



**MAYOR'S INDIGENOUS ADVISORY CIRCLE  
MEETING NOTES**

**December 14, 2020**

**Meeting called to order at 10:09 a.m. and adjourned at 11:43 a.m.**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Brian Bowman  
Kimberley Puhach, Chairperson  
Elder Lucy Guiboche  
Elder Norman Meade  
Councillor Sherri Rollins  
Damon Johnston  
Alan Greyeyes  
Manley A. Begay Jr.  
Sean McCormick

**REGRETS:**

Elder Harry Bone  
Dee Thomas-Hart  
Elder Mae Louise Campbell  
Dr. Cindy Blackstock  
Dr. Phil Fontaine  
Ry Moran  
Councillor John Orlikow  
Jessica Dumas

**WINNIPEG PUBLIC SERVICE:**

Tricia Chestnut, Senior Policy Analyst, Mayor's Office  
Tracey Cechvala, Interim Manager, Indigenous Relations Division  
Pieter W. Prinsloo, Senior Committee Clerk, City Clerk's Department

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** March 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call to Order</li> <li>• Opening Prayer by Elder Lucy Guiboche</li> <li>• Review and Acceptance of Notes of September 28, 2020 Meeting</li> </ul>		
1	<b>Mayor's Report</b>	<p>His Worship provided an update on Covid-19 and acknowledged that we should all be doing what we can to help others during these unprecedented times.</p> <p>His Worship shared the success in lobbying the Federal Government with respect to the Rapid Housing Initiative, working with Big City Mayors, which has provided lots of energy into deploying those funds into Canadian municipalities. \$12.5 Million will be invested in Winnipeg, consisting of 5 projects, one completely indigenous led.</p> <p>The December Council Agenda is available for public viewing and contains a report on Anti-Racism Initiatives, building on reconciliation training, and contains anti-oppression training. The City is also working to prepare for anti-racism week, there is a social procurement motion on the Council agenda which has been led by Councillor Chambers and Allard and it aims to find a way forward to support community through procurement.</p> <p>Access to public washrooms, led on by Councillor Rollins, has also shown progress which is important because people need dignity. Funding from the Canadian Medical Association, has funded public washrooms throughout the community. Another public washroom will be installed at the Thunderbird House in the spring.</p> <p>His Worship indicated that he will be meeting with family members of people displaced by the City from Rooster Town. The Mayor feels that these families deserve an apology from the City, and wants to hear directly from family members and how it should be communicated and what it would mean to them, before such an apology is issued publicly.</p>
2	<b>Chair's Report</b>	Recent combination of Indigenous Accord Signing ceremony and Partner gathering was important for meaningful discussion and fostering a sense of community.
4	<b>Indigenous Relations  Division Update</b>  <b>- Winnipeg Indigenous</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Accord Partner Gathering held virtually with over 150 participants, Dr. Karine Duhamel was the keynote speaker.  Key messages: Calls for Justice – trauma informed and culturally safe

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	<p><b>Accord</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Partner Gathering</b></li> <li>• <b>Evaluation Framework</b></li> </ul> <p><b>- Welcoming Winnipeg</b></p>	<p>programming.</p> <p>Human security – safe spaces – housing, shelter and services</p> <p>Addressing homelessness, food insecurity and poverty</p> <p>IRD's implementation plan of the Calls for Justice – Poverty Reduction Strategy, staff training, housing programming, safe spaces in services and programming.</p> <p>Total Partners 186 24 new partners since June 2019 signing ceremony</p> <p>IRD has partnered with the Asper School of Business to help develop an evaluation framework.</p> <p>Guidebook was created to enhance the capacity of organizations to align their strategies with the shared vision, commitments, and principles of the Accord.</p> <p>It contains a framework and tools that will help organizations tell their unique stories and share their progress towards the TRC calls to action</p> <p>Partners are asked to self assess, and reflect on what stage they are on.</p> <p>Welcoming Winnipeg – Committee of Community Members met four times in 2020</p> <p>Key Priorities included becoming familiar with the Welcoming Winnipeg Initiative, reviewing, and finalizing the draft Terms of Reference, providing input on the Welcoming Winnipeg application and considering two outstanding renaming requests that pre-date the policy.</p> <p>Welcoming Winnipeg application process is anticipated to formally open January 2021.</p> <p>Councillor Rollins suggested that there be a workshop for organizations to help them understand what comes after signing the Indigenous Accord.</p>
5	<b>New Business</b>	<p>Damon Johnson initiated a discussion on what MIAC could do in the remaining 2 years, such as IRD being strengthened in response to forthcoming UNDRIP legislation.</p> <p>Damon Johnson also brought up homelessness – it's not getting better – there is a lot of work required, and municipal governments are the closest to</p>

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		<p>the people and thus best positioned to address this. It is hoped that the Provincial and Federal Governments can help.</p> <p>Damon Johnson also discussed policing matters and how we bring positive change to the way that the Police Force interacts with citizens. Defunding the police is not the solution, dialogue will need to take place.</p> <p>The Mayor shared that work is currently underway to look at the root causes of crime and how to address those from the ground up, such as continued collaboration with End Homelessness Winnipeg to address the root issues of crime. Investing in recreation and leisure facilities will go a long way but continued work on this front is important.</p> <p>Alan Greyeyes brought up funding for the Arts and how more could be done to encourage this sector, and if there have been innovative ideas from the Harvard Bloomberg Initiative on this issue.</p> <p>Mayor Bowman expressed that the group is made up primarily of American Mayors that operate under a different framework of taxation and authorities.</p> <p>Alan Greyeyes was encouraged to contact Councillor Rollins to discuss helping the Winnipeg Arts Council transition to online forms.</p> <p>Manley Begay suggested that a program be established similar to the Honouring Nations program through Harvard University. Designed to identify programs around issues of governance and impacting First Nations. Goal should be to identify programs that work, celebrate them, and raise awareness, so that others could replicate programs that work.</p>
<b>Closing Prayer by Elder Norman Meade</b>		
<b>Adjournment and Dates of 2021 Meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• March 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.</li></ul>	