ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

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MAYOR BOWMAN: MR. CLERK, DO WE HAVE QUORUM?

CLERK: YES, YOUR WORSHIP, WE HAVE QUORUM.

MAYOR BOWMAN: OKAY. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE'RE ON TREATY 1 TERRITORY AND THE METIS NATION. I'LL ASK FOR THE OPENING PRAYER FROM COUNCILLOR SHARMA. FOR ALL THOSE THAT ARE ABLE TO, PLEASE RISE.

COUNCILLOR SHARMA: AS WE GATHER HERE TODAY, WE REALIZE THAT WE ARE IN SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY, KEEPING OUR EYES ON THOSE THINGS THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS CAN LOOK UPON WITH CONFIDENCE. WE ARE MEETING ON THE TREATY 1 TERRITORY AND THE TRADITIONAL METIS NATION. LET US CONTINUE TO STRIFE TO MAKE A BETTER WORLD.

MAYOR BOWMAN: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR SHARMA. PLEASE BE SEATED, EVERYBODY. ROLL CALL, MR. CLERK.

CLERK: HIS WORSHIP, MAYOR BOWMAN. COUNCILLORS ALLARD, LUKES, SANTOS, SHARMA, BROWATY, CHAMBERS, EADIE, GILLINGHAM, GILROY, KLEIN, MAYES, NASON, ORLIKOW, AND COUNCILLOR ROLLINS.

MAYOR BOWMAN: THANK YOU. I'D NOW LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO NOTE MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCILLORS' CHAIRS. GOOD MORNING TO EVERYBODY AS WE START OUR 2021 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF COUNCIL. IT'S BEEN AN INCREDIBLY BUSY TIME, AND I KNOW THIS PANDEMIC HAS BROUGHT AN ADDED LAYER OF STRESS TO EVERYONE'S LIVES. WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES. LAST YEAR, WE WERE FACING A VERY DIFFERENT YEAR IN THE PANDEMIC. WE WERE FACING A LOT OF CASE RATES AND LOSING A LOT OF WINNIPEGGERS FAR TOO SOON. IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR, WE MOVED EVERYONE INTO THE RED ZONE RESPONSE SYSTEM AND WITH THAT THE EFFORTS TO CONTROL COVID-19 IN OUR PROVINCE. AS WE CONDUCT THIS YEAR'S ORGANIZATIONAL

MEETING OF COUNCIL, WE HAVE A MUCH MORE OPTIMISTIC LOOK, AND WE HAVE VACCINES TO THANK FOR THAT. 89.5% OF RESIDENTS ARE VACCINATED, AND THAT'S GIVEN US A SEMBLANCE OF OUR LIFE BACK. SO THOSE THAT ARE STILL NOT VACCINATED, PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING 89% OF ELIGIBLE WINNIPEGGERS WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND PROTECT OUR FAMILIES, OUR FRIENDS, AND THE COMMUNITY. WE ARE NOW AT THE THREE-YEAR MARK SINCE THIS COUNCIL WAS ELECTED, AND THERE'S STILL A LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE, ESPECIALLY AS WE BATTLE THE PANDEMIC. THIS PANDEMIC HAS HAD FAR REACHING EFFECTS ON ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESSES, AND COMMUNITIES ALIKE. I'M PLEASED WITH THE WORK OF THE CURRENT CHAIRS, BUT WE ALL HAVE MORE TO DO IN THIS TERM OF COUNCIL, AND MUCH OF THAT IS WORKING TOWARDS THE RECOVERY. THE PANDEMIC IS STILL VERY MUCH A PART OF OUR DAILY LIVES, AND WHILE VACCINES HAVE PROVIDED A PATH FORWARD, THE PATH TO RECOVERY WILL BE A DIFFICULT ONE AND ONE THAT WILL TAKE MANY YEARS. THE PANDEMIC HAS TAKEN A TOLL NOT ONLY ON OUR PHYSICAL LIVES BUT IMPACTED OUR JOBS AND COMMUNITY. I WANT TO CLOSE BY THANKING ALL COUNCILLORS FOR ALL OF THEIR EFFORTS THROUGHOUT THE TERM SO FAR. I'D LIKE TO SPECIFICALLY THANK THOSE WHO ARE COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND A MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE BECAUSE THEIR LEADERSHIP QUALITIES AND COLLABORATION PUTS THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY BEFORE ALL OTHER INTERESTS. THANK YOU. WE'LL NEED THAT KIND OF LEADERSHIP TO CONTINUE TO MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC. I WANT TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF E.P.C., OUR ACTING AND DEPUTY MAYORS, FOR YOUR IMPORTANT LEADERSHIP WORK. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING TOGETHER CONTINUALLY WHILE MITIGATING THE EFFECTS OF COVID-19 ON OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU, MERCI, AND MIIGWECH. I NOW WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE MOTION AND ASK THE MOVER IF HE WANTS TO SPEAK?

COUNCILLOR KLEIN: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. NOT MUCH, BUT I HOPE THE MOTION THAT I PUT FORWARD WOULD BE UNANIMOUS, SO I JUST CALL FOR THE VOTE.

MAYOR BOWMAN: THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY SPEAKERS ON THE MOTION? NOT HEARING ANY SPEAKERS. COUNCILLOR KLEIN, WOULD YOU LIKE TO CLOSE ON MOTION 1? THANK YOU. I'LL NOW CALL THE QUESTION ON MOTION 1. ALL IN FAVOUR? OPPOSED? NO OPPOSED? UNANIMOUS? CARRIED. COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS, DO YOU WISH TO MOVE ADJOURNMENT?

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: YES. WITH ALL MY HEART.

MAYOR BOWMAN: WE ARE ADJOURNED -- OH, ROLL CALL, PLEASE. [Roll Call]

MAYOR BOWMAN: HAVE A GREAT DAY, EVERYONE. THANKS.