The Manitoba Museum (TMM)

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 13, 9:00am.
Presentation to: City of Winnipeg, Executive Policy Committee (EPC)
Location: Council Chambers, 2nd floor, Council Building

TMM representatives:
Claudette Leclerc, Executive Director & CEO
Jeoff Chipman, Chair, *Bringing Our Stories Forward* Capital & Endowment Campaign

Subject: Manitoba Museum $1M grant proposal for the new Winnipeg Gallery as part of the Museum's *Bringing Our Stories Forward* Capital Renewal Project

Thank you, Mayor Bowman and Councillors for the opportunity to present on the Manitoba Museum's $1M proposal to the City of Winnipeg in support of the new Winnipeg Gallery within the $17.5M *Bringing Our Stories Forward* Gallery Renewal Capital Project.

The Manitoba Museum tells the story of Winnipeg and Manitoba. The new Winnipeg Gallery will tell the story of Winnipeg as a meeting place and settlement for thousands of years. At the confluence of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers, Winnipeg has always been an important social and political gathering place for Indigenous peoples and immigration to Manitoba;

Since our Museum opened in 1970, much has changed in what we know about the history of our City & province. Stories of Indigenous Peoples, recent waves of immigration and our coexistence with nature - all of these subjects have evolved;

While we have traditionally told the story of Winnipeg in 1920 through our Urban Gallery we have come to recognize that it was time to also showcase the dynamic City we are today.

The new Winnipeg Gallery will allow visitors to understand Winnipeg's dynamic and complex history up to present time through new media, interactive exhibitions and artifacts rarely seen by the public before;

The City of Winnipeg has never had a Museum dedicated to telling its story and that is what the new Winnipeg Gallery will do;

We have secured $13.7M of our $17.5M project goal including $1M in support from The Winnipeg Foundation;

This is our third attempt in three years to secure City of Winnipeg support for this important project. With the new Winnipeg Gallery currently under construction and scheduled to open in October 2019, this is the last opportunity for the City to pledge its support for the establishment of a Winnipeg Gallery at the Manitoba Museum.

We recognize and appreciate how difficult it is to balance a budget and it is for this reason that we ask you to consider making a $1M pledge in 2019 and to pay it out over three years to 2021as other multi-year grants, like the City commitment to the Inuit Art Centre, are completed;

We did not see a commitment to our *Bringing Our Stories Forward* Project in the draft City Budget for 2019 and respectfully request your reconsideration of our request and the suggested cash-flow.

Q & A.