



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

**DECEMBER 15, 2016**

Meeting called to order at 10:10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Brian Bowman  
Kimberley Puhach, Chairperson  
Elder Lucy Guiboche  
Dee Thomas-Hart  
Elder Norman Meade  
Alan Greyeyes  
Damon Johnston  
Councillor Jenny Gerbasi  
Councillor Cindy Gilroy  
Jessica Dumas  
EJ Fontaine

**REGRETS:**

Elder Harry Bone  
Chief Robert Louie  
Dr. Phil Fontaine  
Elder Mae Louise Campbell  
Dr. Cindy Blackstock  
Kerri Tattuinee  
Dr. Marcia Anderson-Decoteau  
Senator Murray Sinclair  
Ry Moran  
Sean McCormick  
Chantal Daniels  
Manley A. Begay Jr.

**VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE:**

Dr. Sherry Peden

**WINNIPEG PUBLIC SERVICE:**

Tricia Chestnut, Senior Policy Analyst, Mayor's Office  
Rhonda Forgues, Manager, Indigenous Relations Division  
Tracey Kennedy, Projects and Performance Metrics Coordinator, Indigenous Relations Division  
Sherwood Armbruster, Special Projects Manager, City Clerk's Department

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** Thursday, March 16, 2017, 10 a.m.

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No.	Item	Notes
	<p><i>Call to Order</i></p> <p><i>Opening Prayer by Elder Lucy Guiboche</i></p> <p><i>Review and Acceptance of Notes of September 15, 2016 Meeting</i></p>	
1	<b>Mayor's Update</b>	<p>Mayor Bowman acknowledged that we are in Treaty 1 territory and the traditional homeland of the Metis Nation.</p> <p>Mayor Bowman honoured and expressed his appreciation for the role of Elders. Elders help set the tone of the discussion and put us in a good frame of mind. Regardless of one's background or religion, Elders bring us together.</p> <p>On Monday, December 20, 2016, there was a significant announcement at City Hall regarding the federal government's increased commitment to build "Freedom Road" to Shoal Lake 40 First Nation. This good news ensures that an all-weather road will get built.</p> <p>As the Year of Reconciliation comes to a close, it is important to recognize that reconciliation did not begin, and it will not end, in 2016. Rather, this year built upon the foundation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission as well as the efforts of MIAC members and others in the community. The hope is that the Year of Reconciliation will be a springboard towards continued action in the community.</p> <p>MIAC was convened in the wake of Winnipeg being called the "most racist City in Canada". In the past year, Winnipeg has been recognized as a leader in reconciliation.</p> <p>MIAC has set a respectful tone in the work of reconciliation. As will be outlined in the upcoming report from the Indigenous Relations Division, the City of Winnipeg has made tangible progress on many fronts, including the formation of MIAC, mandatory training of all employees, and numerous other reconciliation initiatives. Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord will be ratified in the new year.</p> <p>Leaders across Canada have observed and acknowledged the positive story developing in Winnipeg. Every member of MIAC should be proud of the shift in tone within our community. Still, there is important work remaining and none of us should rest in our reconciliation efforts.</p>
2	<p><b>Chair's Update</b></p> <p><b>Winnipeg Indigenous Accord Update</b></p>	<p>The chair acknowledged the work of the Indigenous Relations Division in support of MIAC deliberations and the development of the Indigenous Accord.</p> <p>See details of the Winnipeg Indigenous Accord per attachment A.</p> <p>Discussion on the Winnipeg Indigenous Accord ensued with suggestions and feedback as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first sentence should use the word "resides" or "located", not "lies".</li> <li>• Emphasize importance of promoting employment and training opportunities for Indigenous people.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Accord is holistic and its principles mirror the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.</li> <li>• Signatories will include governments, businesses, NGOs, unions, academic institutions and others. They will be asked to provide an action plan and goals.</li> <li>• The Accord should be considered a starting point. A framework to describe examples of commitments and principles may be helpful for businesses, institutions and organizations to get a sense of what this really means.</li> <li>• We need to help young people make the right connections to people and resources needed for them to succeed and help make positive change. Young people are beginning to rise up.</li> <li>• Acknowledge in the introduction that Winnipeg is the western Cree word for “muddy waters”.</li> </ul> <p>The working group will meet early in the new year to develop the final draft. Next steps will include City Council ratification and a signing ceremony. All members of MIAC will be invited to take part.</p>
3	<p><b>Indigenous Relations Division</b></p> <p><b>ii. Year of Reconciliation Initiatives Update</b></p> <p><b>Rhonda Forgues</b></p>	<p>Rhonda Forgues provided an overview of the City of Winnipeg’s progress in response to the TRC’s 5 Calls to Action. The presentation was a summary of an Administrative Report that was received as information by Council on December 14, 2016.</p> <p>See details of the Year of Reconciliation Year End presentation per attachment B.</p>
4	<p><b>Other Business</b></p> <p><b>Closing Prayer and Blessing from Elder Meade</b></p>	<p>There was a general discussion in response to Councillor Jeff Browaty’s position and opposition to the City’s reconciliation efforts at the December 14, 2016 City Council meeting.</p> <p>It was discussed as to whether Councillor Browaty’s views should affect his position as Chair of the Winnipeg Police Board.</p> <p>MIAC recommended Councillor Browaty meet with Elders and participate in training, in addition to the training he has already committed to.</p> <p>Mayor Bowman will meet with Councillor Browaty and communicate recommendations.</p>
5	<p><b>Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>March 16, 2017</p>