This morning, I was thrilled to join Ironclad Developments Inc. in breaking ground on this much needed rental housing development, in the heart of St. Boniface.

This 78 unit project represents much new private sector investment into our community.

"Thanks to the work of Councillor Allard on both the North St. Boniface Secondary Plan and the North St. Boniface Water Main Improvements, we entered the market with confidence that our proposal would be warmly received by the community." said Ryan Van Damme of Ironclad Developments Inc.

This will be the first rental apartment development in North St. Boniface in almost 40 years! Thanks for the community endorsed secondary plan, we have a clear path forward and vision for how to fill the demand for new housing, support our historic business district on Provencher Blvd, and continue to long work of de-industrialization of the residential areas.

"The proximity to downtown Winnipeg and the St. Boniface Hospital, makes this an ideal place for young professional and young families to call home. We hope to continue offering affordable, luxury rental housing in this community in the near future as this area is poised for further redevelopment. "said Van Damme

The project enjoyed nearly unanimous support from the neighbourhood thanks to the collaborative and consultation focused approach of Ironclad, an approach I intend to encourage and ask for in future applications for development.

I look forward to continuing to work with business and neighbourhood on supporting the growth of the community in pursuit of the longstanding vision for a vibrant, thriving and diverse North St Boniface.

-Matt Allard

