Council Chamber
Winnipeg, September 20, 2022

A Special Meeting of Council was held this day at 10:08 a.m., all Members of Council having been notified in accordance with Section 79(1) of The City of Winnipeg Charter.

The Speaker called the meeting to order and acknowledged that the meeting took place on Treaty One Territory, the home and traditional lands of the Anishinaabe (Ojibwe), Ininew (Cree), and Dakota peoples, and in the National Homeland of the Red River Métis. The Speaker further acknowledged that Our drinking water comes from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation, in Treaty Three Territory.

Present: His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Chambers, Eadie, Gillingham, Gilroy, Klein, Lukes, Mayes, Nason, Orlikow, Rollins, Schreyer and Sharma.

In attendance: Mr. M. Lemoine, City Clerk, Mr. C. Gameiro, Deputy City Clerk, Mr. A. Poitras, Manager of the Decision Making Process, Ms. M. Geer, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

The Notice calling the meeting was read.

The Speaker introduced the meeting.

Opening Blessing provided by Red River Métis, Vice-President Andrew Carrier, Manitoba Métis Federation.

Roger Greene and the Whitehorse Drum Group performed an Honour Song.

Inuk Elder Martha Peet provided a Prayer.

Maxine Angoo provided an Inuk Drum Dance.

His Worship Mayor Bowman received on behalf of Council symbolic and cultural items from Treaty One, Red River Métis, Dakota Nations of Manitoba, Inuit and Cree representatives, which were then placed by Cecil Sveinson and Carole Frechette from the Indigenous Relations Division of the City of Winnipeg, in display cases.

Treaty One

Representatives of Treaty One presented Council with the following items to be permanently displayed in the Council Chamber:

- A bison hide and beaver pelt
- A clay vessel rested on grandfather rocks
- Moccasins
- A Treaty One beaded medallion
- A painted rock featuring the Treaty One flag
- A birchbark canoe
- A model of the future design plans of Naawi-Oodena
- A backdrop featuring a sunrise and Treaty One logo

The following Treaty One Leaders addressed Council:

- Chief Gordon Bluesky, Spokesperson, Treaty One (Chief, Brokenhead Ojibway Nation)
- Jolene Mercer, Director of Governance, Treaty One (Peguis First Nation)
- Knowledge Keeper Frank Beaulieu, Treaty One (Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation)

Additional Treaty One representatives on the floor of the Council Chamber:

- Vic Savino, Director of Communications, Treaty One (Peguis First Nation)

Red River Métis

Andrew Carrier, Vice-President of the Manitoba Métis Federation presented Council with the following items to be permanently displayed in the Council Chamber, then addressed Council:

- Red River Cart
- Métis Sash
- Limited edition Métis silver coin (Canada 2022), designed by Jeannine Kruachi
- Métis beadwork flower

Dakota Nations of Manitoba

Representatives of the Dakota Nations of Manitoba presented Council with the following items to be permanently displayed in the Council Chamber:

- Traditional territory map
- Sacred Pipe Bag prepared by Eugene Ross, Sioux Valley Dakota Nation

The following Dakota Nations of Manitoba Leaders addressed Council:

- Councillor Tim Whitecloud, Sioux Valley Dakota Nation
- Chief Jennifer Bone, Sioux Valley Dakota Nation

Additional Dakota Nations of Manitoba representatives on the floor of the Council Chamber:

- Councillor Michelle Rosmus, Sioux Valley Dakota Nation
- Councillor Jon Bell, Sioux Valley Dakota Nation
- Councillor Rusty Taylor, Sioux Valley Dakota Nation
- Councillor Tony Tacan, Sioux Valley Dakota Nation

Inuit

Representatives of the Inuit presented Council with the following items to be permanently displayed in the Council Chamber:

- Sealskin
- Qulliq

Nikki Komaksiutiksak Executive Director, Tunngasugit (Chesterfield Inlet, Nunavut), addressed Council.

Additional Inuit representatives on the floor of the Council Chamber

- Steve Massey, President, Tunngasugit
- Maxine Angoo, Tunngasugit (Whale Cove, Nunavut)

Cree

Representatives of the Cree presented Council with an Eagle Staff prepared by Elder David Blacksmith, Pimicikamak Cree Nation, to be permanently displayed in the Council Chamber:

The following Cree Leaders addressed Council:

- Brennan Manoakeesick, Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (Garden Hill First Nation)
- Elder Eliza Beardy, Wasagamack First Nation

Closing Blessing provided by Knowledge Keeper Frank Beaulieu.

Roger Greene and Whitehorse Drum provided a closing song.