



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

**June 20, 2022**

**Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m. and adjourned at 5:30 p.m.**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Brian Bowman  
Kimberley Puhach, Chairperson  
Elder Norman Meade  
Councillor Sherri Rollins  
Dee Thomas-Hart  
Sean McCormick  
Damon Johnston  
Manley A. Begay Jr.

**REGRETS:**

Elder Harry Bone  
Elder Mae Louise Campbell  
Elder Lucy Guiboche  
Councillor John Orlikow  
Dr. Cindy Blackstock  
Dr. Phil Fontaine  
Jessica Dumas  
Ry Moran  
Alan Greyeyes

**WINNIPEG PUBLIC SERVICE:**

Ericka Fritzsche, Executive Assistant, Human Resource Services  
Cecil Sveinson, Manager, Indigenous Relations Division  
Sherwood Armbruster, Special Projects Manager, City Clerk's Department

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** September 26, 2022

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Remarks by Isha Khan, CEO</b></li> <li>• <b>Call to Order</b></li> <li>• <b>Opening Prayer by Elder Norman Meade</b></li> <li>• <b>Review and Acceptance of Notes of March 7, 2022 Meeting</b></li> </ul>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Mayor's Update</b>	<p>The Mayor acknowledged National Indigenous Peoples Day taking place on the summer solstice, June 21, 2022 and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to meet in person again.</p> <p>The June 23, 2022 City Council Meeting Agenda will include votes on:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">A. Development of an urban reserve at Naawi-Oodena, the former Kapyong Barracks. The proposed Municipal Development and Services Agreement is a significant improvement over past models and reflects significant economic investment and opportunity for our community; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">B. The City of Winnipeg's contribution towards redevelopment of the former Hudson's Bay building by the Southern Chief's Organization, including a grant, tax increment financing, and streetscaping improvements related to the project; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">C. The Annual Report of the Winnipeg Indigenous Accord which includes 125 reports from Accord partners on key actions supporting reconciliation in our City; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">D. A report addressing the absence of Indigenous symbols at City Hall. Recommendations include the commissioning and placement of flower beadwork, Metis Sash, a small Red River Cart, an Eagle Staff, carving, medicine bundle and a plaque in the Council Chamber.</p> <p>The Mayor noted that Welcoming Winnipeg represents a restructuring of governance under which Council has divested and shared its previous responsibility for naming Civic amenities. Winnipeg City Council recently approved recommendations to rename Pan Am Pool Park to Rooster Town park and Wellington Park to Theodore Niizhota Fontaine Park.</p> <p>On May 10, 2022, the Mayor was proud to present what is anticipated to be his final Key to the City to heroic advocate for Indigenous children, Cindy Blackstock.</p> <p>In April, 2022, the Center for Sustainable Development at Brookings Institute</p>

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		<p>published an article co-authored by the Mayor and his Chief of Staff for their City Playbook for Advancing Sustainable Development Goals. The submission outlines Winnipeg's path to reconciling systemic inequities and can be found here:</p> <p><a href="https://www.brookings.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/City-playbook_Winnipeg.pdf">https://www.brookings.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/City-playbook_Winnipeg.pdf</a>; or</p> <p><a href="https://apolitical.co/solution-articles/en/Winnipegs-path-to-reconciling-systemic-inequity-acknowledge-listen-act">https://apolitical.co/solution-articles/en/Winnipegs-path-to-reconciling-systemic-inequity-acknowledge-listen-act</a></p> <p>The Mayor closed by observing the recent passing of the one-year anniversary of the previously unimaginable discovery of 215 children found in unmarked graves at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School. As more sites are searched and bodies found, we all have an ongoing role to ensure that the critical the work of honouring children and healing generational trauma continues.</p>
2	<b>Chair's Report</b>	<p>The Chair shared her personal appreciation for the opportunity to be together with the Circle in person again and reflected on how it has been grounding to be part of ceremonies.</p> <p>As the term nears its conclusion and we anticipate another Indigenous Accord signing, the Circle has been an important fire starter for good things and more to come in our community.</p> <p>The Chair recently visited Shoal Lake 39 and was profoundly moved to hear their story as a community. Led by the teachings of their Elders, the community sacrificed and invested its energy in protecting the water and land. They advocated in a different way and we have much to learn and follow from their example.</p>
3	<b>Indigenous Relations Division Update</b>	<p>Cecil Sveinson, Indigenous Relations Division, provided an update on the hard work of the Indigenous Relations Division team.</p> <p>The Indigenous Relations team has focused their work with diligence and care on listening to community and fostering relationships. The City is fortunate to have Indigenous Relations employees who embody these core values. Team members Jessica Paley and Carole Frechette are doing the important work of sharing space to build trust, bridges and emergent hope within community.</p> <p>There are now 226 Winnipeg Indigenous Accord Partners, including 17 new additions since the last update in March, 2022. On June 28, 2022, an Accord</p>

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		Signing Ceremony will be held at Oodena Celebration Circle at The Forks.  See attached presentation for full details.
<b>4</b>	<b>New Business</b>	Damon Johnston raised the matter of the Thunderbird House governance, neighbourhood risks and building revitalization. Community is coming together and will be engaging government with the plan in the near future.
<b>Closing Prayer by Elder Norman Meade</b>		
<b>Adjournment and Dates of Next Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10 am, September 26, 2022</li></ul>	