

CITY OF THOMPSON TRANSIT

The City of Thompson is updating and improving our transit fleet. Maintenance and operation will be contracted and the City will own the fleet. The bus routes will be modified routes to increase efficiency and serve passengers in a greater capacity; the buses are expected to be on the streets this winter. The purchase of these transit buses could not have been done without supporting government grants.

MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS 2010

The next general municipal and school board election is Wednesday, October 27, 2010. General municipal elections are held every four years on the fourth Wednesday in October. This includes elections for mayors / reeves and councillors. Elections for school trustees take place the same day. **Visit www.thompson.ca/dbs/cityhall for info.**

COMMUNITY LED EMISSION REDUCTION (CLER)

The Community Led Emissions Reduction (CLER) program is a four-year (2008-2012) pilot program run by the Province of Manitoba to support community-led action to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. It contributes to the Provincial commitment to meet the Kyoto Protocol target of reducing GHG emissions by 6% below 1990 levels by 2012. The City of Thompson's Actions to Cut Emissions (A.C.E.) Committee has developed an action plan to address local greenhouse gas emission reduction (visit the Community Led Emissions Reduction page @ www.thompson.ca/dbs/publicworks). The program focuses on five areas; energy consumption/efficiency, transportation, water usage, lawn care/landscaping and waste. In June 2010, Thompson's Climate Change Action Plan was endorsed by Council and over the course of the coming year the A.C.E. Committee anticipates rolling out a number of programs for the residents of Thompson. Watch for these initiatives, designed to engage the community and increase eco-awareness. **For questions or comments please contact Andrea Hatley, Climate Change (CLER) Coordinator at 677-7766; or email clercoordinator@city.thompson.mb.ca.**



THOMPSON RECYCLING CENTRE

Over \$300,000 in government grants has been invested in the TRC to mechanize the system to increase employee safety and recycling capacity. The City of Thompson now collects recyclables with the new automated system and delivers material directly to the Thompson Recycling Centre where several conveyors carry loose recyclables to a sorting line where workers separate material.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY – SEPTEMBER 25

The Thompson Recycling Centre is holding the annual household hazardous waste collection day, in partnership with the City of Thompson and Province of Manitoba. The public is invited to bring unwanted household hazardous waste like paint, paint thinner, cleaner and anti-freeze to the Thompson Regional Community Centre (Rec Centre) on September 25 from 10 am – 2 pm. **Call the Thompson Recycling Centre for info: 677-7991**



THOMPSON UNLIMITED - THOMPSON DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

The downtown revitalization committee has been working to beautify our downtown and recently placed planters downtown this summer. New banners were placed in the downtown area and efforts continue to develop a vibrant downtown Thompson.

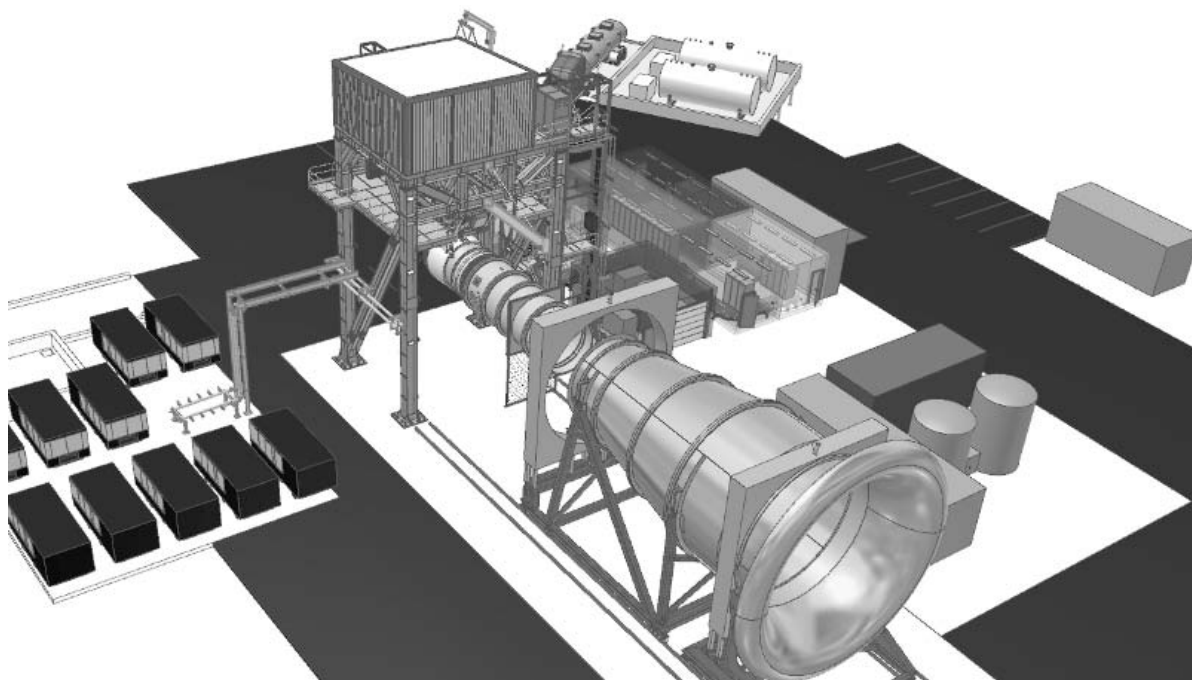
THOMPSON UNLIMITED - COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM

This year the downtown revitalization committee took part in the Communities in Bloom competition, and also hosted a community pride/beautification project in conjunction with the competition. Thompson was the only community in northern Manitoba registered for the competition – and provincial judges visited our city in August.



THOMPSON UNLIMITED

Thompson Unlimited is Thompson's economic development corporation which fosters a dynamic business climate by providing support and resources to grow Thompson as a northern center of diverse economic opportunities and a community having a well-developed quality of life.



THOMPSON UNLIMITED - CanETREC JET ENGINE FACILITY

The CanETREC facility is the Canadian Environmental Test Research and Education Centre. Industry and government have had this project in the works since 2002 and Thompson was ultimately chosen for site development which was announced last year. Construction on the wind tunnel is nearly completed with the rest of the facility ready to go. A public open house will be held in the fall with shuttle service provided to the facility. The first testing is schedule to begin this winter – largely in part to these stakeholders in engine manufacturing: Rolls Royce, Derby England and Pratt & Whitney. An artist's rendition of the jet engine testing site.

THOMPSON UNLIMITED - WINTER WEATHER TESTING

Thompson Unlimited works to expand, develop and support cold weather testing in our city. Currently, several companies in automotive, diesel, heavy duty equipment and aerospace come to Thompson to perform cold certification, mileage accumulation testing, vehicle performance, emissions and stop and go testing. In total, five automotive, four diesel and one heavy duty equipment companies testing in winter 2009. Thompson Unlimited works to market the cold weather testing program and provide administration services to companies coming to Thompson.

THOMPSON URBAN ABORIGINAL STRATEGY (TUAS)

The Thompson Urban Aboriginal Strategy is a result of government and community partnerships that fund a national Urban Aboriginal Strategy (UAS). The UAS program strives to look to better address issues faced by Urban Aboriginal people and the Thompson Urban Aboriginal Strategy does this by focusing on several priorities including women and children, education, health, housing and Aboriginal identity.



CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS (TUAS)

TUAS has dedicated funds to the revitalization of cultural and traditional events – many events have taken place in Thompson including dog sled races and traditional games during Winterfest, National Aboriginal Day and last year at the Olympic Torch Celebration.

HOME DAYCARE PROJECT (TUAS)

Community Futures North Central Development (CFNCD) partners with Thompson Urban Aboriginal Strategy to coordinate a Home Daycare Project. This project aims to increase the number of licensed home daycares in Thompson. Resources and funding are available for people wanting to operate a home daycare. **Contact CFNCD for more info at: ncd@northcentraldevelopment.ca, or 1-888-847-7878 or 204-677-1490.**

COMMUNITY FORUM (TUAS)

The TUAS steering committee holds an annual community forum to overview UAS priorities and to seek feedback from members of the urban Aboriginal community in Thompson. This forum is also a chance for funding recipients to discuss the outcomes of their projects. This year's community forum will be held in October and is open to the public.

THOMPSON NEIGHBORHOOD RENEWAL CORPORATION (TNRC)

Established in 2001, the TNRC is a community development organization governed by a volunteer board of directors working to support neighbourhood renewal initiatives by providing assistance to the community through funding and education. Thompson Neighborhood Renewal Corporation also recently developed a sustainability plan to ensure projects are continued for years to come.



OUR HOME KIKINAW (TNRC)

Our Home Kikinaw is a project of the TNRC that will assist low income families in achieving homeownership by providing them with the opportunity to purchase a no-profit home. The project is structured in accordance with Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg's policies and procedures, and aside from completing one house build by 2010, the ultimate goal of the project is to become an Affiliate of Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg. The success of Our Home Kikinaw relies on the generosity of individuals who donate money, building materials, labour and their time. Our Home Kikinaw welcomes people with all kinds of skills and from all walks of life. **Please call us at 677-0762 to find out how you can contribute.**



SUPPORTING EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT – SEED (TNRC)

The SEED program is based on the idea that every person has incredible potential: potential to learn, potential to share, and potential to create a better economic future for themselves and others. SEED has helped hundreds of people start their own businesses and save money for a better future. This year, TNRC received funding to administer the SEED program in Thompson. SEED provides asset building and teaches money management skills to low income people and provides the opportunity to save money. Matching funds are offered to program participants -- for every one dollar saved, the participants are matched with three dollars from the SEED programs. **Call 677-0766 to get involved.**

FRONT AND PAINT PROGRAM (TNRC)

The Front and Paint Program provides grants for home improvements through exterior painting and renovations that:

1. Enhance the exterior appearance and safety of properties
2. Encourages neighbourhood upkeep and street use for pedestrian's enjoyment
3. Builds community pride

Visit www.tnrc.ca for an application or call the office; 677-0762

HOUSING AUTHORITY (TNRC)

The TNRC is part of Thompson's newly established housing authority which aims to provide affordable housing and related services in Thompson. The Housing Authority will target local and area residents, from low and middle income families with a wide range of individuals from seniors, service sector employees and the homeless.