

# TRANSCONAVIEWS

**Vic Reykdal**  
**Developing Transcona's Potential**  
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On Saturday, October 7, the community of Transcona came together to recognize the contributions of Vic Reykdal by dedicating the newly designed Reykdal Family Park to him. Attending the dedication were members of Vic's family, his many friends, members of the Transcona community, North Kildonan City Councilor, Jeff Browaty (standing in for Transcona City Councilor Russ Wyatt, who was unable to attend) Transcona Biz Executive Director, Alex Morrison, members of the Girls Scouts, and the local media. Speeches were followed by a plaque unveiling and a ceremonial ribbon cutting.



Even though Vic moved to Calgary in 1981 started NVR Construction there, his heart remains in Transcona and he has returned many times to build and develop his home community. Vic's accomplishments include building the first Downtown Transcona condos "Skyview Terraces", the development of Regent and Day Street, the LArche Tova Café building, and more. And he isn't done yet. He sees many more areas where Transcona can grow.

But for all of his accomplishments Vic is not comfortable talking about is how well he has done. He says, "I'm just a Transcona boy who did ok. I am honoured and humbled to have a park named after me."

Vic would prefer to talk about how great Transcona is and what makes it that way. "When I was growing up, there was a sense of community pride. People loved Transcona," he says. "They called it Park City and it's true. Kids always had some place to go. Even now, there are still places where we used to play as kids."



This is the sense of community that Vic still sees, and he wants to work with those who have the pride and vision to help develop the community. "The difference between Transcona downtown now and the way it used to be is that it is expanding, and that is good to see," he says. "I attribute a lot of it to the tenacity of Councilor Wyatt. He deserves a lot of credit. But it's not just one man, it's everybody. It's Transconians. The things that have been put together in Transcona in the last decade are amazing."

He is currently working on revitalizing the ball diamond and announcers booth at Transcona Stadium on Kildare Avenue East. "It's an icon and it almost looked like it was going to come down," Vic says. "It would have been a shame if it didn't get cleaned up."

Vic hopes to get more involved in developing and revitalizing Transcona in the future. He says, "I see tons of opportunities here. I hope to see a lot of the downtown cores throughout the city developed, and I expect that will be the big push in the next five or six years."