

REPORT: THE DEVELOPMENT OF WINNIPEG AS A CITY

Reference source for sections 1 to 4 - <http://www.destinationwinnipeg.ca/>
Goods and Services also in Yellow pages or <http://www.mtsyellowpages.ca/>

1. Site

(a) Describe landforms, vegetation, soils, and climate.

(b) Give some reasons why this site was chosen.

2. Situation

(a) Give its absolute location (latitude and longitude).

(b) Describe its location relative to its neighbours.

3. Size and Importance

(a) List the present size of Winnipeg - area and population.

(b) List the cities within a 1000 kilometre radius of Winnipeg.

(c) How does Winnipeg rank among these cities?

4. Goods and Services. The area served by a city is called its *hinterland*. List some of the goods and services that Winnipeg provides to its hinterland.

Reference sources for section 5 -

<http://www.winnipeg.ca/interhom/council/default.stm>

http://winnipeg.ca/interhom/mayors_office/

http://winnipeg.ca/clerks/docs/election_services/qual_electors.stm

or back pages of the telephone book

5. City Government

(a) Briefly explain who is responsible for running the City of Winnipeg and how are they chosen?

(b) What are the qualifications for these jobs? and how do they get their jobs?

(c) Name the present holders of these positions.

Reference sources for the rest of the report - *The Emergent City*

6. Early Winnipeg

(a) Download the map of the present City of Winnipeg (since 1972) and mark on it the limits of the original city.

- (b) List some of the complaints that people made about early Winnipeg.

7. Population Explosion

- (a) What was the difference between the population in 1873 when the city was incorporated and in 1921?

- (b) Give some reasons for the increase in population.

Reference sources for section 8 –

History of the Winnipeg Police Service <http://www.winnipeg.ca/police/History/history1.htm>

Firefighters' Museum <http://www.winnipegfiremuseum.ca/>

Andrew Carnegie and Carnegie Libraries <http://www.carnegie.org/>

8. The Development of Winnipeg

Any city has to have what is called *infrastructure*. Infrastructure includes the basic structures and services which allow a city to function - roads, bridges, sidewalks; water, sewers; power; housing.

- (a) List five factors that influenced the way that Winnipeg developed and briefly explain why each was important.
- (b) A number of very important services developed during the city's early history: police, fire, library, public health, water, sanitation. **** Teacher choice:** Choose one and write a short report on it - for presentation and/or display.

9. Urban Planning

As the city grew, people realized that there had to be some planning. Early on, Winnipeg's City Council realized this and their planning has given us some very special and beautiful places.

- (a) Examine a map of Winnipeg and mark all of the parks and green spaces. Why are these spaces valuable to us?

- (b) Winnipeg was once called "The Boulevard City". Why were boulevards important and which trees were planted on boulevards?

- (c) Why did Winnipeg establish so many playgrounds?

- (d) Assiniboine Park and Kildonan Park are two of Winnipeg's special places. **** Teacher choice:** Write a report on one of them.

Reference source for section 10 - <http://www.winnipeg.ca/>

10. Issues for Cities

- (a) Below is a list of services that the City of Winnipeg provides. Which ones would not even have been considered when Winnipeg became a city in 1873?

Ambulance	Animal Services	Archives	Arenas
Arson	Assiniboine Park	Athletic Fields	Basement Flooding Protection
Bicycle Registration	Brady Road Landfill	Building Codes	Bus Schedules
Business Licences	Call before You Dig	Cemeteries	Christmas Tree Recycling
Community Centres	Crime Stoppers	Dog Licenses	Drinking Water Quality

Dutch Elm Disease	Film and Cultural Affairs	Fire Paramedic	Fitness centres
Flood Protection	Fogging and Insects	French Language Services	
Garbage Collection	Garden Plot Rentals	Golf Courses	Graffiti Hotline
Handi-Transit	Harbour Patrol	Hazardous Waste	Health Inspections
Heritage Buildings	Hydrants	Hydro	Library
Museums	Ombudsman	Parks	Permits
Planning Services	Pools	Potholes	Recycling
Sewer Backup	Sidewalks	Street Cleaning	Swimming lessons
Traffic Signals	Weed Control		

(b) The City's basic sources of revenue in 1873 were grants from the province and taxes on business and property. Those are still basic sources of money. How does this explain all of the publicity about "a new deal for the city"?

(c) List some issues that Winnipeggers are considering today. Choose one and suggest your solution.