

## **KIDS PLAN WATERFRONT DRIVE**

The Manitoba Professional Planners Institute (MPPI) is hosting an event to promote the planning profession and provide a group of Grade 6 students from Beaumont Elementary School an opportunity to provide input into the planning and design of Waterfront Drive. The *Kids Can Plan* event being held on May 22 consists of a walking tour of the downtown and an interactive planning workshop.

Planners and other professionals will be working with the students to facilitate the production of planning, design and development options for Waterfront Drive. Small groups of the students will be assigned a cross section of Waterfront Drive and asked to prepare their plan for the area.

A workbook has been prepared for the students to learn about planning principles before embarking on the tour, and to use for recording their thoughts and ideas. The workbook will be developed into a teacher's kit and distributed by MPPI as a self-guided event planner. The workbook is available on this website.

The products of the workshop will be displayed at the City Re-emerging International Ideas Competition exhibition on June 8-16 at the Bank of Commerce Building, 389 Main Street. The day's activities are also being videotaped for presentation on World Town Planning Day in November.

MPPI would like to recognize our sponsors who have assisted in making this event a reality: City of Winnipeg Planning Property & Development Department, Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs, and CentreVenture Development Corporation. A special thanks also goes out to the staff and students from Beaumont Elementary School, the Assiniboine South School Division and parent volunteers.