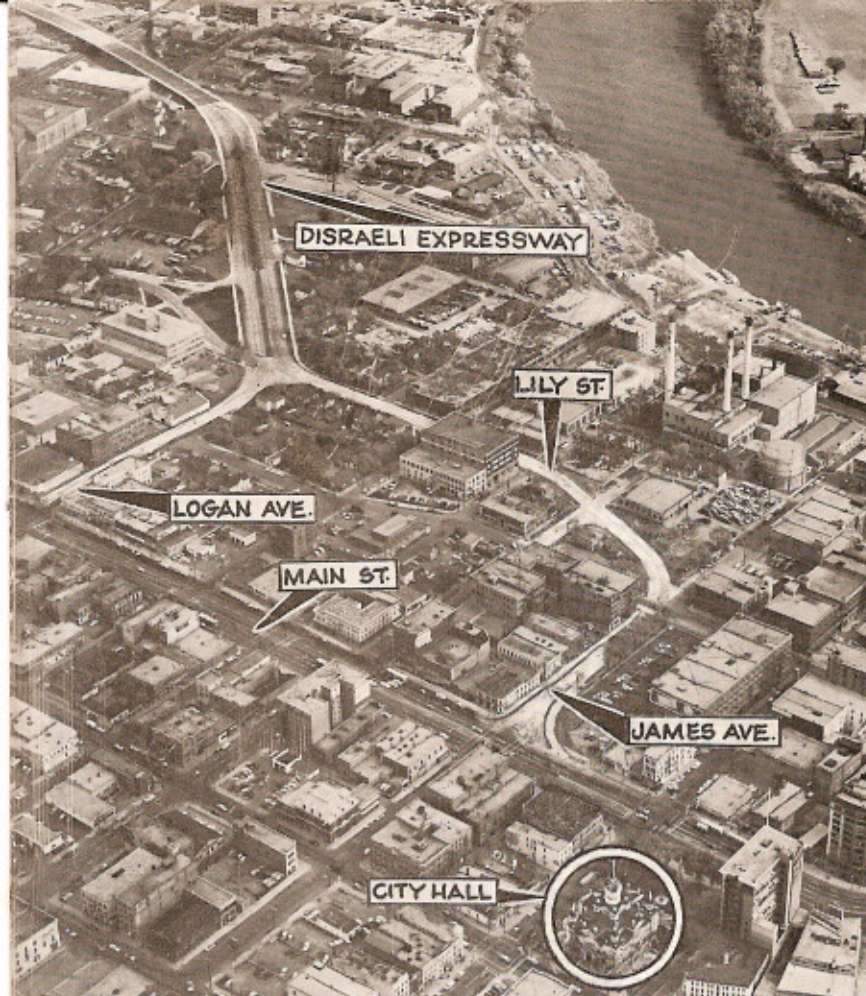


October 19, 1960



The Council of the City of Winnipeg
takes pleasure in announcing the
ceremonies officially opening the

Disraeli Bridge AND Expressway Project

ON

Wednesday, October 19th, 1960

COMMENCING AT 11:00 A.M.

HIS WORSHIP MAYOR STEPHEN JUBA

WILL DELIVER A SHORT ADDRESS TO MARK THE OCCASION

AND UNVEIL AN HISTORICAL PLAQUE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE EXPRESSWAY AT LILY STREET

LUNCHEON, NEW NANKING, 12:00 NOON

Menu

CONSOMME

ROAST LEAN PORK

with Plum Sauce and Mustard

SESAME SEEDS

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SWEET AND SOUR SPARE RIBS

with Pineapple

BREADED SPARE RIBS

BREADED SHRIMP

MUSHROOM CHICKEN GUY KEW

BEEF CHOP SUEY NANKING STYLE

CHICKEN FRIED RICE

EGG ROLLS

WONTON DRY

CHICKEN CHOP SUEY

New Nanking Special

CHOW MEIN

SWEET AND SOUR SAUCE

STEAMED WHITE RICE

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CHINESE TEA - COFFEE

Message

With a view to eliminating the obstacles, created by the Red River and the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, for the expeditious flow of traffic between central Winnipeg and the densely populated areas to the north and north-east, including the City of East Kildonan, the Winnipeg and Metropolitan Planning Committees in 1946 advocated the construction of a new direct traffic route to connect Kelvin Street and Main Street.

Surveys were made and plans prepared for what was to be designated as the "Disraeli Project", consisting of three phases:

- (1) A bridge over the Red River with its approaches from Mighton Avenue to Gomez Street.
- (2) A structure from Gomez Street to Argyle Street overpassing Sutherland Avenue, the C.P.R. main line and Higgins Avenue.
- (3) A freeway from Argyle Street to the intersection of Logan Avenue and Lily Street and from the latter a system of approach streets providing for the exit of south-bound traffic at Logan and Main and the entrance to the freeway for north-bound traffic at Main and James.

After the great flood of 1950, the plans were modified to provide a route which would be free from the hazard of future floods and the design as finally constructed was adopted.

After the Province of Manitoba had agreed to pay the whole cost of Phase I (the Disraeli Bridge) and to pay half the cost of the other two phases, up to a maximum of One Million Dollars, and the City of East Kildonan had agreed to contribute to the cost of the bridge, approval for the construction of the bridge was obtained in 1957 and for the other two phases of the Expressway in 1958.

Work on the bridge started in May, 1958, and it was opened to traffic on October 20th, 1959. The two major contractors were Nelson River Construction Limited, substructure and approaches; and Dominion Bridge Company Ltd., superstructure.

The overpass structure was started in June, 1959, and was completed in September, 1960. The two major contractors were Harris Construction Company, Ltd., substructure; and Bridge and Tank Western Limited, superstructure.

Phase 3, the construction of streets forming the downtown approaches, was started in June, 1960, and completed in October, 1960. All work on this phase was performed by City forces.

The total cost of the whole project is approximately 5½ Million Dollars. Included in this sum are the expenditures for acquisition of property and traffic signaling, for which the cost was borne entirely by the City.

We have been indeed fortunate in having Mr. A. J. Taunton as Project Engineer for the Province and City. His devotion and zeal are climaxed today in the completion of the Bridge and Expressway.

To everyone, who was associated with the construction of this project, I offer my personal thanks. Their skill and ability are exemplified in this beautiful Bridge and Expressway.

STEPHEN JUBA,

Mayor

City Council - 1960

STEPHEN JUBA, MAYOR

ALDERMEN - WARD I

*H. C. AVERY
F. W. CRAWFORD
M. H. DANZKER
J. GURZON HARVEY, Q.C.
*D. A. MULLIGAN
*MRS. E. I. TENNANT

ALDERMEN - WARD II

*A. E. BENNETT
J. A. COULTER
*G. R. FINES
MRS. L. HALLONQUIST
JOHN V. SAMSON
C. H. SPENCE

ALDERMEN - WARD III

S. M. CHERNIACK
*PAUL PARASHIN
JACOB PENNER
*SLAW REBCHUK
D. SWAILES
PETER TARASKA

*Members of Committee on Public Works.



Disraeli Bridge opened October 20th, 1959.

Photos courtesy Winnipeg Free Press.

Front: Gerry Cairns.

Back: Bill Rose.

Mayor Juba Opens Disraeli Freeway

The Disraeli Freeway was officially opened to Winnipeg motorists Wednesday forenoon as Mayor Stephen Juba cut a ribbon at the intersection of Main street and James avenue.

The Disraeli Bridge and Freeway, which was started two years ago, cost a total of \$5,500,000. The provincial government contributed just under \$3,500,000 of the cost and the City of East Kildonan added about \$92,000 in per capita contributions.

Representing East Kildonan at the ceremonies were Ald. Bruce Bodie, Ald. W. T. Snowdon, Ald. Stan Botterill, Ald. Stewart McLeod and Ald. Thos. Armstrong.

Ald. Bodie, who addressed the gathering in the absence of Mayor Suttie, said it was a privilege to be able to extend congratulations on behalf of the citizens of East Kildonan, to the provincial authorities and the Winnipeg City Council, as well as the engineers and planners and other officials who brought about the Freeway, and the many workers and companies who took part in its construction.

We were pleased, he said, when East Kildonan whole-heartedly supported the project and offered financial assistance to become a part of the undertaking. This was the first completed example of what can be accomplished through Metro type of action and one of which we can be just proud.

Officials claim the Freeway will reduce traffic on Redwood Bridge by one-half and on Louise Bridge by one-third.

In recent months congestion on north Main street has seen traffic backed up as far as Manitoba avenue during peak morning periods, and from Higgins avenue to Portage avenue during the evening rush.

With the extensive system of signs and directions to help city motorists find approaches and exits in the freeway system, traffic experts are hopeful of major changes in traffic movement within 36 hours.

Three Candidates Seek Ward 1 Seat In North Kildonan

A new councillor will be elected to North Kildonan Council next Wednesday and electors in two of the four wards will vote on a \$435,000 school money bylaw.

George Janzen, Henry Redekopp and John R. Searcy will contest the seat in Ward 1 being vacated at the end of the year by Councillor R. Schwartz.

Wards 1 and 2 will vote on a \$435,000 school money bylaw to build additions to Springfield Heights and Maple Leaf Schools.

Councillor Leo Rougeau was returned by acclamation in Ward 4.

All four wards will vote on the Metro 5 Division candidates. They are:

Charles A. Barry
Walter Berestiansky
Bert Randall
Jack Willis
Daniel A. Yanofsky

Following are the polling places:
Ward 1 — Princess Margaret and Springfield Heights Schools.

Ward 2 — Lord Kitchener and Maple Leaf Schools.

Wards 3 and 4 — Rosewell School.

Electors are reminded to mark ballots with an "X", with the exception of the metro ballot, which must be marked with figures.

TELECAST CALGARY-B.C. GAME

J. R. Finlay, director of the CBC, announced Wednesday that arrangements have been completed to telecast the Calgary-B.C. football game Saturday night.

The original telecast called for the Edmonton-Regina game. However, CBC officials moved quickly to

Don't Spoil Your Ballot

Electors of Kildonan, Pa...

Disraeli Routes Will Open Monday

The new approach system giving motorists three separate routes to the Disraeli freeway from downtown Winnipeg will open Monday morning.

The \$1.2 million project at Main Street and Alexander Avenue was built this summer to replace the former approach roadway at Main Street and James Avenue.

The three new routes to the freeway are:

- From Main Street to the new Alexander approaches.
- From King Street by way of James and Main to Alexander.
- From Logan Avenue eastbound across Main to the freeway.

Metro officials say the new facilities should improve traffic movement in the area, but they advise motorists to use caution during the initial period because of the large number of traffic changes.

(See map on Page 9).

Among the many changes are the following:

- Inbound traffic on the free-

way can turn on to Logan, and thence to destinations west of Main Street, or continue on the freeway to Alexander and Main. (Formerly all inbound vehicles had to take Logan.)

- Logan now will be a two-way street, and motorists can enter the freeway from it. (Formerly Logan was one-way westbound from the freeway to Princess Street.)

- Left turns will be prohibited at Logan and Main for east, west and southbound vehicles. Only northbound vehicles may turn left at this intersection.

- James Avenue, which has carried two-way traffic during construction of the approaches, now reverts to one-way eastbound movement from King to Main.

- Rupert Avenue will have a distinctive restriction. It will be one-way eastbound from Main to Lily; and one-way westbound from Main to Princess.

A variety of additional changes will be noted by motorists, and others will follow when construction of more traffic cut-offs is completed.

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Disraeli Paving Okayed

Metro council approved the paving of the Disraeli Bridge at its regular meeting Thursday, and awarded a \$565,180 contract for the work to Dominion Bridge Company Ltd.

The total cost of the job is estimated to be \$633,000.

Metro intends to put steel sheets and a bracing structure underneath the existing steel grating deck. Concrete and then asphalt will be placed on top.

Work is scheduled to begin Monday.

In other business, council:

● Approved a grant of \$75,000 to the Greater Winnipeg Industrial Development Board, bringing the corporation's grant to the board to a 1971 total of \$150,000.

● Approved a grant of \$20,000 to Rainbow Stage.

● Received from Finance Minister Saul Cherniack provincial approval of an extra appropriation of \$32,000 for grants to the United Nations Association (\$2,000), St. Jean-Vianney relief fund (\$5,000), and Get Together '71 (\$25,000).

● Agreed to pay \$14,008 toward the cost of a fountain at Broadway and Donald Street, the amount being \$4,008 more than was originally agreed upon. The balance of the cost, \$21,012, is being paid by M.E.P.C. Canadian Properties Limited.



Bridge Traffic To Be Curbed

The Disraeli Bridge will be narrowed to two lanes beginning Monday at 9 a.m., a Metro transportation department spokesman said Friday.

The bridge will carry two-lane two-way traffic for about three months while Metro applies concrete to the present steel grating on the bridge deck.

No specific detours have been arranged. Motorists are urged to use other bridges during rush