



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

**June 9, 2021**

**Meeting called to order at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:30 a.m.**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Brian Bowman  
Kimberley Puhach, Chairperson  
Elder Lucy Guiboche  
Elder Norman Meade  
Councillor Sherri Rollins  
Councillor John Orlikow  
Alan Greyeyes  
Sean McCormick  
Damon Johnston  
Dee Thomas-Hart  
Manley A. Begay Jr.  
Ry Moran

**REGRETS:**

Elder Harry Bone  
Elder Mae Louise Campbell  
Dr. Cindy Blackstock  
Dr. Phil Fontaine  
Jessica Dumas

**WINNIPEG PUBLIC SERVICE:**

Tricia Chestnut, Senior Policy Analyst, Mayor's Office  
Cecil Sveinson, Manager, Indigenous Relations Division  
Sherwood Armbruster, Special Projects Manager, City Clerk's Department

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** September 13, 2021

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Call to Order</b></li><li>• <b>Opening Prayer by Elder Lucy Guiboche</b></li><li>• <b>Review and Acceptance of Notes of March 8, 2021 Meeting</b></li></ul>		
1	<b>Mayor's Update</b>  Tk'emlups Te Secwepemc First Nation's Lost Children	<p>The Mayor thanked Elder Guiboche for opening the meeting in a good way and noted that it was especially needed during a time in which we have had heavy hearts.</p> <p>The Mayor also expressed appreciation for the Chair, welcomed all Members and acknowledged the Elders.</p> <p>A warm welcome was extended to the incoming Manager of Indigenous Relations, Cecil Sveinson, who is well known to many Circle members for his contributions and good work in the community.</p> <p>As Winnipeg prepares for a possible fourth wave with the Delta virus emerging, the Mayor thanked all members for their perseverance, leadership and support in helping our community weather the pandemic storm.</p> <p>As we face many challenges and continue to have a health, mental health and social inequality crisis, Councillor Rollins and Deputy Mayor Orlikow have been working hard to lead our City in recovery.</p> <p>All members are encouraged to continue to reach out to loved ones to check on and care for the well-being of all, especially the most vulnerable, among us.</p> <p>A moment of silence was observed to reflect on the horror and to honour the 215 children discovered buried on the grounds of the residential school in Kamloops. The Mayor noted that it is now clear that the residential school system was not just a "cultural genocide", but a genocide.</p> <p>As we approach National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21, 2021, the Mayor acknowledged a number of recent developments that show progress in the work being done within our community, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The final master plan for Naawi-Oodena (site formerly known as Kapyong Barracks) was released followed by the name revealing.</li><li>2. On May 27, 2021, Winnipeg City Council voted unanimously to install and fly the flags of Treaty 1 First Nations, Dakota Nations and the Metis</li></ol>

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		<p>Nation at City Hall; and</p> <p>3. Successful local Indigenous Social Enterprise, Mother Earth Recycling, reached a significant milestone of diverting 50,000 mattresses from the landfill.</p> <p>The Mayor invited members to discuss and provide input on re-naming initiatives, including Bishop Grandin, which are being considered by the process established under Welcoming Winnipeg.</p> <p>Members discussed the importance of inviting children to participate and lead in the process. It is children who live with the consequences of our decisions and we must not leave them out. The way to eradicate hate is with love and the only way to defeat darkness is with light. The process should be simple and involve ceremony.</p>
2	<b>Chair's Report</b>	<p>The Chair acknowledged that recent weeks have been indescribably hard for many families searching for ways to honour as well as cope and manage what is coming at us in all directions.</p> <p>As many travel on difficult healing journeys, the re-traumatization and intense feelings have been profound. There are flashbacks and feelings of survivor's guilt.</p> <p>Yet there is hope that we are coming to a confluence of global events which will give rise to action. We are beyond the point of benevolence and must move to places of action and new, changed experiences.</p> <p>Our children and youth are our future must be connected to our Elders to co-create and work in togetherness. Togetherness is an important part of healing.</p> <p>The Chair expressed appreciation for the ability to meet together and noted that, outside of the ability to physically be together, Mother Earth has been a place of grounding and connection.</p>
4	<b>Indigenous Relations Division Update</b>  - <b>Winnipeg Indigenous Accord</b>  - <b>Welcoming Winnipeg</b>  - <b>Rooster Town</b>	<p>Cecil Sveinson, Indigenous Relations Division, provided an update on the Winnipeg Indigenous Accord, Welcoming Winnipeg, Rooster Town and MMIWG2S+ initiatives.</p> <p>109 partners to the Winnipeg Indigenous Accord reported annual progress. Included in these reports, 5 partners set commitments to 39 MMIWG Calls for Justice, 232 Indigenous people were newly hired by Accord partners in the past year, and 166 policies and practices were amended or newly adopted by 57 partner organizations. As well, 7,434 employees from 61</p>

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	<b>- MMIWG2S+</b>	Accor partner organizations participated and are continuing to participate in education/training in response to Calls to Action 57 and 92.  An update was also provided on progress Welcoming Winnipeg, Rooster Town and MMIWG2S+ initiatives. For full details, see the attached presentation.
<b>5</b>	<b>New Business</b>	There was no new business at today's meeting.
<b>Closing Prayer by Elder Norman Meade</b>		
<b>Adjournment and Dates of Next Meeting</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10 a.m., September 13, 2021</li></ul>