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SJASD, Councillors Dobson and Mayes Announce Plans to Rebuild St. James Collegiate Track

June 4, 2026 (Winnipeg, MB) – The St. James-Assiniboia School Division (SJASD) and Winnipeg City Councillors Shawn Dobson (St. James) and Brian Mayes (St. Vital) are pleased to announce an agreement in principle to fund an \$800,000 upgrade to the 400-metre outdoor running track at St. James Collegiate.

The asphalt base of the track will be rebuilt, and then a layer of rubber applied to the new surface—creating a faster and safer running surface. The rebuilding project is set to take place in the summer of 2027, as the City of Winnipeg is currently performing sewage pipe tunnelling work underneath the track.

“We are looking forward to working with the City to develop a renewed track for St. James Collegiate that will benefit both students and the wider West Winnipeg community. Enhanced track and field capacity will streamline Physical Education programming, support athletic training, and enhance physical literacy opportunities for our students. We are grateful for all the work Councillors Dobson and Mayes have put into bringing this project to life,” said SJASD Board Chair Tara Smith.

“This track will be a great benefit for the people of St. James. I am pleased we could work together with the St James-Assiniboia School Division to make this happen. I hope Councillor Mayes and I can run the opening lap together next year,” said Councillor Shawn Dobson.

“I wish to thank the SJASD and Councillor Dobson for their unwavering support of this idea—we have renewed tracks across the City, but we needed to do one in the west end. I look forward to coming back here next year to officially open this track with a ceremonial relay lap with the students,” said Councillor Brian Mayes.

The St. James Collegiate project will be supported through the following funding channels:

- St. James-Assiniboia School Division (\$200,000)
- Councillor Shawn Dobson (St. James) – ward funds (\$300,000)
- Councillor Brian Mayes (St. Vital) – ward funds (\$208,000)
- Memorial Park (St. Vital) 2020 Parks project – surplus City funds (\$92,000)

This track project is the seventh outdoor rubberized track project undertaken in the City of Winnipeg since 2018, all of them involving City of Winnipeg councillors funding projects in conjunction with local school divisions. To date, track upgrades or new tracks have been built at Victor Mager School, Nelson McIntyre Collegiate, and College Beliveau (Louis Riel School Division); Garden City Collegiate (Seven Oaks School Division); River East Collegiate (River East Transcona School Division); and Grant Park Collegiate (Winnipeg School Division). Prior to 2018, the City had only one rubberized track, located at the University of Manitoba and constructed in 1967.

SJASD is a progressive school division in west Winnipeg serving over 8,500 students across 26 schools.

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