COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Tuesday, November 4, 2014

The Council met at 8:00 p.m.

(Bagpipes playing)

(Singing O' Canada)

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS

Mayor Bowman: Please be seated. Thank you. Thank you everyone and welcome to the Inaugural Meeting of the 14th Council of the City of Winnipeg. You just heard from the "Highlights Performing Group" under the direction of Joy Lazzo. They'll perform for us again later in the evening and I just like to say thank you very much to the choir. You did a great job. Thank you so much. Also with us tonight is Elder Dr. Harry Bone. Thank you for joining us as well. Thank you for joining us.

City Clerk: Mayor Bowman, would you please subscribe to your Declaration of Office? Mayor Bowman, please repeat after me. I, Brian Bowman, do solemnly promise and declare…

Mayor Bowman: I, Brian Bowman, do solemnly promise and declare that I will truly, faithfully and impartially to the best of my knowledge and ability, execute the office to which I have been elected and that I have not received and nor will I receive any payment or award or the promise of payment or reward for the exercise of partiality, corruption or other improper execution of the office and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously, believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. Members of Council, would you please stand and subscribe to your Declaration of Office?

City Clerk: I do solemnly promise and declare…

Councillors Allard, Browaty, Dobson, Eadie, Gerbasi, Gillingham, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Orlikow, Pagtakhan, Schreyer, Sharma, Wyatt: I do solemnly promise and declare that I will truly, faithfully and impartially to the best of my knowledge and ability, execute the office to which I have been elected and that I have not received and will not receive any payment or award or the promise of payment or reward for the exercise of partiality, corruption or other improper execution of the office and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously, believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. Members of Council please be seated. Mr. Clerk, Roll Call, please.

ROLL CALL

Clerk: His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Dobson, Eadie, Gerbasi, Gillingham, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Orlikow, Pagtakhan, Schreyer, Sharma and Wyatt.

Mayor Bowman: It's now my pleasure to ask Elder Dr. Harry Bone to provide a blessing. Members of Council and visitors in the gallery, would you please stand?

Elder Dr. Harry Bone: Thank you very much. It's always an honour to be asked to do a blessing for important occasions like this; to honour the traditions of our people in Treaty 1 Territory, some 145 years ago when treaties were made, so I will pray in their language, the anishinabe language so forgive me for doing that.

(Speaking Ojibwa) - Translation of Blessing forthcoming

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, please be seated. Thank you very much, Elder Dr. Bone and for those of you who aren't fluent, we will be getting a translation later to post on line. So thank you very much for honouring us with your presence and prayer. I now would now like to call upon each member of Council to come forward as the Clerk calls your name to receive your Certificate of Election.

City Clerk: Councillor Matt Allard. Councillor Jeff Browaty. Councillor Shawn Dobson. Councillor Ross Eadie. Councillor Jenny Gerbasi. Councillor Scott Gillingham. Councillor Cindy Gilroy. Councillor Janice Lukes. Councillor Brian Mayes.

Councillor John Orlikow. Councillor Mike Pagtakhan. Councillor Jason Schreyer. Councillor Devi Sharma. Councillor Russ Wyatt.

Mayor Bowman: Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in welcoming the newly elected 14th Council of the City of Winnipeg. One of our Councillors, Marty Morantz who was elected in the Charleswood-Tuxedo Ward is not with us tonight due to the passing of his father, Saul Morantz. We have a condolences motion on behalf of Council. Mr. Clerk, please read the motion.

MOTIONS

Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,
Seconded by Councillor Gillingham,

THAT Council place on record its profound sorrow at the death of Saul Morantz, father of Marty Morantz, which occurred on November 1, 2014;

Saul Morantz was a leading philanthropist and business leader in our community for more than 60 years.

This Council extends to Marty Morantz and his family its deepest sympathy and condolences in their bereavement.

Mayor Bowman: Will all those on the floor and in the gallery, please rise for a moment of silence.

(Moment of Silence)

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR AND STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. Please be seated. Well, good evening, honoured guests, all of you and those on line. Whether you are here in person or watching the live online stream, welcome. I'd like to begin by acknowledging that we came together here this evening on Treaty 1 land and the traditional homeland of the Métis nation. Sorry. I told Messier I wouldn't cry. For those old enough to remember, you'll understand the joke, google it for younger people. What an exciting evening it is for my family as I'm sure it is for all of you and all of yours, especially for those of you, like me who have been elected for the first time. But this is almost, this is all also a most humbling experience because it's truly an honour to be here with the confidence of the citizens of Winnipeg to celebrate this occasion with so many special people who are all here. In order of precedence, let me thank the Honourable Shelly Glover, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, and Minister responsible for Manitoba for her warm welcome when we met a few days ago. Unfortunately, the house is sitting in Ottawa, so she is unable to attend, but Minister, I look forward to our continued conversations and collaborations as we work to make Winnipeg just as strong as it can be. I want to thank Premier Salinger for his open dialogue with me already and I'd like to welcome and congratulate the Honourable Kevin Chief on his appointment by the Premier yesterday as Manitoba's new Minister for jobs and the economy. Minister, we've enjoyed many constructive discussions these past months and I'm excited that you will be continuing in your role as the minister responsible for the City of Winnipeg. I think it's safe to say that our entire City Council can't wait to get down to business of growing Winnipeg and moving our City forward in partnership with you. It's no small thing to stand for public office and to serve. So, on behalf of all Winnipegers and all those gathered here this evening and on line, I extend my heartfelt thanks to outgoing Mayor Sam Katz. I thank you for your many accomplishments, for your ten years of dedicated service and I also extend thanks for your wise council that you generously offered me during our transition efforts. We wish you and we wish Leah and your children the very best as you begin this next phase of your life. Thanks to each of you for your work you do to make our community better and a stronger place, and for stepping forward to be part of our efforts to effect positive change in Winnipeg. I also want to thank our valuable public service and servants. I'm looking forward to working with all departments and City staff as we move Winnipeg forward together. It's very important for me to let you know that members of Council and Winnipeggers appreciate your work on a day in and day out basis on behalf of our community. Thank you very much for all that you do for all of us. Finally, I want to welcome and thank and congratulate all of the Councillors who are here tonight and one who unfortunately is not with us. It's been a pleasure meeting with you individually over the past few days to share ideas and to begin planning for the greater good of Winnipeg. Thank you for the energy and the commitment that you have and will continue to bring to the table. I'm looking forward to the days, the months, and the years ahead as we work together to tackle the priorities for Winnipeggers. This past election campaign was really an exhilarating time for all of us. During the campaign, I made the

case for positive change in Winnipeg and let me tell you, I am so excited to begin work with you as we bring about that change. On October 22nd, the people of Winnipeg spoke with a strong, clear voice and issued a strong mandate. Not just the mandate for the Mayor or for Council, but a mandate for results, for them, from all of us, each of us in this chamber. I know there is going to be debates ahead, that's democracy. But the people of Winnipeg, not only want, but expect all of us to work together. Putting aside party affiliations and personal differences and I'm confident that we can and we will deliver for them. As part of the agenda that they endorse, they voted for a long term plan to fix our streets, our pipes, and our community centres. They voted to create opportunities for all citizens and for a City that embraces innovation and is excited and positive about creating a City Hall that works. They voted for a City Hall that is open and transparent and they voted for a safer City and for solutions to crime. The work begins now for Winnipeg, and I can't tell you how excited it is to say that and to be able to take action on it. Since election night, we've been working hard to prepare for the task at hand and I want to thank members of my transition team for their invaluable effort in helping me create a strong and energetic staff team and for beginning preparations for some of my and our top priorities. At the top of the list, one of my earliest meetings will be with our HR department to expedite the process of hiring a new and permanent Chief Administrative Officer, one that we can endorse together. Now that we have a new Council and with so many brand new Councillors and a strong, clear mandate we must move quickly to put permanent leadership in place in this most senior administrative position. Already, the ideas are flying about how the City, the Province and the Federal Government can tackle our critical infrastructure needs so that we can get on the job of fixing our streets, our pipes and our community centres. I want to thank Minister Glover, the Premier and Minister Chief for their willingness to quickly engage in discussions, I look forward to continued meetings to discuss Winnipeg's fair share of tax revenues and the establishment of the new build Winnipeg partnership. On the fiscal side, we'll also be looking at the budget and we plan to find two percent efficiencies in cost savings as we work to free funds to be directed towards our significant infrastructure needs, notably, our roads. To ensure we lead by example, I plan to call for a motion to reduce the salary top-ups for members of EPC, the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker and this includes reducing my own salary by the same amount. I'm sorry Tracy. On another front, during the campaign, we were able to engage Winnipeggers in new ways. We will be bringing this momentum to City Hall and with this in mind, we will establish the office of public engagement and using technology in greater ways to support our community centres and the great volunteers that make them all work in each and every one of our communities. Repeatedly, you heard me speak about the importance in my desire to become one of the most open and transparent civic governments in Canada, working with our administration, we'll fully explore a whole host of transparencies and build a game plan to make them active. As part of the promise to be more open and collaborative, this past weekend, I sat down one on one with each member of Council. And these are more than, you know, these are more than casual get to know you sessions because we discussed each councillor's strength, their positions on policy issues in their thoughts on the composition and desires to serve on EPC. During the campaign, I committed to having Council elect all members of EPC, but what I quickly learned once that I had access to civic and provincial authorities is that the Charter and Legislation is clear that a change of this magnitude must be referred to the Province for consideration before it can take effect. Being a Mayor committed to cleaning up City Hall and following the rules, once the Governance Committee of Council has been struck, I'll be asking them to help develop a package of transparency reforms for review and approval by Council prior to heading to the Province. Appointing EPC tonight following a collaborative process, it doesn't get me as far as I'd like to as quickly, but one thing that Winnipeggers can count on is the fact that I'll always collaborate and I'll always be candid with you on what I've decided to do, and why. Clearly, there's lots of work to be done in the month and the years ahead, and some of it won't be easy. But, I look forward to reporting to the people of Winnipeg on these issues and more on a…with the telephone town hall meet to share progress after our first 100 days of working together. And more than 10,000 Winnipeggers joined a similar call during the election, and I'm excited to be continuing this type of outreach and accountability while serving as your mayor. In closing, we all know why we are here. We love Winnipeg and we are humbled by the opportunity to serve our fellow citizens of this great city. And as I look to the future, I want to be part, you want to be part and you are, of building a growing, a thriving, a more modern city that our children and our grandchildren are proud to call home. I'm here tonight to answer the call of Winnipeggers for positive change at City Hall, and I hope we can answer that call together. I'm proud to serve with you, proud to serve for Winnipeg, so let's get to work together. Thank you, and congratulations to each and every one of you. Thank you. We had a private dinner beforehand and I expressed the reality that I wish I could appoint everyone, because you're looking at what I believe is the strongest council elected in Winnipeg's history. These are good quality people and we've got a lot of work to do together. That being said, it's my pleasure to introduce the members of the new Executive Policy Committee.

DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Mike Pagtakhan

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT

Chairperson - Councillor Brian Mayes

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chairperson – Councillor Marty Morantz

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS

Chairperson – Councillor Janice Lukes

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson – Councillor John Orlikow

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Chairperson – Councillor Jeff Browaty

ACTING DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Janice Lukes

ELECTION OF PRESIDING OFFICER (SPEAKER) AND DEPUTY PRESIDING OFFICER (DEPUTY SPEAKER)

Mayor Bowman: Thank you all for agreeing to serve. Now, the next order of Council business is the election of Presiding Officer and Deputy Presiding Officer. I call for the nominations for the election of Presiding Officer. Councillor Brian Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. My pleasure to place a nomination, the sage of Old Kildonan, Councillor Devi Sharma for Presiding Officer.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. Councillor Mayes nominates Councillor Devi Sharma. Are there any other nominations? Councillor Ross Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Mayor Bowman. It is my honour to nominate Jenny Gerbasi.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. Councillor Eadie nominates Councillor Jenny Gerbasi. Are there any other nominations?

Councillor Browaty: His Worship, I would like to move the close of nominations..

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Councillor Browaty. I have a revised script because there’s more than one. Forgive me for a moment. Okay, so we're going to vote on nominations being closed. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We shall now vote on the Presiding Officer. All those in favour of Councillor Devi Sharma as Presiding Officer, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Browaty, Dobson, Gillingham, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Pagtakhan, Sharma, Wyatt and His Worship Mayor Bowman

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. All those in favour of Councillor Gerbasi as Presiding Officer, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Allard, Eadie, Gerbasi, Orlikow, Schreyer

City Clerk: The vote Your Worship, Councillor Sharma 10, Councillor Gerbasi 5.

Mayor Bowman: I declare Councillor Sharma the Presiding Officer. I now call for the nominations for the election of Deputy Presiding Officer. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Mr. Worship. I'd like to move Councillor Gerbasi as Deputy Presiding Officer.

Mayor Bowman: Councillor Browaty nominates Councillor Gerbasi. Are there any other nominations?

Councillor Sharma: Mr. Mayor. I would like to nominate Councillor Cindy Gilroy.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. Councillor Sharma nominates Councillor Cindy Gilroy. Are there any other nominations?

Councillor Allard: I would like to move the close of nominations.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. Thank you, Councillor Allard. All in favour of closing? All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Thank you. We'll now vote on the Deputy Presiding Officer. All those in favour of Councillor Gerbasi as Deputy Presiding Officer, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Allard, Browaty, Dobson, Eadie, Gerbasi, Gillingham, Mayes, Orlikow, Pagtakhan, Schreyer, Wyatt.

Mayor Bowman: All those in favour of Councillor Cindy Gilroy as Deputy Presiding Officer, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Gilroy, Lukes, Sharma and His Worship Mayor Bowman

City Clerk: The vote Your Worship, Councillor Gerbasi 11, Councillor Gilroy 4.

Mayor Bowman: I declare Councillor Gerbasi as Deputy Presiding Officer. Congratulations. Congratulations to all. It's now my great pleasure to call on the "Highlights Performing Group" to perform our closing selection.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you very much. That was beautiful. I now call for a motion to adjourn. Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Motion to adjourn

Mayor Bowman: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk, roll call, please.

ROLL CALL

Clerk: His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Dobson, Eadie, Gerbasi, Gillingham, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Orlikow, Pagtakhan, Schreyer, Sharma and Wyatt.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. The meeting is adjourned. At this time, I'd like to invite all of you to join us for a reception on the second floor foyer right outside. Thank you, everyone. Look forward to seeing you out there.

Council adjourned at 8:43 p.m.