

Transcona Council History 1920 – 1929

January 1920 – A position of Inspector of Gravel is appointed for the Nairn Ave (Regent) gravelling work at a salary of \$100.00 per month.

January 1920 – Transcona begins negotiations with the City of Winnipeg to run a bus service from Transcona to some point in Winnipeg operated by the Sherbrook Motor Company.

March 1920 – Bond and Regent are both being gravelled.

March 1920 – Transcona agrees to pay 50% of the deficit of the Winnipeg Street Railway Company if there should be a deficit.

April 1920 – A Noxious Weeds Inspector is hired for the growing season for \$75.00 per month.

April 1920 – Council agrees to let municipal equipment drag and roll the grounds of the Transcona Football Club.

April 1920 – King Street is being gravelled.

April 1920 – Sewer and water is to be extended on Victoria Avenue East.

April 1920 – Transcona begins laying the pipe for the Greater Winnipeg Water District from the aqueduct and the Transcona Reservoir.

May 1920 – The ditching of Harold Avenue West is underway.

May 1920 – The Labour Church is granted the use of Park Circle for Sunday evening worship services.

May 1920 – Residents ask for a well at Melrose and Wayoata. Council drills the well at a cost of \$306.40.

May 1920 – Labourers working for the Department of Public Works see a rise in their hourly wage to 45 cents per hour while those working as teamsters see their wages rise to 50 cents per hour.

May 1920 – Police Constable's salaries rise by \$10.00 per month.

May 1920 – Those receiving a monthly salary receive a \$10.00 per month increase, they had asked for \$20.00 per month.

May 1920 – Water standpipes are to be erected at the northeast corner of Whittier and Winona and the northwest corner of Madeline and Yale.

May 1920 – The Secretary-Treasurer's salary is raised to \$2750.00 per year.

May 1920 – Council is told that a resident of St. Boniface has plowed and put under cultivation land belonging to Transcona without seeking approval or paying rent.

May 1920 – A fire in the stable of Fire Hall # 2 is under investigation for arson.

May 1920 – The Chief Constable is given an increase in his salary of \$25.00 per month.

June 1920 – The Town Engineer receives a salary increase of \$25.00 per month

June 1920 – Labourers receive another 5 cents per hour increase in their salary bringing it up to 50 cents per hour.

June 1920 – A telephone is to be installed in the mayor's residence but he must pay the bill himself.

June 1920 – The sewer on Regent Avenue is to be extended west of Winona.

June 1920 – Pits in the outhouses outside of the area with sewer and water must be replaced with pails instead.

June 1920 – Budget Estimate Summary

Tax Office	\$36,300.00
Police	\$5332.16
Fire	\$6609.16
Health	\$4500.00
Noxious Weeds	\$1000.00
Engineering	\$21,912.59
Total	\$75,653.91

July 1920 – The sewer is to be extended further on Victoria Avenue East.

July 1920 – One police constable resigns another is hired at \$120.00 per month.

July 1920 – Tax Mill Rate

General Municipal Levy	22
School District # 39	14.5
School District # 1569	16
Debentures	9.5
Municipal Commissioners Levy	3.25
Greater Winnipeg Water District	4.5

August 1920 – Transcona asks the provincial government for a loan of \$31,018.00 as Transcona is finding it difficult to borrow money from the Bank of Toronto because of its large debt. The provincial government is only willing to loan it \$20,000.00.

August 1920 – Water from Shoal Lake begins flowing into Transcona's watermains.

September 1920 – The Transcona Athletic Association receives \$100.00 in order to hold their annual banquet.

September 1920 – The road formerly known as Springfield Road is now known as Dugald Road to avoid confusion with the Springfield Road north of Transcona.

September 1920 – The water standpipe at the northeast corner of Winona and Whittier is fitted with a lock requiring a key that only authorized users can receive for a fee. This is done to prevent non-payers taking water from it. Authorized users are told that it must not be left unlocked or else it will be removed.

November 1920 – One Hundred feet of sidewalk is to be constructed on the south side of Ravelston east of Roanoke.

November 1920 – Council is to purchase 4 winter coats for the Police Department at a cost of \$95.00 each from the Hudson Bay Company. The Bay purchases the 4 old coats from Transcona for \$150.00. Four winter caps are also purchased for \$30.00 each.

December 1920 – The town is to pay for the light at the skating rink of the Transcona Athletic Association.

December 1920 – Council asks the CNR that the Sunday passenger trains leave Transcona at 1:30 PM, 3:30 PM, 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. They ask that the trains leave Winnipeg at 2:30 PM, 4:30 PM, 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM. Council also asks the CNR for sufficient gravel for the gravelling of Dugald Road. CNR tells council that it is unable to deliver the gravel at this time.

January 1921 – The municipal employee living at Fire Hall # 2 in Ward 4 comes under the jurisdiction of the Chief Constable for all police and fire matters and under the Town Engineer for all Public Works Duties.

January 1921 – Transcona's Levy for the Greater Winnipeg Water District is \$11,561.81 for 1921.

January 1921 – The CNR asks council for access to the water from Shoal Lake.

February 1921 - Council asks the province for a grant to gravel Dugald Road and to clean out the Dugald Ditch.

March 1921 – Council gives title to the land used for the Athletic Park and Exhibition Grounds to the Transcona Athletic Association. They are responsible for all maintenance and all costs and have complete control of what the land is used for.

March 5 1921 – A meeting is held with 200 ratepayers present. The mayor tells those present that the income of Transcona is insufficient to meet expenditures and fixed charges.

March 7 1921 – Another ratepayers meeting is held with 500 residents in attendance. A motion is passed in favour of asking the provincial government to take over responsibilities for the town and appointing a commissioner to run the affairs of Transcona.

March 1921 – The Town Engineer resigns.

March 1921 – All employees are given one-month notice that their services will no longer be required after April 30 1921. For sale signs are placed on all town owned properties.

April 1921- December 1927 – There is no town council and no elected municipal representatives for Transcona. The provincial government through an appointed commissioner directly governs the Town.

January 1928 – The first meeting of the newly elected town council is held, the town consists of Mayor Williamson and 8 councillors.

January 1928 – Applications for hotel licenses are granted to the Palma Hotel and the Vimy Block.

January 1928 – Council rejects taking on responsibility for administrating the control of the sale of liquor.

January 1928 – Town Council votes not to take any indemnity for 1928 but later reverses its position. Councillors are to receive \$4.00 per meeting to a maximum indemnity of \$200.00 for the year. The mayor receives \$4.00 per meeting as well as an extra \$500.00 but his total indemnity can not exceed \$700.00 for the year. The indemnities are to be paid monthly.

January 1928 – Council asks the provincial government for the power to impose a poll tax on all single men over the age of 18 who are not taxpayers of Transcona.

January 1928 – A case is put around the pump in south Transcona to prevent it from freezing.

January 1928 – One light on King Street and one light overlooking Central Park are to be removed and placed in front of the Royal George Hotel and a point east of Oxford and Regent.

January 1928 – Transcona is to pay \$1.25 per cubic yard for gravel hauled on sleighs and \$2.00 per yard for gravel hauled in wagons. The gravel is to be used on sidewalks.

January 1928 – The town enters into negotiations with City Hydro for Light and Power.

January 1928 – Gravelling is to be done on
Rosseau between Bond and Oxford
Regent between Winona and Bond
Oxford from the CNR tracks south
Concrete sidewalks are advertised for
Both sides Ravelston West between Madeline and Winona
West side of Winona between Yale and Ravelston
North side of Melrose West between Bond and Oxford

January 1928 – A town foreman is hired for the gravel work at \$95.00 per month.

January 1928 – The holes surrounding Park Circle on the east side between Yale and Ravelston are to be filled in.

January 1928 – The Interurban Bus Company is told that any individual operating a bus between Winnipeg and Transcona is to be charged a yearly license fee of \$1000.00.

January 1928 – Council is told that the Municipal Commissioner's levy was \$4006.86 in 1927 and the Municipal Assessor will be paid \$1700.00 in 1929.

January 1928 – The insurance on the fire equipment is reduced to \$2000.00 from \$4000.00.

February 1928 – There are complaints of cattle running loose in the east end.

February 1928 – Members of council form a committee with the Board of Trade to form a Broadcast Committee.

February 1928 – An 8-foot wide concrete sidewalk is advertised from Regent on the west side.

February 1928 – The residents of South Transcona request a water extension from the malting plant across Dugald Road that will run south on McFadden to First Street and westerly on First.

February 1928 – City Hydro reduces the cost of streetlights to 16 cents per lamp per night from 17 cents. The heating and cooking rate is set at 1.5 cents per kWh. City Hydro is given an exclusive franchise for 10 years.

February 1928 – The Interurban Bus Company is asked to either pay their license fee of \$1000.00 or remove their buses from Transcona.

February 1928 – Council asks the Canada Malting Company and the CNR to give preference to hiring Transcona residents.

February 1928 – Painting Supplies purchased

1 quart black enamel paint - \$2.25

1 gallon red paint - \$2.00

3 quarts of green paint - \$4.25

2 quarts boiled oil – 70 cents

1 pint turpentine – 25 cents

March 1928 – Transcona School District # 39 asks that Rosseau Avenue east of Oxford be gravelled up to the school lane.

March 1928 – Council asks the provincial government to consider Transcona as the site of the Provincial Gaol.

March 1928 – Council asks the City of Winnipeg to remove the bridge from Nairn Avenue on the Transcona/Winnipeg border and build a culvert instead.

March 1928 – The holes on Dugald Road and King St. are to be filled in with cinders.

March 1928 – A new pump head is to be installed on the pump at the corner of Edward and Wabasha.

March 1928 – An air compressor and tank is purchased for \$45.00.

March 1928 – Water quarterly rates are set at

Private Dwellings - \$3.30

Boarding Houses 6 or more boarders - \$4.50

Double House - \$6.60

Block 3 Suites - \$8.00

Block 4 Suites - \$10.00

Block 5 Suites - \$12.00

Hotel without a Beer Parlor - \$12.00

Hotel with a Beer Parlor - \$15.00

Restaurants - \$8.00

Store only - \$5.00

Store and 1 Family - \$5.00

Store and 2 Families - \$8.00

Store and 3 Families - \$10.00
Barber Shop - \$5.00
Barber Shop and 1 Family - \$6.60
Laundries - \$8.00
Standpipes - \$1.25
Cows and Horses – 50 cents per animal

March 1928 – Council asks that the following streets be placed under the Good Roads Commission in order that they receive provincial government support

Nairn Avenue from Panet to King
Pandora from King to Superior Road
Superior Road from Pandora to Dugald Road
Dugald Road from Superior Road to King Street
King from Dugald to Pandora

March 1928 – Transcona's share of the Greater Winnipeg Water District is set at \$7200.35 for 1928.

March 1928 – Council asks the provincial government to set up a liquor store in Transcona.

April 1928 – Council excludes the public from all committee meeting of council but allows the press to attend.

May 1928 –The building at the corner of Pandora and Bond is refused a beer license.

May 1928 – The town grader is to level the grounds of the Transcona Baseball Club.

May 1928 – The caretaker of the South Transcona Fire Hall also is the pound-keeper, special constable and a fireman.

May 1928 – The Junior Clerk's salary is raised to \$100.00 per month

May 1928 – The Chief Constable who is also the Fire Chief and the Building Inspector is to be paid \$25.00 per month for his duties as building inspector.

May 1928 – Council asks the Municipal Commissioner to place Transcona under the Town Planning Act.

May 1928 – Signboards saying Welcome to Transcona are placed at the western limits and on Springfield Road and Oxford.

June 1928 – All new buildings in the sewer and water district must now have a concrete basement at least 6 feet by 6 feet.

June 1928 – The Transcona Garage receives approval to install 2 gasoline pumps.

June 1928 – Council recognizes the Transcona Branch of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League Post # 7 as representing all ex-servicemen in Transcona.

June 1928 – Transcona asks the Dominion Malting Company, Eaton's, the Hudson Bay Company and several other large Winnipeg firms making deliveries to Transcona to donate money towards the gravelling of the roads around the CNR Shops.

June 1928 – The managers of Knox United Church ask council to grade Harvard between Oxford and Kanata.

July 1928 – The Transcona Pipe Band is given permission to hold a fair.

July 1928 – A ditch is to be constructed on Dowling from Wabasha to Oxford.

July 1928 – A number of residents come to council for work on the CNR. Council writes letters on their behalf to CNR asking them to hire these residents.

July 1928 – The New Transcona CNR Station is to be located on the west side of the Shop Gates in line with the west sidewalk on Bond.

August 1928 – Regent Avenue West is to be ditched on the south side.

August 1928 – Residents of South Transcona are to receive their water through the mains of the CNR.

August 1928 – Fire Hall # 1 is to receive hot water and a shower and bath.

August 1928 – Transcona's first parking by-law is introduced.

August 1928 – Harvard between Oxford and Kanata is to be gravelled.

August 1928 – Council asks the federal government to commence the building of the new post office in Transcona.

September 1928 – Land is sold to Imperial Oil for a service station at the southwest corner of Oxford and Regent.

September 1928 – Transcona charges a license fee of \$50.00 for all companies located outside Transcona delivering wood and coal to Transcona using a motor vehicle. Those companies using horses are charged \$25.00 per year.

September 1928 – The water rate charged to Transcona from the Greater Winnipeg Water District is increased to 3.5 cents per 1000 gallons.

September 1928 – Transcona first considers charging the CNR 12 cents per 1000 gallons for water but it later lowers it to 7.5 cents per 1000 gallons.

October 1928 – Residents now wanting to get work with the CNR can now apply with the Chief Constable who will write a letter to the CNR asking that they be considered for employment.

October 1928 – A manhole is left uncovered at Leola and Pandora damaging several vehicles. The average repair bill per vehicle is \$4.00.

November 1928 – There are complaints about the large amount of iron flying off junk dealer's trucks along Nairn Avenue.

November 1928 – A meeting is held to discuss erecting a War Memorial in Transcona.

November 1928 – The Imperial Oil Service Station building at Regent and Oxford is to cost \$8000.00.

November 1928 – A resident complains about the inaction of the chief constable in catching an auto thief who stole his car. It turns out the resident had previously stolen the car himself from a resident of East Kildonan.

November 1928 – Tenders are let out for the Post Office in Transcona.

November 1928 – A skating rink is to be flooded on Whittier Ave West between Madeline and Winona.

November 1928 – Land is being purchased on the south side of Nairn Avenue for a 33-foot widening of Nairn Avenue (Regent).

December 1928 – A resident comes to council asking for council's help in being rehired by the CNR after he had been fired.

January 1929 – Ice rinks are to be flooded on Ravelston east of Leola and at Bond and Oxford.

January 1929 – Price of lots for sale by the town

The sewer and water area bound by Winona, Harvard, Kanata and Pandora except the north side of Block 15 and the south side of Block 21 - \$150.00 per lot

North Side of Block 15 - \$250.00 per lot

South Side Block 21 - \$200.00

Sewer and Water District other than above - \$100.00 per lot

Areas with sewers only - \$75.00 per lot

Areas with water only - \$75.00 per lot

Regent west of Hoka - \$50.00 per lot

Oxford St. frontage to CNR Tracks from North Side of Kildare - \$75.00 per lot

Wabasha to Madeline except for the Oxford frontage - \$50.00 per lot
North Side of Horton to CNR Tracks - \$35.00 per lot
All property south of CNR Shops - \$25.00

January 1929 – A male bookkeeper is to be hired for \$125.00 per month. The female clerk's salary is to be increased from \$65.00 per month from \$75.00 per month.

January 1929 – Street Graveling for
Kanata from Victoria to Pandora
Madeline from Ravelston to Victoria
Madeline from Regent to Pandora
Bond from Yale to Ravelston
Rosseau from Oxford to Winona

January 1929 – A rink is to be flooded at the southeast corner of Victoria and Oxford.

February 1929 – A concrete sidewalk is to be built on the north side of Rosseau Avenue West between Oxford and Bond.

March 1929 – The watermain for South Transcona will bring water to 40 residences. Users are to pay \$1.00 per year for the cost of the water meters.

March 1929 – Transcona is to employ 3 or 4 extra men during the spring flood period.

March 1929 – There is one school classroom in the Municipal Hall because of the overcrowding of Central School. On some occasions the noise of the children disturb council meetings.

March 1929 – The water standpipe at the corner of Kildare and Madeline is out of order due to someone cutting the pipe with a hacksaw. A broken hacksaw blade is found lying beside the cut pipe.

March 1929 – Thompson Avenue West is reported to be in poor shape because of the swampy condition of the road.

March 1929 – Pumps are to be removed from the intersection of Watt and Queen as well as Yale and Redonda.

March 1929 – Plank sidewalks are to be raised on the east side of King between Pandora and Regent as well as the south side of Harold West, west of Madeline.

March 1929 – A new tractor is to be purchased for the Public Works Department.

April 1929 – A resident tells council that a frozen sewer at the corner of Wabasha and Pandora caused water to back up into his basement damaging 25-30 bushels of potatoes.

April 1929 – The contract for the removal of night soil and garbage is tendered out for \$950.00.

April 1929 – The Softball Club is given permission to use Kern Park, the club is told to arrange matters with the baseball club so they don't interfere with each other.

April 1929 – Ten loads of earth are put on the low spot in the southeast part of Park Circle.

April 1929 – Transcona now has 35 miles of plank sidewalks, 12 miles of sewers and 13 miles of watermains.

April 1929 – Council purchases
500 feet of rubber fire hose - \$500.00
3 pairs constable's pants - \$10.50
1 constable's tunic - \$27.00
3 pairs constable's boots - \$5.75

April 1929 – Water rates for Hamilton's Service station - \$10.00 per quarter and for Holland Service Station - \$5.00 per quarter.

May 1929 – Council is told that Nairn Avenue in Winnipeg is to be paved to Kent and crushed stone to the Winnipeg/Transcona boundary.

May 1929 – The baseball club is given permission to fence off that portion of their grounds which is being used a shortcut by vehicles travelling to Kanata.

May 1929 – Residents on the north side of Melrose are given cinders to build a sidewalk on the north side of Melrose from Leola east. Residents must do the work themselves.

May 1929 – The night soil wagon is to be repaired after a wheel falls off, dumping its load on Regent.

May 1929 – Council purchases
8000 envelopes for \$31.50
5000 tax statements are to be printed for \$32.50

May 1929 – Four large concrete culverts are to be built on Dugald Road at McFadden, Mulvey, Borden and Campbell at a cost of \$195.00 each. Fourteen hundred yards of gravel are to be spread on Dugald at a cost of \$1500.00.

May 1929 – The Transcona Memorial Committee is given permission to canvass for funds the war memorial on May 30 1929.

May 1929 – The sewer is to be extended 142 feet on Yale Avenue West.

May 1929 – A caretaker is to be hired for the Park for the summer season. He is to be given plants and is to maintain order in the Park. He is to receive \$125.00 for the season.

June 1929 – A tenant of the Lanthier Block complains about the careless handling and storage of dynamite around his premises. The Chief Constable is ordered to gather up any dynamite at the Lanthier Block at 12 Rosseau Avenue West and store it in a safe condition. Council is told that some individuals were seen smoking beside where the dynamite was stored.

June 1929 – The Transcona Tennis Club at the corner of Wabasha and Whittier asks council to do something about the drainage problem around the tennis court.

June 1929 – Residents in the area of Wabasha and Edward ask that the pump at this location be repaired.

June 1929 – Transcona's share of the Municipal Commissioner's Levy for 1929 is \$5974.02.

June 1929 – The watermain extension for South Transcona is to cross from the CNR Property at the corner of McFadden and Dugald Road.

June 1929 – All hourly municipal workers receive a week of paid holidays per year.

June 1929 – The bridge at the corner of Winona and Kildare is reported to be in a state of poor repair.

June 1929 – All new stables located within the sewer and water area must be connected to sewer and water and must be built with concrete floors.

June 1929 – The Chief Constable is asked to report on the number of cattle located in the area bound by Leola, Madeline, Pandora and Kildare.

July 1929 – Barbed wire is no longer allowed to be used for fencing along streets and sidewalks.

July 1929 – Council is told to do something about the poor condition of the walkway through the CNR Shops from Dugald Road to Pandora.

July 1929 – Council is told to brush Newman Ave West and Bond St. West to prevent the spreading of brush fires.

July 1929 – Council is told that someone has ploughed up part of Ashland Avenue for cultivation.

July 1929 – The east side of South Transcona is not to be included in the new water district.

July 1929 – Melrose, Victoria and Yale west of Madeline are to be graded and ditched for half a block to relieve the water problems in this area.

August 1929 – Council passes a by-law to prohibit the keeping of pigs in the area bound by Hoka, Wayoata, Pandora and Harold. Cows, sheep and goats are to be prohibited in the area bound by Kanata, Winona, Whittier and Pandora.

August 1929 – Water rates for the new Campbell Block at the corner of Oxford and Regent is set at \$20.00 per quarter.

September 1929 – The Transcona School District # 39 paints the classroom in the Municipal Hall and is now renting out the O. B. U. Hall for school classrooms.

September 1929 – Transcona is given permission to use the CNR hydrants on the south side of their yards to fight fires. CNR is given permission to connect to Transcona's hydrants on the north side of the yards to fight fires.

September 1929 – The owner of the Vimy Building complains that rain water from the Princess Hotel is running on to his building.

September 1929 – The plank sidewalks on McFadden Avenue is destroyed by fire.

October 1929 – Concrete sidewalks are to be laid around the Post Office at Bond and Regent and in front of the Imperial Oil service station on Regent.

October 1929 – Residents ask that the water standpipe at the corner of Whittier and Winona be moved to the corner of Kildare and Winona.

October 1929 – The water standpipe at Leola and Harvard is out of order due to vandalism.

October 1929 – Council is told that some residents are illegally watering their cows at the pump at Ralph and Bond. Residents complain that they have to step over large piles of manure and the well is being polluted.

October 1929 – There are concerns that some merchants are selling cigarettes to children.

November 1929 – Transcona School District # 39 asks for a concrete sidewalk around Central School. The school board is told that the town is not in a financial position to do it now.

November 1929 – The ditch on Regent east of Leola is to be cleaned out.

November 1929 – The water rate for the Post Office is set at \$5.00 per quarter.

November 1929 – Ice rinks to be flooded include
Whittier Avenue between Madeline and Winona
Madeline between Ravelston and Yale
South side of Harvard between Kanata and Oxford
East side of Bond between Rosseau and Harvard
Edward and Wabasha
North side of Block 23 between Oxford and Kanata
104 Whittier Avenue East
The Roman Catholic School Property.

Transcona charges each group \$2.00 to flood each ice rink. One group wants to flood a portion of the CNR property south of Pandora. This group is asked to obtain the permission of CNR.

December 1929 – New water rates for boarding houses
4-6 boarders - \$4.50 per quarter
6-12 boarders - \$6.00 per quarter
12-20 boarders - \$8.00 per quarter
More than 20 - \$10.00 per quarter

December 1929 – The number of people applying for relief is slowly rising.

