



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

**March 7, 2022**

**Meeting called to order at 10:00 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  
Alan Greyeyes  
Dee Thomas-Hart

**REGRETS:**

Elder Harry Bone  
Elder Mae Louise Campbell  
Councillor John Orlikow  
Dr. Cindy Blackstock  
Dr. Phil Fontaine  
Jessica Dumas  
Ry Moran  
Sean McCormick  
Manley A. Begay Jr.  
Damon Johnston

**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:** June 7, 2022

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**December 20, 2021**  
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 December 20, 2021 Meeting</b></li> </ul>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Mayor's Update</b>	<p>Mayor Bowman expressed appreciation to Elder Meade for his prayer and acknowledged that days were getting longer with early morning light.</p> <p>There are approximately 100,000 Winnipeg residents with a connection to Ukraine. The Mayor provided an update on the City of Winnipeg's outreach and response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Following dialogue with the Mayor's Office in our sister city, Lviv, Mayor Bowman's Office provided \$10,000 in support to Lviv residents. The City of Winnipeg has reached out to the Federal government to offer support with resettlement and the Mayor recently attended a church service in solidarity with, and support for, Ukrainian Winnipeggers.</p> <p>The February 9, 2022 meeting of the Human Rights Committee of Council received a presentation on the Diversity Dashboard. The Winnipeg Public Service initiative and presentation can be viewed here:</p> <p><a href="http://clkapps.winnipeg.ca/DMIS/permalink.asp?id=M20220209(RM)HRC-11">http://clkapps.winnipeg.ca/DMIS/permalink.asp?id=M20220209(RM)HRC-11</a></p> <p>The City of Winnipeg is launching the Anti-Racism Speaker Series on March 21, which marks the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 21, noon – 1 p.m. CE1221 – Can Good People Participate in Systemic Racism? with Cecil Sveinson</li> <li>• March 22, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. CE1222 – Friendly Manitoba: Experiences from the Muslim Community <a href="#">with Dr. Idris Elbakri</a></li> <li>• March 23, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. CE1223 – Social Conditioning: The Historical and Socio-Political Context of Systemic Discrimination <a href="#">with Dr. Joseph Smith</a></li> <li>• March 24, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. CE1224 – Addressing Whiteness as a Barrier to Progress on Anti-Racism <a href="#">with Dr. Ian Whetter</a></li> </ul> <p>March 25 marks the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of</p>

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		<p>Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade, which honours and remembers the millions of men, women, and children who were brutalized under a slavery system. The City of Winnipeg is hosting the following event to mark the importance of the day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• March 25, noon – 1 p.m. CE1225 – <a href="#">A Living Legacy: Canadian Anti-Blackness and the Transatlantic Trade of Enslaved Persons with Laurelle Harris</a></li></ul> <p>These sessions are open to the public. Information for how to attend can be found on the City's <a href="#">Anti-Racism in Action 2022 public website</a>.</p> <p>The Mayor provided an update on the City's efforts to develop a Social and Sustainable Procurement program to amplify the positive impacts of its spending. A Social Procurement Framework was approved at the January, 2022 Council meeting and an Action plan is due back in July, 2022.</p> <p>On February 24, 2022 City Council acknowledged February 21, 2022 as <i>Mother Language Day</i>, dedicated to the protection and preservation of languages and cultures. Consistent with the United Nations General Assembly proclamation, City Council declared the period between 2-22 and 2032 as the <i>International Decade of Indigenous Languages</i>.</p> <p>On October 28, 2021, City Council directed the Winnipeg Public Service, led by Indigenous Relations Division, to engage with Indigenous governments and stakeholders to recommend the permanent addition of a symbolic item or items to be displayed in the Council Chamber. To this end, dialogue with governments, stakeholders and the Winnipeg Public Service is underway.</p> <p>On February 28, 2022, the City Centre Community Committee approved land dedication reserve funding for signage at Rooster Town Park. The Mayor noted that recognition of the history of this area and appropriate signage is long overdue.</p>
2	<b>Chair's Report</b>	<p>The Chair expressed concern for, and shared stories about, the well-being of vulnerable community and family members. A reflection on how pride in First Nations identity as well as Ukrainian roots co-existed in her family. It was recounted that, growing up, there was a good relationship between the two communities in personal and family interactions. It is important to remember these experiences as we have faced an unprecedented challenge in connecting with community and caring for one another over the past two years.</p>
3	<b>Indigenous Relations</b>	<p>Cecil Sveinson, Indigenous Relations Division, provided an update on the work</p>

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	<b>Division Update</b>	of the Indigenous Relations Division.  See attached presentation.
<b>4</b>	<b>New Business</b>	Members shared updates regarding their work and hope for community. A discussion ensued regarding the need to provide better housing options for Indigenous seniors in the City of Winnipeg.
<b>Closing Prayer by Elder Lucy Guiboche</b>		
<b>Adjournment and Dates of Next Meeting</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• June 7, 2022</li></ul>