



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

**September 26, 2022**

**Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:00 p.m.**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Brian Bowman  
Kimberley Puhach, Chairperson  
Elder Lucy Guiboche  
Elder Norman Meade  
Alan Greyeyes  
Dee Thomas-Hart  
Manley A. Begay Jr.

**REGRETS:**

Elder Harry Bone  
Elder Mae Louise Campbell  
Councillor John Orlikow  
Dr. Cindy Blackstock  
Dr. Phil Fontaine  
Councillor Sherri Rollins  
Jessica Dumas  
Ry Moran  
Sean McCormick  
Damon Johnston

**WINNIPEG PUBLIC SERVICE:**

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call to Order</li> <li>• Opening Prayer by Elder Norman Meade</li> <li>• Review and Acceptance of Notes of March 7, 2022 Meeting</li> </ul> |                |   |
| 1  | Mayor's Update | <p>Mayor Bowman thanked Elder Meade for his reminder of what is precious and worth contending for in his opening prayer.</p> <p><del>The Mayor shared a personal reflection on how the work of the Indigenous Advisory Circle has been a dual track to his own personal journey of identity. Over the past 8 years, one of his priorities has been to seek to amplify important voices in the community. The Indigenous Advisory Circle is a reflection of that role.</del></p> <p>As the Mayor returns to private life after <del>November 1, 2022</del> <u>October 26, 2022</u>, there is now an expectation that the work of reconciliation must continue. The Mayor expressed special appreciation to members not just for providing timely wisdom and counsel on countless matters, but for doing so from a place of kindness and care. An open invitation was extended to members to continue to stay connected and partner with the Mayor in personal ways wherever helpful to advancing the shared responsibility and ongoing work.</p> <p>At a Special Council Meeting on September 20, 2022, the Mayor was honoured to receive on behalf of Council symbolic and cultural items from Treaty One, Red River Métis, Dakota Nations of Manitoba, Inuit and Cree representatives. The items are now on permanent display in the Council Chamber as recognition and reminder to all future Councils and members of the public.</p> <p>As part of a historic public signing ceremony for Naawi-Oodena on July 20, 2022, which will create the largest Urban Indigenous Economic Zone in Canadian history, the Mayor was proud to present his final seven Keys to the City to the Chiefs on behalf of the seven First Nations who are signatories to the first of the numbered Treaties originally signed on August 3, 1871.</p> <p>The Mayor looks forward to a full report later in this meeting from Indigenous Relations Division on Welcoming Winnipeg, The Winnipeg Indigenous Accord and other anti-racism initiatives. As the work continues, the Mayor expressed appreciation to the Circle for their role in helping to position Winnipeg as a place in North America that is now viewed as a leader in advancing reconciliation and human rights.</p> |

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| 2  | <b>Chair's Report</b>                       | <p>The Chair expressed deep gratitude to the Mayor and acknowledged that as this Circle transitions, Winnipeg is a different City than it was eight years ago.</p> <p>The Chair shared personal reflections about relationships and work completed, or underway, by the Circle. The Chair provided space for members to share their personal memories and commitment to the work of reconciliation in community.</p>                 |
| 3  | <b>Indigenous Relations Division Update</b> | <p>Cecil Sveinson, Indigenous Relations Division, provided an update on the work of the Indigenous Relations Division.</p> <p>Highlights of the far-reaching and ambitious work of the Division include that there are now 231 Indigenous Accord Partners, including 6 new partners since June, 2022. Welcoming Winnipeg currently has over 20 formal requests for action.</p> <p>See attached presentation for the full report.</p> |
| 4  | <b>New Business</b>                         | <p>Members shared personal stories of connection and gratitude for the Circle and its impact on the City and community.</p>  |
| <b>Closing Prayer by Elder Lucy Guiboche</b> |   |  |
| <b>Adjournment</b>                           |   |  |