COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Wednesday, November 14, 2018

The Council met at 9:35 a.m.

The Clerk advised the Speaker that a quorum was present.

The Speaker called the meeting to order.

The opening prayer was read by Councillor Allard.

ROLL CALL

Clerk: Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma, His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Chambers, Eadie, Gillingham, Gilroy, Klein, Lukes, Mayes, Nason, Orlikow, Rollins, Santos.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, we have a leave of absence motion. Could you please read it into the record.

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Browaty,
Seconded by Councillor Nason,

That Councillor Schreyer be granted a leave of absence from today's meeting due to a personal family matter.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We will get into morning announcements in a few moments. I first of all would like to congratulate my colleagues on council, Mr. Mayor yourself, and each member of council on your elections and welcome to the 15th council of the City of Winnipeg. I look forward to serving with each and every one of you for the benefit of all Winnipeggers. I would also like to say good morning to our civic employees and it is Bring Your Child to Work Day…Bring Your Kid to Work Day. Welcome to each of you. Mr. Mayor, for your morning announcement.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And it's a pleasure to join my council colleagues for the first time on the floor of council. The last time I was in chambers, of course, was during our evening of the inauguration, and it really is an honour and a privilege to be sitting around the council chamber with each and every one of you this morning and congratulations to you, Madam Speaker on being once again chosen as our Speaker and Councillor Lukes as our Deputy Speaker. I want to just recognize a few matters. Firstly, this is National Diabetes Awareness Month and World Diabetes Day. And as such, the Winnipeg sign is lit in blue in recognition to all those families who are affected by diabetes. There are a significant number of Winnipeggers who are affected by diabetes and we want to make sure that each of those individuals know that we support them and we care deeply about them and their health. Secondly, I want to invite all Winnipeggers including my council colleagues to join us tonight for the annual Christmas tree lighting at city hall. This begins at 6:00 o'clock. I would encourage anybody who is attending or even if you are not attending, to drop off a toy for toy mountain. We're…we obviously are assisting with those collections tonight as well and so I would encourage you to come out for that. It is a spectacular tree. If you saw it this morning, I don't know in terms of its ranking to other trees in terms of sheer height but it's a really tall tree. And so, I would encourage everybody…you if you can't make it out tonight, come by city hall. This is your city hall, this is Winnipeggers city hall. I would encourage all those to come out. And I do want to thank the members of the public service who spent the greater part of a week putting roughly 10,000 LED lights up on that tree during some pretty cold weather over the last week. And I want to thank them, they were…I had a chance to chat with some of them when they were wrapping it up and they were chilly. Thirdly, I want to mention, just of course…I want to offer congratulations to our Winnipeg Blue Bombers who soundly defeated the Saskatchewan Roughriders last week. In…I made a bet with the mayor of Regina, Michael Fougere. The bet was that, in the, you know, very small likelihood that Winnipeg were to have lost against the Riders that we would light the Winnipeg sign in Rider green. Of course, what happened is, as I think all Bomber fans expected of course, the Winnipeg Blue Bombers defeated the Saskatchewan Roughriders sending them packing for the season. And of course, the Mosaic Stadium was lit up in beautiful blue and gold for the first time. Save those images, share them with all your friends in Regina, Saskatoon, throughout the prairie provinces including the odd Rider fan that may reside here in Winnipeg. They are beautiful images. I would encourage you to save them, share them, maybe send holiday cards to your friends in Regina with a picture of Mosaic Stadium. Have some fun with it but I do congratulate them on a good season. It was a

great game, jokes aside. Of course, the Winnipeg Blue Bombers are now going to be visiting Calgary and we want to wish them all the very best against the Stampeders as we hope that they'll get an opportunity to compete in this year's Grey Cup. Lastly, I also want to just welcome all of those kids that are here for Take Our Kids to Work Day. You know, what I want to say to all those that are here today, but also those that see their parents go off to work, whether it's for the City of Winnipeg or elsewhere, you should be proud of your parents. They work very hard. Members of our public service, our Clerk's Department, city council, they work very hard for the betterment of our city and this is an opportunity to see your parents in action and working today for the city that we all love and we're proud to call home. And so I want to welcome all of the kids that are here in the gallery today. Hopefully, I know we're going to have a chance to visit later today, and hopefully you will enjoy this and one day be motivated to work for the City of Winnipeg or run for council or mayor. So I want to welcome each and every one of you here. I know speaking for Council, these are community leaders around this council chamber who work very hard to inspire our youth to be active in our community. I know, you know, to a person, everybody around this council chamber has made efforts over the last number of years either on council or in the community to engage with our youth. We have had a number of initiatives over the last few years. During the last term I started the Mayor's Scholarship for Community Leadership for high school students that are going into post-secondary education. For younger leaders, we had our Kid Mayor which was a great program. And of course, I visited every high school in Winnipeg just to talk about civic engagement, diversity and reconciliation. And I know we're going to build on that work as a council over this next term. And I'm looking forward to it and would welcome the input of all those kids that are here today about what we can do better to build a city that you are proud to call home and one which you'll eventually raise your family and have your kids visit you at your workplace here in the city of Winnipeg. So welcome Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Mayes, your morning announcement.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I hadn't realized it was Diabetes Day and we look forward to the 100th anniversary, a great Canadian discovery in 1921 of insulin. So we should mark that when the time comes and in…that will occur during this term of office. But my announcement pertains to…we have had other councillors over the years, Councillor Vandal had his son here when he was in grade nine for Take Your Kid to Work Day and I'm pleased to see my son. And my son, Wells Mayes, is one of a couple of councillor's kids inspiring reach for the top player, I don't know where that might have come from, but, welcome to Wells who's going to hang out today and sit in on a couple of meetings to see how…see what it is we do around here. So I just wanted to salute him today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I would like to also acknowledge Councillor Gilroy's daughter and Councillor Orlikow's daughter, if you can give us a wave from the gallery, and of course, Wells Mayes. Welcome to each of you. I hope you have a fabulous day. I would like to now draw your attention to Motion 1 on your desks. This is regarding the creation of a Human Rights Committee of Council. It is moved by Mayor Bowman, seconded by Councillor Gilroy. Mr. Mayor, to introduce your motion.

MOTIONS

Motion No. 1
Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,
Seconded by Councillor Gilroy,

WHEREAS the protection and promotion of human rights is fundamental to a civil and democratic society;

AND WHEREAS with the City of Winnipeg growing toward a population of one million people and becoming more diverse, the need for greater focus on the protection and promotion of human rights is becoming increasingly more important;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has very distinct human rights assets and infrastructure that could position Winnipeg as an international leader in the promotion, protection, education and policy creation for human rights;

AND WHEREAS working towards barrier free access to city services for all citizens remains an important priority;

AND WHEREAS the Access Advisory Committee was established to advise the Mayor and Council on the present and future status of the City of Winnipeg's information, properties, and services accessible for persons with disabilities to the benefit of all citizens;

AND WHEREAS the Citizen Equity Committee was established to serve as an advisory agent to City Council on equity and diversity issues and emerging trends, as they affect the communities in Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the Mayor's Age Friendly and Seniors' Advisory Committee was established as an independent advisory body and resource group to the Mayor regarding issues that impact seniors within the community and within civic operations;

AND WHEREAS there is a desire to increase the impact and urgency with which Council moves toward positioning Winnipeg as a more inclusive society locally, nationally and internationally;

AND WHEREAS there is merit to consolidating the important work currently undertaken by the Citizen Equity Committee, the Access Advisory Committee, and the Mayor's Age Friendly Seniors' Advisory Committee into a new Human Rights Committee of Council that is focused on human rights, diversity, equity, peace, and inclusion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. *That the Human Rights Committee of Council be established to focus on human rights, diversity, equity, peace and inclusion.*

2. *That the Access Advisory Committee and the Citizen Equity Committee be dissolved as of November 30, 2018, and that the Human Rights Committee of Council:*

    A. *Assume the work previously undertaken by the Access Advisory Committee and the Citizen Equity Committee, and retain the Coordinators for these committees to assist with the transition and ongoing work;*

    B. *Continue the work of the Mayor's Age Friendly and Seniors' Advisory Committee.*

3. *That the Executive Policy Committee report back to Council in 30 days with a terms of reference for the Human Rights Committee of Council.*

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm really proud to rise today in support of this motion. I want to thank Councillor Gilroy for seconding it. This is something I am not aware of another municipality in Canada that has a Human Rights Committee and so having done extensive research on that for fact checkers right now, but I'm certainly not aware of it. And I think it bodes well for the city of Winnipeg. We're home to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, the Arthur Morrow Centre for Peace and Security, and an emerging human rights cluster of academia and policy development. This motion builds on that. I'm going to be leading efforts to better coordinate our marketing efforts to attract visitors and folks that want to study here in the city of Winnipeg. This is a little bit more closer to home though. We currently have three committees that do outstanding work; the Mayors' Age Friendly Committee, we have the Access Advisory Committee as well as the Citizens Equity Committee, two of which have…certainly are committees that are created by council. The Mayor's Age Friendly is a committee of the Mayor's Office. What this motion does is it consolidates them. It retains the collective resources and the coordinators who are on contract to continue their important work and it also provides us with 30 days to work collaboratively with those coordinators, members of council and the community, to come up with appropriate terms of reference where we can better align the work of all three of those committees and continue and build on that work. But also, better coordinate it through a lens of human rights. We want to make sure ultimately that Winnipeg is seen internationally as a leader in the protection and the promotion of human rights. Not just that not just at the city, but throughout the community. Big aspirations, a big task. I'm confident that building on the work of these three committees, building on the work of our reconciliation efforts over the last number of years, and the good work of so many good people in our community who care passionately about building a city in which human rights are protected and promoted. This will provide the forum for that and we will be able to invite and benefit from the expertise in our community as well as from within the public service and around the council chamber to really lead efforts that will build on the ground a more inclusive city and a city in which all of our residents are proud to call home. And so it's with great pride that I introduce this and look forward to working with everyone that I have just mentioned in the terms of reference over the next 30 days and then getting to work with renewed focus and energy on human rights. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Any further speakers on this motion? Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: I would like to rise in support of this motion. As Chair of the Citizen…as former Chair of the Citizen Equity Committee, we did a lot of work in terms of human rights and we did a lot of work nationally on racism and how it impacts our community and our city. And I know and I want to really thank Councillor Eadie for a lot of the work that he

has done on Access Advisory, really heightening the role that Winnipeg can play in terms of how we access our community and we have actually won awards on that. And I really think that the Human Rights Committee can really highlight some of this really great work and actually, even raise it to another level. So I look forward to this committee and the work that they can be doing, really highlighting the great work we're doing, but also to really take on some of the more difficult issues that I think that we have to deal with here in Winnipeg. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is a unique thing to have a Human Rights Committee, I think that's great. Madam Speaker, I just rise and maybe as this new committee evolves in terms of reference arrive, I would just point out there is a common thread between seniors and persons with disabilities. Persons with disabilities, Madam Speaker, are of all races, all colours and so on. So the human rights perspective of that is very important. And maybe as this evolves we might also consider there is what's called a Handi-Transit Advisory Committee. And Handi-Transit is an essential service to provide to the citizens of Winnipeg who require that kind of service. I think that appropriately given how things have rolled out over the years at the human right…Manitoba Human Rights Commission, as well as with the ombudsman of Manitoba, that I think it might be appropriate to move the mandate of that committee as well under this one, Madam Speaker. But, I thank the Mayor for this motion and I look forward to the work that this committee will do.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Eadie. Any further speakers? Seeing none, Mr. Mayor to close.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. And I want to thank Councillor Eadie for…I want to echo Councillor Gilroy's comments of appreciation for Councillor Eadie's work. We have had an opportunity over the last four years to work collaboratively on our accessibility standards and been recognized nationally for those efforts and that's because of the good work by Councillor Eadie and so many other people in the city of Winnipeg. You know, you simply have to turn on the TV these days. I often will watch obviously, Canadian national news but I'll watch this reality show called CNN once in a while and you see, of course, human rights being challenged globally in a way that is obviously concerning. Increasingly, cities are on the front lines of the protection and promotion of human rights. We're on the front lines of many of the greatest challenges of our generation whether it's reconciliation, whether it's climate change, whether it's building sustainable cities. The FCM's messaging over the last few years has been city building is nation building. And I think human rights is also one of those things that the cities do have a role to play. One of the things that we can do is we can leave the tone and the dialogue of political discourse in a community and that's the one thing that I'm hoping we'll be able to do. It doesn't cost a lot of money to set that tone in a community, to be able to bring people together to have dialogue. And that's the attempt with this Human Rights Committee is to send a very clear message within our community and certainly beyond our city's borders and even our national borders, that Winnipeg is a city that cares about human rights and we're going to do what we can to better coordinate and leverage the expertise that we have in our community. And so, again, I'm very proud of this and look forward to working with everybody involved and would welcome the input from not just my council colleagues, I had offered to Councillor Eadie when we met I think last week, that his input would be welcomed in the terms of reference and I would extend that invitation to all members of council and the community. You know, this is new and so we need to collectively get our heads around how this can be structured in a way that will bring us the desired outcomes and I'm looking forward to the dialogue and that work. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. With that I'll call the question on Motion 1. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We have Motion 2 on your desks regarding the appointments to standing committees, boards and commissions. Councillor Allard to introduce Motion 2.

Motion No. 2
Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Klein,

AND WHEREAS at its annual Organizational Meeting, Council must elect the members of the Standing Committees and the members of all other Committees, Boards and Commissions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council make the following appointments and referrals to the related Committees, Boards and Commissions:

ALL COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENTS ARE FOR A ONE YEAR TERM

APPOINTMENTS TO STANDING COMMITTEES

Position	2017 / 2018 Council Members Appointed	Vacancy	2018/ 2019 Council Members Appointed
Standing Policy Committee on Finance	Councillor Gillingham, Chair Acting Deputy Mayor Gilroy Councillor Lukes Councillor Mayes	The Chairperson, appointed by the Mayor; The Deputy Mayor or Acting Deputy Mayor, as chosen by the Mayor; One member elected by Council; AND In the event that the Chairperson is already a member of the Committee by virtue of above, then a third member of the Committee shall be appointed by the Mayor.	Councillor Gillingham, Chair Deputy Mayor Chambers Councillor Gilroy Councillor Nason
Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works	Councillor Allard, Chair Councillor Browaty Councillor Pagtakhan Councillor Sharma	3 members of Council	Councillor Allard, Chair Councillor Browaty Councillor Santos Councillor Sharma

Position	2017 / 2018 Council Members Appointed	Vacancy	2018/ 2019 Council Members Appointed
Standing Policy Committee on Innovation	Councillor Gilroy, Chair Councillor Browaty Councillor Morantz Councillor Schreyer	3 members of Council	Councillor Orlikow, Chair Councillor Chambers Councillor Lukes Councillor Nason
Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development	Councillor Orlikow, Chair Councillor Allard Councillor Dobson Councillor Gerbasi	3 members of Council (and must include at least one Councillor from Point Douglas, Daniel McIntyre or Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry Ward)	Councillor Mayes, Chair Councillor Klein Councillor Lukes Councillor Rollins
Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks	Councillor Pagtakhan, Chair Councillor Eadie Councillor Orlikow Councillor Wyatt	3 members of Council	Councillor Rollins, Chair Councillor Eadie Councillor Orlikow Councillor Santos
Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment	Councillor Mayes, Chair Councillor Gillingham Councillor Lukes Councillor Schreyer	3 members of Council	Councillor Gilroy, Chair Councillor Chambers Councillor Klein Councillor Schreyer

Councillor Allard: Yes, I think my colleagues are aware of the contents of Motion 2, happy to move it. Also, I think this is my first opportunity to speak to a motion in council and I would like to welcome my colleagues, congratulations to my colleagues new and returning. And on a personal note, look forward to working with you in this new council. With that, I would like to move the motion.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Councillor Allard do you wish to close or I can call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Santos, will you move adjournment.

Councillor Santos: So moved.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Roll call Mr. Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Clerk: Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma, His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Chambers, Eadie, Gillingham, Gilroy, Klein, Lukes, Mayes, Nason, Orlikow, Rollins and Santos.

Council adjourned at 9:53 a.m.