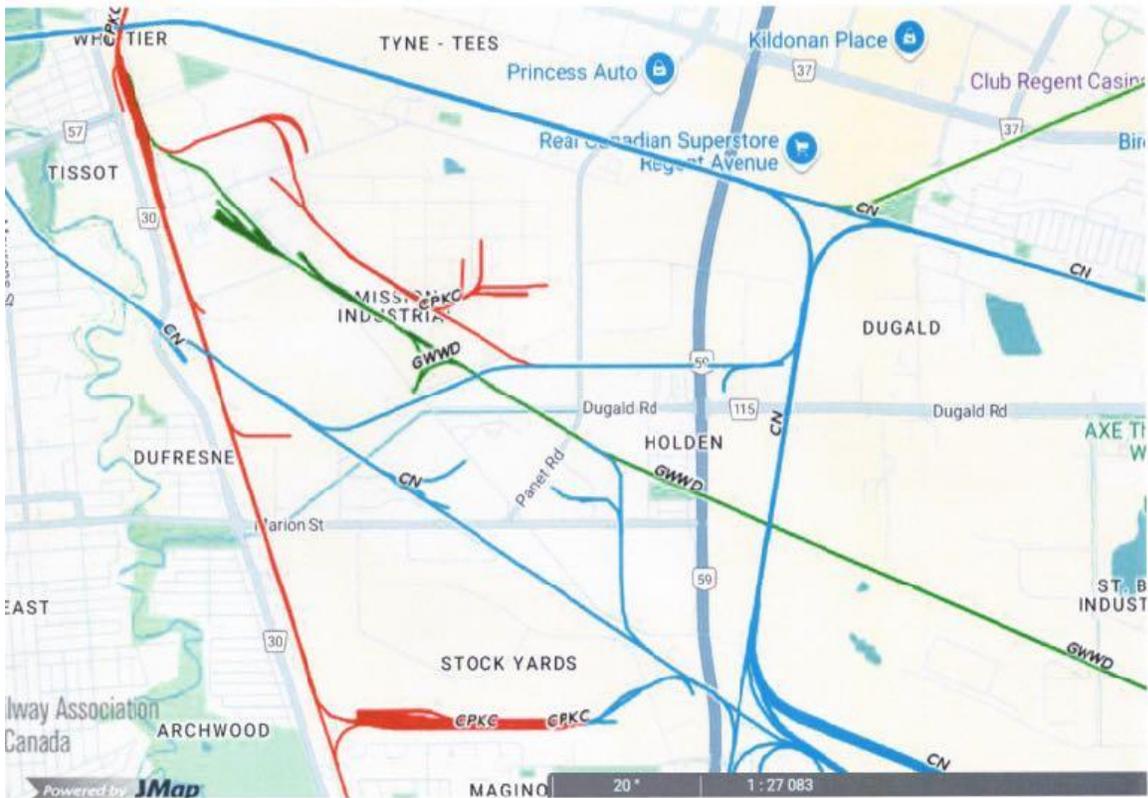
There will be six meetings in the city, held in areas that are affected by rail trackage.

The outline for the study is available online at; https://www.gov.mb.ca/asset_library/en/proactive/20252026/rail-study-report-2026.pdf

The report can also be found by searching Government of Manitoba and look for Winnipeg Rail Relocation Study.

When relocation is mentioned the first thing people think of is the Canadian Pacific yards that isolate the north end of Winnipeg. While a significant project Winnipeg also has two other class one railways that slice through the city.

Relocation also applies to the CN mainline, BNSF lines and the smaller Greater Winnipeg Water Division railroad. The CN Symington yards are also in consideration, as the residential sprawl moves in that direction.



I attended the presentation held at the Norwood Community Club at which the St. Boniface area was considered.



Interesting to note that 1/3 of St. Boniface is the “Mission Industrial area”. This includes the former stockyards, a tank farm and dismantled oil refinery, the busy automobile delivery yard and some rail served industries. The area is crisscrossed by the CPKC, CN and GWWD. Marion Street traffic is regularly stopped at any of three or four crossings.

When you look at the map of the area it there is a spaghetti of tracks and crossings.

It was interesting to hear concerns from some of the over 40 people at the meeting.

One woman wondered if the hump yard at Symington could be closed, ‘it makes a lot of noise’. Symington is not included in the outline

for the consultation. At over 700 acres it would be a formidable project to move. By comparison the CPKC yard in the north end is less than 300 acres.

An engineer attending said he had a part in closing the Arlington Bridge. His observation was removing the CPKC yard would open up significant real estate but wondered if the city has the water and sewage capacity for so much new housing? He also pointed out that rerouting the mainlines would still require bridges to cross rivers and the floodway. There would continue to be many crossings of main and rural highways.

Drs. Axworthy, Distasio and Prentice listened closely to all the comments and responded as best they could.

While relocating tracks and yards is the starting point, the final goal is the development that would follow.

An example given is the 4 kilometres of abandoned track in the Brooklands area; as an example of a recreational conversion. The possibility of commuter rail to the Interlake on

the existing underused line was discussed, as was rail transit south on the Emerson sub right-of-way to open that area for commuter rail traffic.

Repurposed rail lines crossing Winnipeg could also be considered for Light Rail transit, recreation or housing.

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