

A momentous human rights milestone was reached on January 28, 1916. On that day, Manitoba women became the first in Canada to have their right to vote acknowledged.

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Nancy Allan

Trustee, Norwood and St. Boniface School Divisions (1995 – 1999)

Minister of Education (2009 – 2013)

Born July 25, 1952 in Winnipeg, Nancy's childhood years were spent in MacGregor, Manitoba. She graduated from MacGregor Collegiate. Nancy served as Director of Development for the Canadian Diabetes Association (1990-1994) and then worked for the Manitoba Motion Picture Industries Association (1994-1995). Nancy then started her own consultancy agency for small business and non-profit organizations (1995-1999) and was also a sessional lecturer at the University of Winnipeg.

Nancy's service to the community in an elected capacity began with her first election as a school trustee, serving on the Norwood School Division (1995-1998) and the St. Boniface School Division (1998-1999).

In 1999, Nancy was elected to the Manitoba Legislative Assembly for the very first time, defeating incumbent MLA Shirley Render in the provincial constituency of St. Vital. She ended the election with a clear win: 5218 votes to 3699. Nancy's popularity continued during each subsequent provincial election. In 2003, she was re-elected with over 63 per cent of the popular vote. In recognition of her popularity and service as a Member of the provincial legislature, on November 4, 2003, she was named Minister of Labour & Immigration, with responsibility for Multiculturalism, the Status of Women and also administration of *The Workers Compensation Act*. Nancy was then re-elected for a second time during the 2007 provincial election.

On November 3, 2009, nearly six years after first entering the provincial cabinet, Nancy was named to the important position of Minister of Education. During her term as Minister, Nancy introduced significant anti-bullying legislation: Bill 18 - *The Public Schools Amendment Act (Safe and Inclusive Schools)*.

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Nancy and mom Hazel. Hazel helped pave the way for women's political engagement in Manitoba, running for MLA twice in 1953 and 1958.



Inside Story

Ready to pay more for quality

Tax hikes worth it to maintain quality, keep down class sizes, some parents say

By Linda Quattrin
Staff Reporter

SOME MAY live by the familiar "no new taxes" credo but other Winnipeg parents say they can handle tax hikes for the sake of quality public education.

"I really don't mind paying a little more to see classroom sizes stay down," said Louise Marsh, who has two children at Ecole Highbury in St. Vital School Division.

She will now pay another two per cent on her \$1,360 school tax bill in St. Vital.

"That's not bad," Marsh said of the increase.

According to the local teachers association, some parent councils in St. Vital were pushing for an even greater tax hike so no teaching jobs would be lost. Currently, 17 full-time teaching positions will be eliminated in the division.

"It's going to be disheartening to be in school staff rooms for the next three months," said Maureen Gelinas, president of the St. Vital Teachers Association. "It's the teachers at the bottom of the

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totem-pole who are going to be worried—again."

Even in the tiny Norwood School Division, where school taxes were raised 16.2 per cent, parent Nancy

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Allan says it's worth the extra \$57 on her tax bill.

"When the provincial government cuts budgets three years in a row and cuts and cuts and cuts, at some point you have to raise taxes," said Allan, who heads the parent council at Queen Elizabeth School in St. Boniface. "I think it should have

happened sooner in order to maintain what we have."

Homeowners in Norwood will actually see a net increase of 10 per cent on the bottom line of their bills as the provincial portion of the tax levy has been frozen.

Judy Burns, whose daughter is in Grade 12 at Gordon Bell High School, said she, too, could have handled a heavier tax increase to maintain teaching jobs.

Winnipeg School Division, where the net tax increase is three per cent, is cutting 50 teaching positions plus four teaching assistants.

"I have faith that teachers will go the extra mile but it's demoralizing, and that has a lot of fallout for kids," Burns said.

Suzanne Atkins, who heads the Winnipeg Teachers Association, is worried about the effects in the classroom of trying to do as much with fewer bodies, particularly fewer specialists.

"If it hasn't shown itself before, and I'm certain it has, it certainly will now."



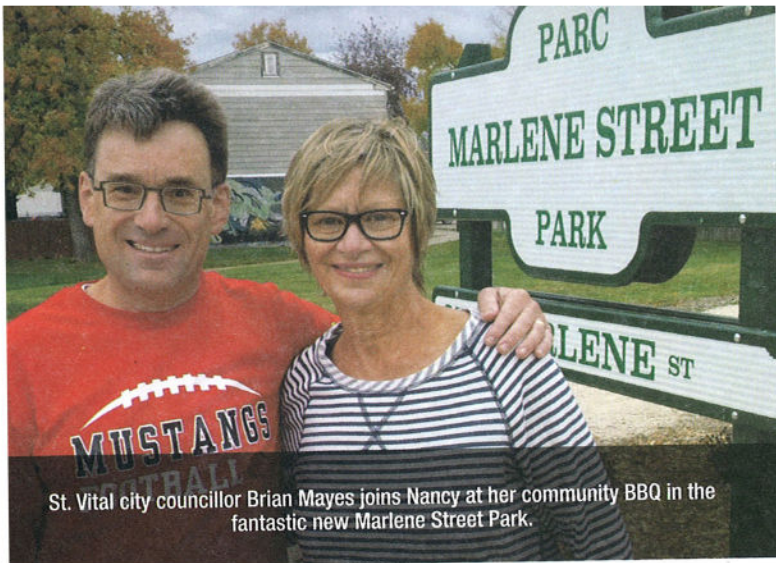
Allan, with children.

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Nancy joins her colleagues, LRS staff, students and parents to announce \$1million from our NDP government to help build Dakota Collegiate Field of Dreams.



St. Vital city councillor Brian Mayes joins Nancy at her community BBQ in the fantastic new Marlene Street Park.



Nancy was thrilled to present Corinne Cameron, outgoing Executive Director of the Salvation Army Barbara Mitchell Family Resource Centre, with a bouquet of flowers for her many years of service. Joining her are Ryan Palmquist, with the City of Winnipeg, and Jamie Moses, member of the Resource Centre's community council.



Nancy visited three Grade 1 classrooms at École Varennes to celebrate I Love To Read month this year. She was delighted to receive a thank you card in return!