

## **Assiniboine Park Conservancy Increases Sustainable Operations at Assiniboine Park and Zoo**

**For immediate release:** Winnipeg, February 10, 2017 – Assiniboine Park and Zoo just got a little bit greener. In an ongoing effort to enhance Assiniboine Park Conservancy’s (APC) sustainable operations, the organization has purchased and installed what is hoped to be the first of several Biovators for the property. The fully automated compost processor is designed to accept any and all natural products and is capable of producing high grade compost material within one to two weeks on an ongoing basis.

“As a conservation-minded organization we recognized the opportunity to further enhance our on-site composting initiatives with the intent of maximizing the amount of materials we can re-purpose right here on the property,” said Archie Pronger, Head, Facilities & Capital Projects for the Assiniboine Park Conservancy. “We strive to be a leader in green-park operations and this is just another way that we can lead by example and demonstrate our commitment to environmental sustainability.”

Conservancy staff will use the Biovator to dispose of natural byproducts collected during daily operations at Assiniboine Park and Assiniboine Park Zoo. The Biovator will then generate those materials into compost which will then be used in both seasonal outdoor plantings and for the year-round maintenance and nourishment of greenhouse plants on the property.

It’s expected that in the first year of operation the Biovator will allow APC to divert approximately 30% of the organizations’ waste away from landfills. The introduction of the Biovator into APC’s operations is hoped to be both cost effective with respect to waste management fees and will enhance the organizations environmental sustainability practices.