



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

September 24, 2019

Meeting called to order at 12:13 p.m. and adjourned at 2 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Brian Bowman
Elder Lucy Guiboche
Sean McCormick
Ry Moran
Elder Norman Meade
Damon Johnston

REGRETS:

Kimberley Puhach, Chairperson
Elder Harry Bone
Alan Greyeyes
Dee Thomas-Hart
Elder Mae Louise Campbell
Councillor Kevin Klein
Councillor Sherri Rollins
Manley A. Begay Jr.
Dr. Cindy Blackstock
Dr. Phil Fontaine
Jessica Dumas

WINNIPEG PUBLIC SERVICE:

Tricia Chestnut, Senior Policy Analyst, Mayor's Office
Rhonda Forgues, Manager, Indigenous Relations Division
Danielle Carriere, A/ Projects and Initiatives Coordinator, Indigenous Relations Division
Jessica Paley, Projects and Initiatives Coordinator, Indigenous Relations Division
Lindsay Mierau, Environmental Coordinator, Office of Sustainability, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
Sherwood Armbruster, Special Projects Manager, City Clerk's Department

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: December 10, 2019

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order • Opening Prayer by Elder Norman Meade • Review and Acceptance of Notes of June 19, 2019 Meeting 		
1	Mayor's Update	<p>The Mayor welcomed members and expressed regrets on behalf of the Chair.</p> <p>The Mayor was pleased to attend the National Gathering of Elders which was held in Winnipeg from September 9 – 12, 2019.</p> <p>Congratulations to member Jessica Dumas who is the incoming Chair of the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce.</p> <p>Appreciation was expressed to outgoing member Dr. Marcia Anderson who recently resigned from the Circle. There was acknowledgement and gratitude for Dr. Anderson's valuable contributions as well as her ongoing important work in our community.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked members, as well as Indigenous Relations staff, for their continued work on the Indigenous Accord. Members were invited to submit five names of potential signatories that Indigenous Relations staff (or Members) could send personal invitations to.</p> <p>On September 19, 2019 the Mayor issued a challenge to the City to plant one million trees over the next 20 years, or by the time Winnipeg's population reaches one million residents. The Emerald Ash Borer Beetle and Dutch Elm disease are expected to decimate approximately two thirds of our tree canopy in the next Century. The Million Tree Challenge is an effort to increase our biodiversity and make our community more resilient to climate change.</p> <p>Members were reminded that planting a tree is a sacred thing and something we should involve our children in. It is important to recognize the importance of the Creator's blessing. In the coming year, the invitation – and specific ways to get involved - will be made broadly to the community.</p>
2	Winnipeg Climate Action Plan Update – Lindsay Mierau	<p>Lindsay Mierau, Environmental Coordinator, Office of Sustainability, provided the attached presentation titled, "Winnipeg Climate Action Plan: Planning for Climate Change. Acting for People".</p>

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3	Indigenous Relations Division – Welcoming Winnipeg and Indigenous Accord Updates	Jessica Paley, Projects and Initiatives Coordinator, and Danielle Carriere, Acting Projects and Initiatives Coordinator, Indigenous Relations Division, provided members with the attached presentations, entitled <i>Welcoming Winnipeg-Reconciling our History</i> project and <i>Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord</i> .
4	New Business	<p>The Mayor advised that additional time will be allocated for December's meeting for members to discuss the Circle's meeting format and future. Members were encouraged to consider and come prepared to discuss ways for the Circle to re-focus and best fulfil its important purpose and mandate.</p> <p>The Mayor invited comments on a recent policy unveiled by the Ontario Human Rights Commission aimed at eliminating racial profiling. While this is a societal issue, frontline staff have greater interaction with public. Therefore, it was noted that the stakes and impact of frontline civic staff awareness, sensitivity and fairness are higher. For the next meeting, members were invited to consider ways, and whether, similar work would be of value in our community.</p> <p>Ry Moran advised members that the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation is partnering with the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network at the Canadian Museum of History in Ottawa. The evening will be broadcast as a special feature and will include a ceremony to honour all those children who did not return home from Residential Schools. Members are invited to tune in on Monday, September 30, 2019 at 7 p.m. (CST).</p>
Closing Prayer by Elder Lucy Guiboche		
Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting	December 10, 2019	