

>>: But as far as housekeeping is concerned, I heard a cell phone, make sure mine is turned off.

>> it is -- it is out the door outside the hall, and we will get you there for 11:45. We have all sorts of City of Winnipeg staff here. They are wearing the black T shirts that say 'Think Green'. They are available if you have any questions. We have greetings from Justin Swandel and acknowledge Ross Eadie and Jenny Gerbassi, they are here for the day with us. Thank you very much for being here, yeah, you can hold your applause.

[LAUGHTER] (applause)

Thank you. Oh, wow, we have almost all council here on a Saturday morning. I got Sam's cell number, do you want to wake him up? No, I'm kidding. We will introduce the expert panel in front of us, in detail a little bit later on. But I will tell you, they are going to be absorbing all the information and summarising.

We've got a super fast –

>>Darcy (writer): Trying to.

>> Richard: Can you read can you read it back.

>>Darcy: It is up on the screen.

>> Richard: That's power.

You are good.

Thank you.

[LAUGHTER].

Victoria Reinhardt she is the Ramsey County board chair. She has a long history of environmental activism.

From Minneapolis, Saint Paul.

Oh. Don't get that wrong, because, yeah, St. Paul it is like saying you are from Regina here.

We do have somebody from Regina here.

(Laughter) Dwight --

>> Dwight: At least we're in the playoffs

>> Richard: Okay. Next year. Okay, maybe the year after. 2014 for sure the Bombers will be there.

Tom keep is here, long time Brandon resident. Originally from Winnipeg.

He is the Environmental Initiatives manager.

Tom Ethans, Executive Director of Take Pride Winnipeg, and Dwight Mercer.

And bringing greetings from Winnipeg is Justin Swandel.

>> Swandel: Great to be here on behalf of Mayor Katz, it is good to have some of the councillors here. We have shown over the last little while Winnipeg is a city that can learn a lot from public consultation.

In the past, when we have dealt with big issues, whether city planning or best of my

[INAUDIBLE].

The process we started a little more than a year ago, the SpeakUpWinnipeg process, has shown - and celebrated across North America and even around the world to a certain extent - a detailed process with the general public can be successful.

One of the things that have happened and all have learned from the process, you can take very complex issues, and -- complex issues with a myriad of perspectives, and bring those opinions into a room on those issues and you can actually get something from it, that is deliverable and you can put something on the street.

So you -- so the work you're going to do today, such a sensitive subject, to the best of my knowledge, it is important to get a product in the City of Winnipeg that meets the needs of all the people of Winnipeg.

It will not meet the needs of every single opinion, I don't care about best of my knowledge, all the way to lethe do way, way more, let's turn the corner and eventually use garbage to make energy and make other products.

I appreciate you taking the time coming out here, and we feel it will be an effective process and engagement, and benefit all at the end of the day.

So greetings, and thank you very much.

(applause).

>> Can we please have elder Jo Jo Sutherland come up, please.

>> Good morning.

Meet my grandson Ethan, that is my little man that escorts me into venues like this.

I am honoured to be here this morning on speaking up on garbage.

On my way is to protect mother earth, mother earth has been very ill, because garbage all over the place, plastic, foam cups and foam plates, they are all over the place, and it destroys -- if you are walking down the street, you see garbage all over the place, chip bags, plastic pop bottles, and everything that is destroying the mother earth, and as an elder, many years ago told me, don't use foam cups.

And I asked, why?

And then he said he takes many, many years for that foam cup to melt into the mother earth, and all the chemicals, that are being uses for that foam cup, you will think about what you are destroying, and the mother earth is very ill as other elders mentioned in a lot of other meetings.

And also, it is no good in our city, when you are walking when there is garbage all over, and it is not one area, it is all over the City of Winnipeg that has garbage all over.

Pop bottles, they are full of chemicals, also.

I don't drink pop, or water because of the chemicals used.

I am originally from Saskatchewan, I have grandsons that play hockey, and they collect pop bottles to -- for themselves, because they get paid for one pop bottle, I don't recall how much it is.

You know, these little young kids, on the reserve pick up pop bottles to make money for themselves, maybe that's what you should think about in the city, a place where kids could return the bottles and get paid for things.

We wouldn't have plastic bottles lying all over the place.

Cigarette butts are all over the place, there are a lot of chemicals, and people, I observe people a lot, and people spit all over the place.

Spit to the mother earth.

And teach all my grandchildren, I have 21 grandchildren, not to spit on mother earth because the mother earth receives garbage from your spit.

It is like spitting at your own mother, or your own grandmother, I tell, because it's their earth, and there are some garbage containers and the bathrooms that you could use to spit.

In the work place I work at I look after several families, there too I teach them not to be throwing garbage on the ground, and not to be spitting all over the place, because we need the mother earth to be healthy.

Because we as Aboriginal people need the medicine from the mother earth.

I'm not going to carrying on, because I was told I didn't have very much time, we started late.

I want to sing a song on the Buffalo that I had many years ago.

I always pray to it every morning and every night before I go to sleep to protect the mother earth, and we need the mother earth cleaned.

I often go around picking garbage sometimes just to do that little piece, just pick up a couple of the cigarette butts or chip bags or plastic bottles, whatever is on the sidewalk, I like to walk on the clean ground also.

I think we as people, should be picking up, maybe it is not our garbage but that's the

garbage of Winnipeg.

That's how I look at it, it is not our garbage but the garbage of Winnipeg that we are picking.

I want the city to be clean.

With me picking up one bottle or one chip container, it feels good because I know, in that little part it is clean.

I may sing one quick song, I may sing 2 verses, because I have a chest cold today.

So it is hard on my three.

>> [INAUDIBLE].

>> so, bear with me, because my throat is pretty sore this morning.

That's why I'm carrying my water in my little container here.

I carry this -- this container of mine, and I don't have to throw it into the garbage, and garbage bins are full of plastic. I could imagine sometimes how much bottles are piled up at the dumpsters.

(singing song).

>> This is all I'm going to sing, and every morning when I do get up, I ask the white Buffalo to come on blow on our mother earth to take care of the mother earth. We all could as we walk on this earth, we need the mother earth for our plans, our medicines, and it goes on. Protect the mother earth. Thank you.

(applause).

>> Thank you JoJo and Ethan very much.