



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

June 19, 2020

Meeting called to order at 12 p.m.(noon) and adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Brian Bowman
Kimberley Puhach, Chairperson
Councillor John Orlikow
Elder Lucy Guiboche
Elder Norman Meade
Councillor Sherri Rollins
Sean McCormick
Ry Moran

REGRETS:

Elder Harry Bone
Dee Thomas-Hart
Elder Mae Louise Campbell
Manley A. Begay Jr.
Alan Greyeyes
Dr. Cindy Blackstock
Dr. Phil Fontaine
Damon Johnston

WINNIPEG PUBLIC SERVICE:

Tricia Chestnut, Senior Policy Analyst, Mayor's Office
Rhonda Forgues, Manager, Indigenous Relations Division
Stacey Chaboyer, Coordinator, Indigenous Relations Division
Sherwood Armbruster, Special Projects Manager, City Clerk's Department

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: September 11, 2020

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No.	Item	Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call to Order• Opening Prayer by Elder Lucy Guiboche• Review and Acceptance of Notes of December 10, 2019 Meeting		
1	Mayor's Update	<p>The Mayor thanked Elder Guiboche for starting the Circle off on the right path with the opening prayer.</p> <p>It was noted that there have been acutely felt, heavy issues in the community recently. It is a challenge for us to confront these issues with honesty. The work that MIAC is doing to lead discussions and community action takes a tremendous amount of strength.</p> <p>The Mayor provided an update on work to re-open City Hall and to ensure business continuity. The One Million Tree Challenge was recently launched. (https://www.winnipeg.ca/PublicWorks/parksOpenSpace/UrbanForestry/milliontrees.stm)</p> <p>Another recent initiative, championed by Councillors Gilroy and Rollins, is funding for the establishment of 24/7 Safe Spaces as part of the City's illicit drug strategy.</p> <p>The Mayor noted that he attended Winnipeg's Black Lives Matter rally and that MIAC's work has been at the forefront of engaging citizens in discussions and actions to address the issue of racialized communities. The Mayor's National Summit on Racial Inclusion, The Indigenous Accord, Welcoming Winnipeg, and the Human Rights Council are examples of initiatives that have facilitated local dialogue and positive solutions. The community must continue to have an open mind and heart and acknowledge that we have more to do as we respond to the death of George Floyd as well as attitudes and the environment in our society.</p>
2	Chair's Report	<p>The Chair acknowledged Elders Meade and Guiboche for their important presence in the Circle today.</p> <p>Condolences were expressed on the passing of Alan Greyeyes' father along with a request for prayers for Alan and his family as they grieve.</p> <p>It was noted that yesterday was the anniversary of the 2019 Indigenous Accord signing. Despite turbulent times, we can be hopeful and thankful for community leadership and work that is underway as we anticipate the ability to gather in person again.</p>

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3	Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry – Calls to Justice	<p>Rhonda Forgues and Stacey Chaboyer, Indigenous Relations Division, provided a presentation on the Division's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry implementation plan.</p> <p>Members noted that Winnipeg has had a long-term conversation about policing interactions, the inappropriate exercise of force and Indigenous Peoples. The death of J.J. Harper in 1988 and The Report of the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry of Manitoba documented challenges and failures of the justice system as well.</p> <p>See Presentation attached.</p>
4	Indigenous Relations Division Update - Welcoming Winnipeg - Winnipeg Indigenous Accord	<p>Rhonda Forgues and Stacey Chaboyer, Indigenous Relations Division, provided an update on Welcoming Winnipeg and Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord.</p> <p>See presentation attached.</p>
5	New Business	<p>Jessica Dumas advised members that the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce released a Truth and Reconciliation roadmap earlier today. A copy of the release will be circulated to members.</p> <p>Members shared updates on various community projects and upcoming events.</p>
Closing Prayer by Elder Norman Meade		
Adjournment and Dates of 2020 Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• September 11• December 9	