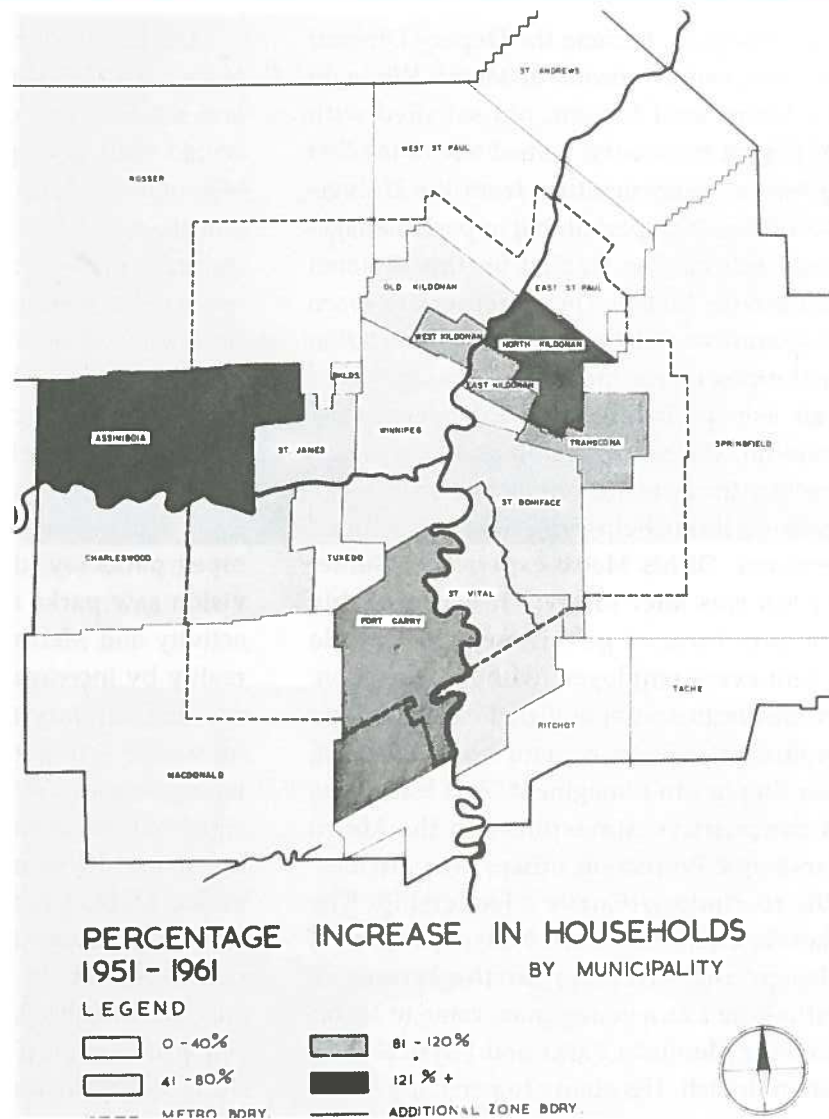


ferred to the division. Sports parks remained the responsibility of the municipalities. Transferred to Metro as of April 1, 1961 were: Assiniboine Park and Zoo, Kildonan Park, Kildonan Golf Course, Windsor Park Golf Course, Westview Park, St. Vital Park, and Crescent Drive Park.<sup>1</sup> The following parks had been added to Metro's list by 1969: Churchill Drive Park, Fraser's Grove Park, Heubach Park, Crescent Drive Riverbank, Lyndale Drive Park, Seine River Park, Taché Avenue Riverbank, Normand Nursery and Wildwood Riverbank. In pursuit of its pledge to add 1,000 additional acres of park land to the system, by 1969 Metro had purchased land for the following major parks: John Blumberg Park and Golf Course, Bonnycastle Park, Grant Avenue Park, La Barriere Park, Little Mountain Park, Maple Grove Park and King's Park. In addition to major parks, Metro's Parks and Protection Division was responsible for constructing and maintaining boulevards on the designated major thoroughfares. The division also undertook landscaping of Metro properties and provided landscaping assistance to member municipalities.

### The Metro Vision For Parks

There was a very exciting feeling in the air at the new offices of the Metro Parks and Protection Division. This was so in spite of

the fact that the staff was mostly made up of people who had been transferred from the City of Winnipeg Parks and Recreation Board effective January 1, 1962. The staffs from Assiniboine and Kildonan Parks, for example, were simply moved over to Metro along with responsibility for their respective parks. But the Metro Division was going to place more emphasis on design and planning. Some of the Winnipeg department's best qualified staff in these areas moved over to Metro. Gunter Schoch, who had received extensive horticultural and landscape design training in his native Germany, was one. Martin Bennum, who had been Assistant General Superintendent under



Map of Greater Winnipeg 1961, showing rates of population growth in suburban municipalities 1951-1961 and the Metro boundary. Source: Metropolitan Corporation of Greater Winnipeg Annual Report 1963.