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## 10th Annual Jane's Walk celebrates diversity and vibrancy of neighbourhoods across Winnipeg

WINNIPEG Tuesday, April 19, 2016 – On Friday May 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> the tenth annual Jane's Walk is strolling into town. On this weekend, Winnipeggers can choose from more than a dozen guided walks across the city presented in an innovative and uniquely neighbourly fashion. Free walks held on the first weekend of May each year are led by locals who want to create a space for residents to talk about what matters to them in the places they live and work.

Jane's Walk celebrates the ideas and legacy of urbanist Jane Jacobs by getting people out exploring their neighbourhoods and meeting their neighbours. This year's Jane's Walk coincides with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Jane Jacobs.

Since its inception in Toronto in 2007, Jane's Walk has expanded rapidly. Last year, more than 800 walks were held in over 100 cites in 22 countries worldwide. Winnipeg saw 30 walks organized in neighbourhoods across the city exploring a range of themes including local history, environmental issues, urban design and architecture, accessibility issues, active transportation, public art, social/cultural experiences of the city, and more.

Participating in Jane's Walk is simple: local community members with a passion for their city and neighbourhood volunteer to organize a walk exploring an interesting aspect of the urban experience. Jane's Walks are about community conversations and the public is encouraged to not only attend the walks but to join the conversation by asking questions and sharing their passion and knowledge with other participants.

Some walks confirmed for this year include:

- Explore the 200 Year Old Pembina Red River Cart Trail
- Saint Boniface, Then and Now
- A Tale of Three Cities: Crescentwood, Armstrong's Point, West Broadway
- Public Art, Past and Present
- Our Darling Arlington (Street)
- History and Heroes: Victoria Park and the 1919 General Strike
- City Crossing: Portage and Main
- Hazel Dell Avenue & Watt Street North walking tours
- People in Your Neighbourhood: Frasers Grove

A complete list of walks is published online at www.janeswalk.org/canada/winnipeg