

**Minutes – Standing Policy Committee on Finance and Economic Development –
November 12, 2024**

REPORTS

**Item No. 3 St. Vital over the Red River Bridge Rehabilitation, Project ID:
1805002721 and 1804000224, Quarterly Project Status Report No. 8
For the Period Ended July 31, 2024**

STANDING COMMITTEE DECISION:

The Standing Policy Committee on Finance and Economic Development concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and received the financial status of the St. Vital over the Red River Bridge Rehabilitation, as contained in this report, as information.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Orlikow,

That the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service be concurred in.

Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: St. Vital over the Red River Bridge Rehabilitation,
Project ID: 1805002721 and 1804000224,
Quarterly Project Status Report No. 8
For the Period Ended July 31, 2024

Critical Path: Standing Policy Committee on Finance and Economic Development

AUTHORIZATION

Author	Department Head	CFO	CAO
B Neirinck, P. Eng.	J. Berezowsky	T. Graham	S. Armbruster, Interim CAO

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Project On Schedule: Yes ☒ No ☐

Project On Adopted Budget: Yes ☐ No ☒

Percent of Schedule Complete:

Percent of Adopted Budget Spent:

The project is forecast to be on time.

This is the eighth quarterly report to the Standing Policy Committee on Finance and Economic Development on this project. Expenditures to date total \$42,166,804.87. The total project budget remains at \$59,874,000.

The total project Estimate at Completion is still forecasted at \$59,874,000. The higher than originally estimated total is attributed to recent construction inflation for bridge and roadworks, unanticipated pier stability works, as well as higher than anticipated electrical costs of street lighting, pathway lighting, and service point connections.

Roadway Construction commenced during this reporting period, consisting of NB lanes north and south of the bridge structure, expected to be completed during the upcoming period (Q3 of 2024). Construction on the East (Northbound) structure progressed well during this reporting period, consisting mainly of the new concrete deck placement (completed), and new concrete barrier placement.

The Advisory Committee has reviewed this report and recommends that the report be sent to the Standing Policy Committee on Finance and Economic Development.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the financial status of the St. Vital over the Red River Bridge Rehabilitation, as contained in

this report, be received as information.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

The Asset Management Administrative Standard FM-004 requires all projects with a total estimated cost of \$25 million (2024) or more report quarterly to the Standing Policy Committee on Finance and Economic Development. This threshold is reviewed at the beginning of each multi-year budget cycle. The Standing Policy Committee on Finance and Economic Development may also request reporting on any capital project.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

As this report is for information purposes only, there are no implications.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

See Appendix C – Key Project Events (History)

Key Project Events (Update from last report)

Key project events that have occurred are as follows:

- Girder coating work on the Southbound structure is complete, with the exception of Span 9, over Kingston Row. This will be completed along with Span 9 coating in Q1 of 2025.
- Roadway construction of the NB lanes commenced during this reporting period that is near complete. Roadwork south of the structure is complete, with the East access road and Kingston Row ongoing. Roadwork North of the structure will commence during Q3 of 2024. All NB roadwork is expected to be completed during Q3 of 2024 as well.
- Construction on the East (Northbound) structure continued during this reporting period, consisting of south abutment concrete works (now complete), miscellaneous structural steel works on the girders (complete), and bearing replacements (complete). New concrete deck placement was completed and concrete barrier work commenced.
- South Tunnel Works were completed during Q2 of 2024.
- North Tunnel Works are near completion, and the remainder of the Work is anticipated to conclude during the next reporting period (Q3 of 2024).
- Overhead Sign Structure (SB direction) installation is anticipated in Q3 of 2024.
- Landscaping at various location throughout the site has commenced.
- Substantial Performance for this Project is still anticipated to be on October 31, 2024.
- Total Performance for this Project is still anticipated to be June 30, 2025.

Table 1 – Contracts

Contracts							
Bid Opportunity #	Company Name	Description	Original Contract Award Value (GST & MRST extra as applicable)	Total Approved Over-Expenditures (Over-Expenditure amount only)	Date of Award	Date of Total Completion	Estimated % Complete
RFP 244-2021	Morrison Hershfield Limited	Consulting Services for Preliminary Engineering Study	\$ 798,091.00	\$ 159,629.00	12-July-21	30-May-22	100%
RFP 244-2021	Morrison Hershfield Limited	Consulting Services for Detailed Design Engineering	1,519,552.00	-	23-Aug-22	20-Jan-23	100%
Tender No. 29-2021, CWO #2	Maple Leaf Construction Ltd.	Contract - Temporary Detour Works - Cross overs construction	222,210.00	-	24-Aug-22	21-Oct-22	100%
RFP 244-2021	Morrison Hershfield Limited	Consulting Services for Contract Administration and Post Construction Services	2,394,161.00	-	30-Jan-23		85%
Tender No. 615-2022	MD Steele Construction Ltd.	Construction Contract - Phase 1 of Works associated with design scope of RFP 244-2021	16,181,098.75	6,056,227.00	10-Feb-23		80%
Tender No. 615-2022	MD Steele Construction Ltd.	Construction Contract - Phase 2 of Works associated with design scope of RFP 244-2022	26,728,129.97	-	18-Apr-23		
MM Ref No. 513-2023	Winnipeg Arts Council Inc.	Public Art Component	200,028.00	-	4-Jul-23		0%
MM Ref No. 808-2023	Shaw Cable Systems GP	Relocation of Shaw/Rogers Infrastructure	32,525.41		10-Oct-23	2-Dec -23	100%
MM Ref No. 842-2023	Telus Communication Inc.	Relocation of Telus Infrastructure	36,201.63		19-Oct-23	2-Dec -23	100%
MM Ref No. 898-2023	MB Hydro	Electrical Service Agreement - Installation of Street Lighting	797,011.00		01-Nov-23	5-Dec -23	100%
MM Ref No. 800-2023	MB Hydro	Electrical Service Agreement - Installation of Electrical Service Points at North and South ends of bridge	248,738.34		02-Nov-23		0%
MM Ref No. 980-2023	BellMTS	Relocation of BellMTS Infrastructure - Fibreoptic Cables	64,598.91		29-Nov-23	1-Dec -23	100%
Total			\$ 49,222,346	\$ 6,215,856			

Upcoming Procurements:	
Description	Anticipated Award Date
Relocation of BellMTS Infrastructure - BSAM Boxes	23-Aug-24

Schedule (Update from last report)

The project is currently still forecast to be on schedule.

- The southbound bridge and roadway have been open to traffic since December 2023. The northbound bridge and roadway are now closed for the construction stage.

- The northbound bridge and roadway are expected to reopen to traffic during Q3 of 2024, while the southbound bridge and roadway will be re-closed for final paving for a period of time.
- Both structures and roadway directions are expected to be re-opened to traffic permanently by end of Q3, 2024.

Table 2 – Milestones

Project Milestones					
Deliverable		Original Targeted Completion Date	Revised Targeted Completion Date	Actual Completion Date	Estimated % Complete
1	Preliminary Design	2022 Q2		2022 Q2	100%
2	Detailed Design	2022 Q4		2022 Q4	100%
3	Contract Administration	2025 Q2			85%
4	Detour Lanes	2022 Q4		2022 Q4	100%
5	Contract - Bridge Works	2024 Q4			80%
6	Substantial Performance	2024 Q4			
7	Total Performance	2024 Q4	2025 Q2		
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Risk (Update from last report)

- No new risks identified since the last report.

Table 3 – Significant Risks and Mitigations Strategies

Significant Risks and Mitigation Strategies	
Risk Statement and Explanation	Risk Mitigation Management Plan
New: N/A	
Ongoing:	
Reduction of available working days due to poor weather conditions during construction season, such as rainy weather during road construction, and the Provincial limitations to in water works in the spring	Bid opportunity to use a completion date contract, with multiple defined Critical Stages with Liquidated Damages assigned.
Unknowns/Unforeseen Costs.	Refine level of detail of estimates to minimize amounts and quantities of unknowns and unforeseen.
Mitigated:	
Supply chain issues due to recent political events worldwide	All materials secured.
Delay in obtaining applicable Department of Fisheries and Oceans, City Waterways, and Provincial Waterways permits for the project.	Regulatory approvals secured.
Riverbank movements on the North bank of the Red River have been observed.	Offloading of the riverbank carried out along with underpinning of the north riverbank pile cap.
Possible delay to the project due to utilities (Hydro, MTS, Shaw, etc.) requirement for relocation or new plant construction and meeting the current project schedule.	All relocations carried out
Increases in material costs due to recent inflation of goods in Canada and worldwide	All materials prices secured
Non-adoption of forecasted funds required due to the increase in project costs as a result of additional scope	Refining estimates and optimizing designs, prior to future Council approved budget adoptions
Non-approval of first charge requests on forecasted funds required	Obtained first charge on future budgets
As a result of the north riverbank/pier movement and required remedial stabilization measures, due diligence has necessitated a review of the south riverbank/pier as a new risk. Although recent riverbank/pier movements have not been detected, smaller scale historical movements have occurred at this location.	Pier shaft infill carried out
COVID-19 Pandemic	Pandemic subsided

Financial (Update from last report)

For further information, refer to Appendix B – Financial Forecast

Expenditures to date primarily consist of Professional Services, temporary cross-over detours, the completion of Pier 3 emergency stabilization and underpinning works, Pier 7 infill work, and Construction Works, which all equate to \$42,166,804.87.

Currently, the total project Estimate at Completion is forecasted at \$59,874,000. The higher than originally estimated total is attributed to recent construction inflation for bridge and roadworks, unanticipated pier stability works, as well as higher than anticipated electrical costs of street lighting, pathway lighting, and service point connections.

Funding (Update from last report)

This report has revised the Provincial Strategic Infrastructure Basket (SIB) funding to being uncommitted at this time. The City, as part of the 2024 Capital Budget adopted by Council, has allocated \$5.6 million of 2024 Provincial Strategic Infrastructure (SIB) funding to this project. As of the date of this report, the Province is reviewing the City's proposed allocations of 2024 SIB funding and has not yet confirmed final allocations of this funding, including the \$5.6 million that has been allocated to this project.

Table 4 – Project Funding Forecast

Funding Forecast				
Funding Source	Adopted Budget (*) (in thousands)	Council Approved Changes (**) (in thousands)	Amended Budget (in thousands)	Committed (in thousands)
Class of Estimate	Class 3		Class 1	
- Regional Street Renewal Reserve	11,201	7,300	18,501	18,501
- Frontage Levy	14,916	(4,550)	10,366	10,366
- Provincial - Strategic Infrastructure Basket (SIB) Funding	0	5,607	5,607	0
- Canada Community Building Fund	26,457	(1,057)	25,400	25,400
Total	\$ 52,574	\$ 7,300	\$ 59,874	\$ 54,267

(*) – from Quarterly Project Status Report #1, received December 1, 2022. It includes the 2021 and 2022 Adopted Budget and five year forecasted amounts.

(**) – Council Approved Changes reflect changes subsequent to the 2022 Adopted Budget and five year forecasted amounts.

Property Acquisition (Update from last report)

N/A – No property acquisition is required as part of the Project

Stakeholder Engagements/Communications (Update from last report)

N/A – No Stakeholders Engagements/Communications since last report.

Subsequent Events after Report Period End Date

On August 19, 2024 the Chief Financial Officer approved a Single Source award in the amount of \$112,283.25, plus applicable M.R.S.T and G.S.T. with Bell Canada Enterprises – Purchasing Ref No. 652-2024. The award involves the relocation of Bell MTS infrastructure to accommodate a new path along Montgomery Avenue associated with Tender No. 615-2022 for St. Vital Road Bridge rehabilitation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement**Date:****September 9, 2024****Project Name:****St. Vital over the Red River Bridge Rehabilitation****Project ID: 1805002721 & 1804000224****Quarterly Project Status Report No. 8****For the Period Ended July 31, 2024****COMMENTS:**

As this report is for informational purposes only, there is no financial impact. See Appendix B as to the financial status of this project.

J. Ruby, 2024-09-13

J. Ruby, CPA, CA

Manager of Finance & Administration

CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:
The Advisory Committee

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

Good Health and Well-Being (HW):

4.10 Transportation Safety: Design, construct, maintain and regulate an integrated and sustainable transportation system and related infrastructure that optimize safe, connected and reliable mobility, and minimize severe injuries and fatalities.

WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

Consideration was given to whether this report connects to the Winnipeg Climate Action Plan (CAP), and it was determined that the CAP is not applicable to this specific report.

WINNIPEG POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY ALIGNMENT

Goal 5: Transportation System Equity is Enhanced

The St. Vital bridge is currently not bike friendly and travel may be dependent on access to motorized vehicles. The extension of the active transportation network across the bridge and to existing nodes in the north and south vicinities therefore fits the direct 10-year objective that states that Improvements to transportation infrastructure and services prioritize areas of higher poverty, and increased interconnectivity to employment and affordable goods and services.

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Public Works
Division: Engineering
Prepared by: Damir Muhurdarevic, P.Eng., Bridge Projects Engineer
Date: September 16, 2024

Appendices

Appendix A – Key Project Facts

Appendix B – Financial Forecast

Appendix C – Key Project Events (History)

Appendix A – Key Project Facts

Business Owner (Department)	Public Works Department
Project ID	1805002721 & 1804000224
Project Sponsor	Brad Neirinck, P.Eng., Manager of Engineering
Department Responsible for Project Delivery	Public Works Department
Consultant Engineer (Company Name)	Morrison Hershfield Limited
Adopted/Forecasted* Budget	\$59,874,000.00
Class of Estimate (Adopted/Forecasted*)	Class 1 (-5% to +10%)
Range of Estimate (Adopted/Forecasted*)	\$56,880,300 to \$65,861,400
Amended Budget	N/A
Class of Estimate (Amended)	N/A
Range of Estimate (Amended)	N/A
Project Description (Scope)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Major rehabilitation and deck widening of the St. Vital Bridge twin structures - Rehabilitation of roadway adjacent to both sides of the bridge, Route 62, between Fermor Avenue and Rutgar Avenue, including intersection improvements at Fermor Avenue and Dunkirk Drive - Rehabilitation and geometric changes to the access ramps to and from Kingston Row, including rehabilitation of Kingston Row between the ramps - Temporary cross-over lanes' construction to facilitate structure closures and allow for complete consecutive bridge structure rehabilitation - Expansion of the active transportation network on both bridge structures and connections to existing networks on both sides of the Red River - Expansion and changes to the Transit stop network along route 62 - Rehabilitation of culverts under Osborne Street and Dunkirk Drive as part of the active transportation network - Slope stabilization of the Red River embankments in the vicinity of the bridge on both banks of the Red River - Professional services for preliminary design, detailed design, contract administration, and post-construction services - Utility expansion and relocations 	
Committee Membership:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jim Berezowsky, Director of Public Works (Chair) - Brad Neirinck, Manager of Engineering (Project Sponsor) - Jason Ruby, Manager of Finance & Administration - Tim Shanks, Director of Water & Waste Department - Marc Pittet, Manager of Real Estate & Land Development - Danny Tooth, Acting Manager, Major Projects Oversight - Tracy Graham, Chief Financial Officer 	

(*) – Projects with aggressive schedules are inherently more risky and more likely to experience cost overruns and schedule delays.

Appendix B – Financial Forecast

Appendix B - Project #1805002721 (St. Vital Bridge Rehab) & #1804000224 (Regional and Local Street Renewal Program) Financial Forecast
As at July 31, 2024

Project Component Deliverables	Budget (in 000's)			Expenditure Forecast (in 000's)							Surplus (Deficit) From Amended Budget	Variance Last Report	Change in Variance
	Adopted/Forecasted* Budget	Council Approved Change	Amended Budget	Actual Costs To Jul 31/24	Projected Costs				Total Forecasted Costs				
					2024	2025	2026	2027					
Engineering, Design and Other	\$ 5,114	\$ -	\$ 5,114	\$ 4,588	\$ 2,675	\$ 147		\$ -	\$ 7,410	\$ (2,296)	\$ (2,031)	\$ (265)	
Construction	\$ 39,843	\$ 7,300	\$ 47,143	\$ 36,361	\$ 13,138	\$ 984		\$ -	\$ 50,483	\$ (3,340)	\$ (3,592)	\$ 252	
Land Acquisition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Internal Financing/Overhead Costs	\$ 1,611	\$ -	\$ 1,611	\$ 1,218	\$ 595	\$ 30		\$ -	\$ 1,843	\$ (232)	\$ (231)	\$ (1)	
Contingency	\$ 6,006	\$ -	\$ 6,006	\$ -	\$ 138	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 138	\$ 5,868	\$ 5,854	\$ 14	
Total Project Budget	\$ 52,574	\$ 7,300	\$ 59,874	\$ 42,167	\$ 16,546	\$ 1,161	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 59,874	\$ -			
% of Project Budget Spent (Actual Costs to Date / Adopted & Amended Budget)	80%		70%										

Project #	Adopted Budget (in thousands) (*)	Amended Budget (in thousands)	Actual Costs (in thousands)
1805002721	\$ 46,874	\$ 46,874	\$ 36,259
1804000224	\$ 5,700	\$ 13,000	\$ 5,908
Total	\$ 52,574	\$ 59,874	\$ 42,167

(*) - from Quarterly Project Status Report #1, received December 1, 2022 - Class 3 estimate.

Appendix C – Key Project Events (History)

- On December 16, 2020, Council approved the 2021 Capital Budget, of which, \$2,000,000 is allocated to the St. Vital Bridge Rehabilitation Project. A portion was used to undertake the preliminary engineering study for the Project.
- On July 12, 2021, Morrison Hershfield Limited was awarded the consulting services for a preliminary engineering study under RFP No. 244-2021.
- Site Investigations and analyses occurred in summer/fall of 2021.
- On December 15, 2021, Council approved the 2022 Capital Budget, of which, \$6,074,000 is allocated to the St. Vital Bridge Rehabilitation Project.
- Preliminary Design of the bridge rehabilitation and widening, and all other works occurred over the winter/spring of 2022, with preliminary design finalized in May 2022.
- A class 3 Basis of Estimate (BoE) was submitted alongside the final Preliminary Design Report, and is still currently under review by the Assets and Project Management Department.
- On March 08, 2022, the project website <https://winnipeg.ca/stvitalbridge> was launched, as part of the Stakeholder Engagement program, followed by three (3) virtual stakeholder meetings, on March 22 and 23, 2022.
- Public Art installation is a component of this project. In May and June 2022, a series of three (3) Public Art Stakeholder Working Group meetings took place, to come up with recommendations and prepare a summary package to document findings to be presented to the Winnipeg Arts Council (WAC) to help inform the Call to Artists.
- On June 09, 2022, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, and subsequently Council itself, on June 23, 2022, approved a first charge on the 2023 Capital Budget in the amount of \$15,600,000 for the St. Vital Bridge Rehabilitation Project.
- On August 23, 2022, Morrison Hershfield Limited was awarded consulting services for detailed design for the Project.
- Temporary cross-over detours were constructed between the north and southbound lanes of Route 62 in October 2022 in order to maintain traffic flow during the project.
- Detailed Design (Drawings and Specifications) were completed in November 2022.
- Tender documents were posted on MERX in late early December 2022.
- The Tender closing date is currently set at January 19, 2023.
- Tender for the project closed on January 20, 2023. Upon continuing observation of the market conditions, a major item of Work, structures coatings, was removed from the original contract, in order to stay under the budget cap.
- Subsequently, after the tender closed, Council approved an increase to the project as part of the 2023 budget process, where an additional \$5,000,000 was added to the project in 2024 with a first call on those funds approved for in 2023 due to revised estimates for roadway rehabilitation costs.
- The low bidder, M.D. Steele Construction Ltd. was successful and awarded Phase 1 of the Work. The project was being awarded in phases as it was necessary to start Construction as

soon as possible in order to stay on schedule, and the adoption of the 2023 budget did not occur prior to award.

- Construction on site commenced on March 01, 2023 on the East (Southbound Lanes) structure.
- Award of Phase 2 will follow in Mid-April 2023, as the 2023 Capital budget was approved in March 2023, which included a first charge of \$33,900,000 on the 2024 Capital budget allocated to the St. Vital bridge project.
- As such, the City is currently fielding quotes from various coatings suppliers to re-instate this item of Work into the scope, which once approved, will require an Over Expenditure report to Council, as the total delegated Award Authority of up to \$45,000,000 to the CAO will be exceeded.
- Phase 2 of the Construction Contract for the Work was awarded on April 18, 2023 for a total contract price of \$42,909,228.72, plus G.S.T. as the 2023 Capital budget was approved in March 2023, which included a first charge of \$33,900,000 on the 2024 Capital budget allocated to the St. Vital bridge project.
- Monitored riverbank and concrete pier movement at the north bank of the Red River and subsequent analysis have prompted the undertaking of immediate stabilization work at that location. Work commenced as spring flood levels receded. An allowance of \$2,000,000.00 has been identified for riverbank/pier stabilization works.
- The Standing Policy Committee on Public Works approved an over expenditure of 14.11% or \$6,056,227.00 on the construction contract for steel girder preservation coating and riverbank/pier stabilization works, for a revised contract amount of \$48,965,455.72, plus G.S.T. during the June 08, 2023 meeting.
- A change in scope re-instating the steel girder preservation coatings item of Work (previously removed during the tender period) was approved for a total of \$4,056,227.00.
- Roadway Construction commenced in early June 2023, currently consisting of major rehabilitation of both southbound and northbound lanes of Osborne Street, between Jubilee Avenue and Rathgar Avenue, as well as the west access road south of the bridge, between Kingston Row and Dunkirk Drive. Construction on the West (southbound) structure progressed during this reporting period and consisted mainly of girder strengthening, abutment concrete repairs, Pier 3 emergency underpinning works, deck formwork construction, deck reinforcing steel installation and deck concrete slab pours, and traffic barriers construction.
- Roadway Construction continued throughout this reporting period, currently consisting of major rehabilitation of both southbound and northbound lanes of Osborne Street, between Jubilee Avenue and Rathgar Avenue, the southbound lanes on Osborne and Dunkirk between Jubilee and Fermor, as well as the west access road south of the bridge, between Kingston Row and Dunkirk Drive.
- Construction on the West (southbound) structure progressed during this reporting period and consisted mainly of traffic barriers construction, lighting installations, pier shaft infill work, and commencement of girder coating work.
- Roadway Construction concluded for the season during this reporting period, currently consisting of seasonal completion of major rehabilitation of the southbound lanes on

Osborne and Dunkirk between Jubilee and Fermor, as well as full completion of the west access road south of the bridge, between Kingston Row and Dunkirk Drive.

- Traffic switchover onto the newly completed SB bridge structure, roadway lanes, and west access road was carried out on December 05, 2023, without any issues.
- Construction on the East (Northbound) structure commenced during this reporting period and consisted mainly of deck and traffic barriers demolition.
- Construction on the West (southbound) structure now only consists of girder coating work (metalizing of median girders).
- Roadway Construction was dormant during this reporting period, and is anticipated to commence mid-May 2024.
- Construction on the East (Northbound) structure progressed during this reporting period, consisting mainly of deck demolition (now completed), north abutment concrete works (completed), south abutment concrete works, miscellaneous structural steel works on the girders, and bearing replacements.
- South Tunnel Works are near completion, with electrical heat tracing and final paving outstanding
- North Tunnel Works demolition is complete, and the remainder of the Work is anticipated to continue during the next reporting period (Q2 of 2024).
- Overhead Sign Structure (NB direction) was installed during this reporting period, with the SB direction structure installation anticipated in Q2 of 2024.
- Substantial Performance for this Project is anticipated to be on October 31, 2024.
- Total Performance for this Project is anticipated to be June 30, 2025.

Stakeholder Engagement/Communications

- On March 08, 2022, the project website <https://winnipeg.ca/stvitalbridge> was launched, as part of the Stakeholder Engagement program. The website contained information such as the study timeline, frequently asked questions, a map of the project area, and a copy of the virtual presentation that was subsequently discussed at three (3) distinct stakeholder meetings.
- Stakeholder meetings took place on March 22 and 23, 2022, and included participants from neighbourhood community groups, schools, BIZs, and discipline-specific interest groups from throughout the City.
- Stakeholder input from those sessions was subsequently used to optimize and finalize the preliminary design.
- Public Art installation is a component of this project. A budget of approximately \$200,000 from the project funds has been allotted to the design and installation of public art in the project vicinity.
- In May and June 2022, a series of three (3) Public Art Stakeholder Working Group meetings took place, to come up with recommendations and prepare a summary package to document findings to be presented to the WAC to help inform the Call to Artists.
- The recommendations have been finalized in September 2022 and will be used as information for artists to prepare proposals for the design of the public art component.

- The project website will be updated in January 2023 to inform the public and stakeholders of design updates and anticipated construction schedule.
- It will subsequently be followed up by a single stakeholder meeting (January 2023) to directly inform the stakeholders of how their previous input and comments were considered in the completed design.
- The recommendations from the Public Art Stakeholder Working Group have been finalized in September 2022 and will be used as information for artists to prepare proposals for the design of the public art component in Q2 of 2023.
- A stakeholder meeting (January 31, 2023) was held to directly inform the stakeholders of the final design and how their previous input and comments were considered in the completed design.
- The project website was subsequently updated on February 02, 2023 to inform the public and stakeholders of design updates and anticipated construction schedule.
- The recommendations from the Public Art Stakeholder Working Group have been discussed with the Winnipeg Arts Council to plan the call for artists to prepare proposals for the design of the public art component in Q2 of 2023.
- The City received a fee proposal from Winnipeg Arts Council Inc. for their efforts in engaging in the public art component of the project, taking out a call for artists, and hiring the successful artist to design the art for a total of \$200,028.00, plus applicable M.R.S.T. and G.S.T. This ask was approved by the Chief Financial Officer on July 4, 2023 under contract MM Ref No. 513-2023. The City created a Draft Legal Services Agreement with Winnipeg Arts Council Inc. to formally award them the assignment, which is currently being reviewed by Winnipeg Arts Council Inc.
- The City received fee proposals from Shaw/Rogers and TELUS for their efforts in the forced relocation of their utilities from the NB bridge structure existing conduits for a total of \$68,727.04, plus applicable M.R.S.T. and G.S.T. This ask was approved by Purchasing on October 10 and 19, 2023 under contracts MM Ref No. 808-2023 & 842-2023, respectively.