



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

September 28, 2020

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Brian Bowman
Kimberley Puhach, Chairperson
Councillor John Orlikow
Elder Lucy Guiboche
Elder Norman Meade
Councillor Sherri Rollins
Ry Moran
Damon Johnston
Alan Greyeyes
Jessica Dumas
Manley A. Begay Jr.

REGRETS:

Elder Harry Bone
Dee Thomas-Hart
Elder Mae Louise Campbell
Dr. Cindy Blackstock
Dr. Phil Fontaine
Sean McCormick

WINNIPEG PUBLIC SERVICE:

Tricia Chestnut, Senior Policy Analyst, Mayor's Office
Danielle Carrier, Administrative Coordinator, Indigenous Relations Division
Sherwood Armbruster, Special Projects Manager, City Clerk's Department

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: December 15, 2020

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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, 2020 Meeting 		
1	Mayor's Update	<p>The Mayor expressed condolences to Elder Meade on the recent passing of his wife, Elder Thelma. She was a dear friend to us and we honour her with our continued thoughts of love and prayers.</p> <p>Healing wishes were also expressed to Elder Mae Louise who is preparing for a knee surgery. The Mayor acknowledged Elder Mae Louise's important service to the Circle looks forward to her recovery and return to work in our community.</p> <p>The Mayor provided update on City Departments which are going above and beyond to maintain services and meet unique needs required in the midst of the pandemic.</p> <p>Four year City of Winnipeg funding for the establishment of 24/7 Safe Spaces as part of the City's illicit drug strategy is anticipated to be approved at the Council meeting this coming Wednesday, September 30, 2020. Ka Ni Kanichihk and Spence Neighbourhood Association will receive stable, longer term grant agreements that will enable them to spend less time on paperwork and more time delivering much needed services and programs to the community.</p> <p>The City recently hired a new Equity and Diversity Coordinator who will, among other important initiatives, be guiding anti-oppression training and anti-racism plans.</p> <p>The Mayor expressed personal appreciation to Circle members for the valuable and direct input that is often provided not just during, but in between, meetings. Members provide a valuable source of advice and guidance to the Mayor and his office.</p>
2	Chair's Report	<p>The Chair welcomed members and expressed condolences to Elder Meade with loving thoughts and thankfulness for Elder Thelma.</p> <p>As well, on behalf of everyone in the Circle, a complete healing, swift recovery and return was wished for Elder Mae Louise.</p> <p>It observed how the change of Season reflects the way our Gatherings have</p>

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		<p>had to change during this time. As Ceremony people, there has been a felt loss of connection, though we are still thankful for opportunities within this season to draw strength and energy from one another online and outdoors.</p> <p>The Chair was honoured to participate in one such recent, significant event - the planting of three new cedar trees in the Healing Forest in St. John's Park on September 23, 2020, National Tree Day.</p>
4	<p>Indigenous Relations Division Update</p> <p>- Winnipeg Indigenous Accord</p> <p>Partner Update</p> <p>Evaluation Framework</p> <p>New Partner Signing Ceremony</p> <p>- Winnipeg Indigenous Accord</p>	<p>Danielle Carriere, Indigenous Relations Division, provided an update on Welcoming Winnipeg and Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord.</p> <p>The Welcoming Winnipeg Committee of Community Members were recently selected following a five-week application and recruitment process.</p> <p>There are now 181 partners who have signed on to Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord. Recruitment is ongoing and members are encouraged to promote the importance of joining to others within the community.</p> <p>See attached presentation.</p>
5	<p>New Business</p>	<p>Ry Moran provided an update on the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation's online event, <i>Every Child Matters: Reconciliation through Education</i>, scheduled for September 30, 2020.</p> <p>The program and activities will engage over 10,000 teachers and 500,000 Canadian youth and can be viewed here: https://education.nctr.ca/</p>
<p>Closing Prayer by Elder Lucy Guiboche</p>		
<p>Adjournment and Dates of 2020 Meetings</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 a.m., December 15, 2020