COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
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MADAM SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. MR. CLERK, DO WE HAVE A QUORUM?

CLERK: YES, MADAM SPEAKER, WE HAVE QUORUM.

MADAM SPEAKER: I CALL THIS SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE'RE ON TREATY ONE TERRITORY, THE HOMELAND AND THE TRADITIONAL LANDS OF THE ANISHINAABE, THE ININEW, AND DAKOTA PEOPLES, AND IN THE NATIONAL HOMELAND OF THE RED RIVER METIS. OUR DRINKING WATER COMES FROM SHOAL LAKE 40 FIRST NATION, IN TREATY THREE TERRITORY. ROLL CALL, MR. CLERK.

CLERK: MADAM SPEAKER, COUNCIL SHARMA, HIS WORSHIP, MAYOR BOWMAN. COUNCILLORS BROWATY, EADIE, GILG ROY, KLEIN, LUKES, MAYES, NASON, ORLIKOW, ROLLINS, AND COUNCILLOR SCHREYER.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. CLERK, PLEASE READ THE NOTICE OF TODAY'S MEETING INTO THE RECORD.

CLERK: A SPECIAL MEETING HAS BEEN CALLED TODAY FOR 10:00 A.M. TO INCLUDE THE UNVEILING OF CEREMONIAL ARTI FACTS AND ITEMS IN THE CHAMBER.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. SINCE 2016, THE CITY OF WINNIPEG HAS DEMONSTRATED A STRONG AND GROWING DEDICATION TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND ACT ON THE TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION, CALLS TO ACTION, AND MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS' CALLS FOR JUSTICE. WINNIPEG'S INDIGENOUS ACCORD, IN WHICH INDIGENOUS AND NON-INDIGENOUS WINNIPEGGERS COME TOGETHER TO EXPLORE RECONCILIATION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL ON MARCH 22, 2017. ON JANUARY 30, 2020, THE WELCOMING WINNIPEG RECONCILING OUR HISTORY POLICY, WHICH WAS ALSO ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY CITY COUNCIL, HELPS ENSURE THAT THE CONTRIBUTIONS, EXPERIENCES, AND PERSPECTIVES OF FIRST NATIONS, METIS, AND INUIT ARE REFLECTED TRUTHFULLY IN OUR STORIES, HISTORICAL MARKERS, AND PLACE NAMES. ONE YEAR AGO, IN A HISTORIC CEREMONY ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2021, THE FLAGS OF TREATY ONE FIRST NATIONS, THE DAKOTA NATIONS, AND THE RED RIVER METIS WERE RAISED OUTSIDE CITY HALL, AND TODAY, WE GATHER TO RECTIFY THE ABSENCE OF SYMBOLS RECOGNIZING THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND THEIR RICH HISTORY HERE IN OUR WINNIPEG CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OUR CITY'S 150-YEAR HISTORY, THIS CHAMBER OPENS ITS DOORS SYMBOLIC OF OUR HEARTS AND MINDS TO RECOGNISE AND HONOUR THE FIRST PEOPLES OF THIS NATION AND OUR SHARED COMMITMENT

TO THE JOURNEY OF RECONCILIATION. TODAY, COUNCIL MERGES ITS COLLECTIVE AND INDIVIDUAL DUTIES TO GOVERNING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG WITH THE TRADITION AND CUSTOMS OF FIRST NATIONS, METIS, AND INUIT PEOPLE. THIS IMPORTANT CEREMONY TODAY IS LED BY ELDERS AND KNOWLEDGE KEEPERS AND MEMBERS OF THE INUIT, RED RIVER METIS, TREATY ONE NATIONS, DAKOTA NATIONS, CREE NATIONS, AND WILL INCLUDE REMARKS FROM MAYOR BOWMAN, WHO WILL ALSO RECEIVE TODAY'S ITEMS. JOINING US TODAY WILL BE THREE MEMBERS OF THE WINNIPEG PUBLIC SERVICE, ALL FROM OUR INDIGENOUS RELATIONS DIVISION. THANK YOU FOR JOINING COUNCIL TODAY. I NOW CALL VICE PRESIDENT OF THE MANITOBA METIS FEDERATION, ANDREW CARRIER. HE WILL OPEN OUR DAY TODAY WITH A CEREMONIAL BLESSING. WELCOME. >> THANK YOU.

>> GOOD MORNING, CITY COUNCIL, THE HONORABLE WORSHIP BRIAN BOWMAN. PLEASE RISE IN THIS MORNING'S OPENING CEREMONY. BEFORE I START OUR PRAYER, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE TOBACCO, AS IS OUR TRADITION TO RECEIVE AND TO RESPECT MOTHER EARTH, SO PLEASE BOW YOUR HEAD. TO THE CREATOR, THANK YOU FOR THE SUN THAT HAS RISEN THIS MORNING AND HAS BROUGHT US WARMTH. THANK YOU FOR THE AIR WE BREATHE. THANK YOU FOR THE WATER THAT WE ASSUME. I WANT TO THANK ALL OUR GRANDMOTHERS THAT ARE HERE TODAY FOR ALL OF THE LOVE AND CHERISH OF ALL THE CHILDREN. KEEP IN MIND THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF HEALING TO DO, AND WE ASK THE CREATOR TO GIVE US STRENGTH AND TO SEE THE WISDOM OF OUR TRUTHS, AND TO RECOGNISE THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF ROOM TO GROW, AND WITH THIS, I SAY AMEN. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. PLEASE REMAIN STANDING. WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM ROGER GREEN AND THE WHITEHORSE DRUM GROUP WHO WILL PERFORM AN HONOUR SONG. [\M\M\M] [\M\M\M]

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, HONOUR SONG. PLEASE REMAIN STANDING IF YOU ARE ABLE. I WOULD LIKE TO NOW CALL INUK ELDER MARTHA PEET TO NOW PROVIDE A BLESSING. WELCOME TO YOU. >> GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS MARTHA PEET. PEET IS MY MARRIED NAME, AND MY INUKTITUT NAME IS -- [SPEAKING ALTERNATE LANGUAGE] >> -- WHICH WAS MY GRANDMOTHER'S NAME. THE NAMES IN THE INUIT WAY OF LIFE, OUR NAMES OF OUR ELDERS ARE PASSED DOWN TO THE NEWBORNS, AND I WAS GIVEN MY GRANDMOTHER'S NAME AT THE TIME I WAS BORN. AND I'M GOING TO SAY A PRAYER IN INUKTITUT, WHICH IS MY LANGUAGE. THERE'S ONLY ONE LANGUAGE ACROSS NUNAVUT, AND THAT IS INUKTITUT. WE DO HAVE DIFFERENT DIALECTS, BUT IT'S ALWAYS ONE LANGUAGE. I FEEL MOST COMFORTABLE IN SAYING PRAYER IN INUKTITUT BECAUSE -- THAT IS HOW I -- BECAUSE THAT IS HOW I STARTED SAYING PRAYERS WHEN I WAS VERY YOUNG. AND AT THIS TIME, I'M GOING TO REMEMBER OUR WAY OF LIFE. WHEN YOU COME FROM NUNAVUT, IT'S NOT HARD TO LIVE UP THERE BECAUSE YOU'RE USED TO IT, YEAR AFTER YEAR, THE WINTER, THE SNOW, THE DARKNESS, 24-HOUR LIGHT, AND I'M ALSO GOING TO REMEMBER THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO PLACE TO LIVE, NO FOOD TO EAT, WHO ARE HOMELESS, AND NOWHERE TO TURN. AND THERE ARE MANY

ORGANIZATIONS THAT TRY TO CARE FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS AND HAVE NO FOOD TO EAT. I'M ALSO GOING TO REMEMBER THOSE ORGANIZATIONS. I HAVE LIVED IN WINNIPEG FOR THE PAST 32 YEARS, AND I LOVE WINNIPEG. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL CITY, AND SO I'M GOING TO START WITH MY PRAYER IN INUKTITUT, AND I WILL START NOW. [SPEAKING ALTERNATE LANGUAGE] >> AMEN.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, ELDER MARTHA PEET. >> THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. PLEASE BE SEATED. WE WILL NOW HAVE AN INUK DRUM DANCE BY MAUREEN AYARUAK. MAXINE? THANK YOU. [\M\M\M] . >> YOU CAN SEE THE WAY -- WHAT SHE'S DOING NOW. SHE'S TIGHTENING THE DRUM, THE CLOTH, SO IT MAKES A SOUND THAT YOU CAN HEAR ALL OVER. [\M\M\M]

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, MAXINE, FOR SHARING THE DRUM DANCE TODAY. THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO NOW INVITE HIS WORSHIP, MAYOR BOWMAN, TO MAKE REMARKS ON BEHALF OF WINNIPEG CITY COUNCIL. >> The Hon. Brian Bowman: CITY HALL NEVER SOUNDED SO GOOD, AND SHORTLY, IT'S GOING TO LOOK EVEN BETTER. INDIGENOUS ELDERS, KNOWLEDGE KEEPERS, CHIEFS, AND INDIGENOUS LEADERS, CHAMBER GUESTS, AND THOSE JOINING US ON-LINE, WELCOME AND THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY. MERCI AND MIIGWECH. I WANT TO BEGIN BY ACKNOWLEDGING AND THANKING OUR CITY'S DEPUTY MAYOR, COUNCILLOR JOHN ORLIKOW, FOR THE FORMAL PROCESS THAT HAS LED US TO TODAY, AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK EVERY SINGLE ONE OF MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES DURING THIS TERM AND THE PREVIOUS TERM FOR THEIR UNWAVERING AND UNANIMOUS LEADERSHIP TO RECONCILIATION. I ALSO WANT TO THANK OUR PUBLIC SERVICE, INCLUDING, OF COURSE, OUR CLERKS AND OUR INDIGENOUS RELATIONS DIVISION AS WELL AS, OF COURSE, MOST NOTABLY INDIGENOUS LEADERS, GOVERNMENT LEADERS FOR WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE CITY OF WINNIPEG AND BETO YOUING UPON US THE GIFTS AND SYMBOLS THAT WE ARE TO RECEIVE TODAY. TODAY IS THE SECOND TRULY HISTORIC DAY OR HISTORIC CHANGE TO WINNIPEG'S CITY CHAMBER THAT I'VE HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO BE A PART OF. FIRST WAS NOVEMBER 4, 2014, WITH THE SWEARING IN OF THE CITY COUNCIL, WHEN I BEGAN WITH THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, THE SAME OFFERED BY MADAM SPEAKER DEVI SHARMA TODAY. IT'S BECOME AN IMPORTANT STATEMENT FOR US IN CITY COUNCIL, WINNIPEG, ACROSS THE PROVINCE, AND ACROSS THE NATION. IT'S PART OF OUR SHARED STORY, OUR SHARED TRUTH. FOLLOWING OUR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AND BEFORE THE DULY ELECTED MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS MAY VOTE IN THIS CHAMBER ON ANY OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MATTERS AFFECTING THE LIVES OF WINNIPEGGERS, WE ARE FIRST SWORN IN. FIRST, IN 2014 AND THEN IN 2018 WITH EVERY MEMBER OF COUNCIL HERE TODAY, I SWORE TO MY OATH. TRULY, MEANING IN A TRUTHFUL WAY, CANADIANS, ALL CANADIANS SHOULD KNOW THE REAL TRUTH ABOUT WHAT WE MUST RECONCILE FROM OUR PAST BUT ALSO OUR PRESENT. UP UNTIL NOW, THE WORDS TRULY IN OUR DECLARATIONS DIDN'T CAPTURE THE ENTIRETY OF THE ETHICS WE ARE AND SHOULD BE HELD TO IN OFFICE. NOW WITH TODAY'S CEREMONY, IT CAPTURES OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO THE INTEGRITY AND RESPECT OF CULTURE. AND SO TODAY, WITH PROFOUND HUMILITY, I'M DEEPLY HONOURED TO BE HERE AT THIS SPECIAL MEETING OF THE 15 WINNIPEG CITY COUNCIL TO MARK THIS HISTORIC AND SYMBOLIC DAY. AS MEMBERS OF COUNCIL WILL KNOW, I'VE ONLY WORN THIS CHAIN OF OFFICE IN

THIS CHAMBER TWICE, FOR THE TWO RESPECTIVE INAUGURATIONS THAT I'VE ATTENDED, ONCE IN 2014 AND ONCE IN 2018, AND I'M WEARING IT TODAY AS A SYMBOL OF RESPECT AND APPRECIATION FOR THOSE THAT ARE BESTOWING THE GIFTS TO WINNIPEG'S CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER TODAY. AS WE RECEIVE THESE SACRED ITEMS, WE ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR SYMBOLISMS OF THEIR SHARED TRUTHS TO HISTORY AND RECONCILIATION. WE RECOGNISE THEY REPRESENT A SHIFT FROM OUR VERBAL INVOLVEMENT TO A SHARED HISTORY OF RECONCILIATION AND PEOPLE WHO ENTER MAY FEEL THAT THIS IS A MORE INCLUSIVE PLACE THAN IT HAS BEEN IN THE PAST, AND THEY INSPIRE ALL WHO TAKE THEIR SOLEMN DECLARATION OF OFFICE THIS NOVEMBER AND ALWAYS TO CONTINUE TO SERVE IN TRUTH FOR ALL OF THE RESIDENTS THAT WE SERVE. THANK YOU, MERCI, MIIGWECH.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, HIS WORSHIP. MAYOR BOWMAN WILL NOW GREET VISITORS THROUGH THE NORTH COUNCIL GLASS DOORS TO RECEIVE THEIR HISTORIC AND SACRED ITEMS. THE NORTHERN DOORWAY IN CEREMONIES IS OFTEN REFERRED TO AS THE SPIRIT ROUND. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE SPIRITS OF THE ANCESTORS RESIDE THERE AND PROVE OF THIS CAN BE SEEN WHEN THE NORTHERN LIGHTS ARE DANCING THROUGH THE NIGHTTIME SKY. THE NORTHERN GLASS DOOR OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBER IS USUALLY CLOSED. THEY'RE OPEN FOR TODAY'S HISTORIC EVENT TO INVITE OUR GUESTS INTO THE CHAMBER AND ALLOW THEM TO BE GUIDED BY THE ANCESTORS. AS THE ITEMS ARE RECEIVED, THEY WILL BE PLACED BY PUBLIC SERVICE IN THE DISPLAY CASES, AND WE SHALL HAVE THE PRESENTERS ADDRESS COUNCIL. WILL EVERY ONE ON THE FLOOR AND IN THE GALLERY PLEASE RISE IF ABLE TO WELCOME OUR PRESENTERS. WELCOME. THEY'RE JUST MAKING THEIR WAY DOWN AGAIN, OUR GUESTS ARE REPRESENTING TREATY ONE NATION.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. I WILL NOW INVITE OUR GUESTS TO COME FORWARD AND ADDRESS COUNCIL COUNCIL -- COUNCIL. PLEASE BE SEATED.

>> HELLO. I'D LIKE TO THANK CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR BOWMAN. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ROGER GREEN AND WHITEHORSE FOR THE HONOUR SONG, KNOWLEDGE KEEPERS AND THE COUNCIL THAT WE WORK WITH AT TREATY ONE STAFF, OUR KNOWLEDGE KEEPER FRANK BEAULIEU WHO KEEPS THE INFORMATION. I'D LIKE TO THANK CECIL FOR STARTING THE DAY OFF WITH A DRUM CEREMONY AND ALL THAT HE DOES TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH COUNCIL AND THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. THANK YOU ALL FOR ALLOWING US TO BE A PART OF THIS SIGNIFICANT DAY. OVER MY PAST WITH TREATY ONE, I'VE WITNESSED RECONCILIATION WORK, TO TODAY, WHERE ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANCE AND THE HISTORY OF TREATY ONE ARE BEING INSTALLED IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS. THIS GIVES ME HOPE, HOPE THAT MY GRANDCHILDREN WILL EXPERIENCE SOMETHING DIFFERENT THAN THE EXPERIENCE OF MANY OTHER INDIGENOUS PEOPLE HERE IN WINNIPEG. IT IS IMPORTANT TO FIRST UNDERSTAND THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE PIPE CEREMONY AND THE ORIGINAL SPIRIT AND INTENT OF THE TREATIES. FOR US, TREATIES ARE SPIRITUAL COVENANTS BEYOND THE WRITTEN VERSION. THE NEGOTIATION OF AND FINAL VERSIONS OF OUR TREATIES INCLUDED THE SMOKING OF A CEREMONIAL PIPE WHICH SYMBOLIZED THE INTENT OF THE PARTIES TO KEEP THE AGREEMENT IN A

TREATY MANNER, AND IT WAS MEANT TO BE IN EFFECT AS LONG AS THE WIND BLOWS AND THE RIVER FLOWS, AND THIS WAS THE REASON FOR THE SMOKING OF THE PIPE. TO HONOUR THE ORIGINAL SPIRIT AND INTENT OF THE TREATIES TODAY, WE OFFER YOU THOSE ITEMS TO BE DISPLAYED HERE IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS. THE ITEMS WERE CHOSEN WITH THE UTMOST CARE AND RESPECT TO HIGHLIGHT THE PAST, THE PRESENT, AND THE FUTURE OF TREATY ONE FIRST NATIONS. THE PAST IS REPRESENTED BY THE FUR HIDES THAT SYMBOLIZE OUR SHARED HISTORIES OF THE FUR TRADE AS WELL AS THE FACT THAT BISON WERE ONE OF THE MANY PRIMARY SOURCES OF FOOD FOR THOSE FROM THE PRAIRIE PLAINS REGION. THE BISON HAD MANY TRADITIONAL USES IN ALMOST EVERY FACET OF LIFE, FROM TOOLS AND WEAPONS TO LODGING, SOAPS, OILS, CEREMONIES, ART. THE LIST GOES ON AND ON. THE BISON IS ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT TO FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE AS IT SYMBOLIZES ONE OF THE SEVEN GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS: RESPECT. THE BUFFALO GIVES EVERY PART OF HIS BEING TO SUSTAIN THE HUMAN WAY OF LIVING WHILE RESPECTING THE BALANCE AND NEEDS OF OTHERS. IT IS OUR INTENT THAT THIS GIFT TO THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS -- OH, MY GOODNESS. OKAY. IT IS OUR INTENT THAT THIS GIFT TO THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS WILL BECOME A LASTING REMINDER OF THE RESPECT THAT WAS INTENDED THROUGH THE TREATY RELATIONSHIPS AND ALL OF THE WORK THAT WILL BE DONE BY OUR CURRENT AND FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS. WE HAVE ALSO INCLUDED A BEAVER HIDE, ANOTHER ANIMAL THAT REPRESENTS ONE OF THE SEVEN GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS: WISDOM. HIS WAYS OF USING HIS SHARP TEETH FOR CUTTING TREES AND BRANCHES TO BUILD DAMS AND LODGES EXPRESSED THIS TEACHING. IF HE DID NOT USE HIS TEETH, THE TEETH WOULD CONTINUE TO GROW UNTIL IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO SUSTAIN HIMSELF. THE SAME CAN BE SAID FOR HUMAN BEINGS. ONE'S SPIRIT WILL GROW WEAK IF IT'S NOT FULFILLING ITS USE. THE BEAVER CARRIES WISDOM, THE WISDOM TO MAKE DECISIONS BASED ON EXPERIENCE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE. EVERYONE IS GIVEN A GIFT BY THE CREATOR. PART OF YOUR GIFT IS REALIZING WHAT IT IS TO HELP OTHERS. THE BEAUTIFUL CLAY VESSEL WE SEE HERE ON DISPLAY WAS MADE BY THE VERY TALENTED CASEY ADAMS, REPRESENTING OUR WAYS FROM TAKING CLAY FROM THE LAND AND WATERWAYS TO BE MIXED WITH FRESH GRANDFATHER ROCKS FROM CEREMONIES TO BE FIRED IN THE PIT THE WAY OUR ANCESTORS DID. THE ROCKS REPRESENT OUR GRANDFATHERS AND ARE HEATED WHEN THEY'RE INTENDED TO BE USED IN CEREMONY. THE PRESENCE IS HIGHLIGHTED BY THE BEADED MEDALLION, THE BACKDROP, AND OUR RENDERED STONE. THE SUNRISE IN THE BACKGROUND REPRESENTS DAWN OF A NEW ERA FOR TREATY ONE FIRST NATIONS AND SIGNIFIES OUR OPTIMISM FOR A NEW FUTURE. THE WORK THAT ALL OF US DO HERE IN THE PRESENT WILL BUILD A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. THIS BRINGS US TO THE FUTURE. WE WILL HAVE A PLACE THAT ALL OF OUR CITIZENS CAN LOOK FORWARD TO VISITING AND BENEFITING FROM FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. WE LOOK FORWARD TO FLUSHING OUT HOW THAT WORKS TO US AND THE REST OF WINNIPEG. LASTLY, THE BIRCHBARK CANOE SIGNIFIES HOW IT IS TO GET TO WHERE WE ARE TODAY, FROM THE PAST TO THE PRESENT TO THE FUTURE. ONCE AGAIN, I'D LIKE TO GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO BRIAN BOWMAN AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL TO GIVE MEMBERS A CHANCE TO SEE WHAT OUR LIFE WILL LOOK LIKE IN THE FUTURE. MERCI, MIIGWECH.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. TODAY IS ABOUT HOPE FOR THE FUTURE. WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL? >> YES. [SPEAKING ALTERNATE LANGUAGE] >> I'M HONOURED TO BE HERE ON

BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY TREATY ONE NATION, THE BROKEN EDGE OJIBWAY BLUE SKY. I'D LIKE TO MAKE SOME REMARKS. WE REALLY DO APPRECIATE THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS THAT ARE SAID NOT ONLY HERE IN THE CHAMBERS BUT AS MAYOR BOWMAN REFERENCED IN 2014, THE BEGINNING OF THAT TRADITION. BUT I ALSO WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS TERRITORY ALWAYS HAS BEEN AND ALWAYS WILL BE AN ECONOMIC CENTRE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE, THE TREATY ONE FIRST NATIONS AND OTHER FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE HAVE GATHERED HERE FOR HUNDREDS IF NOT THOUSANDS OF YEARS, AS WELL, SO IT'S A MATTER OF US COMING BACK AND REESTABLISHING THAT RELATIONSHIP THAT WE HAVE HERE, NOT ONLY WITH THE TERRITORY BUT THE ECONOMY HERE NOT ONLY IN WINNIPEG BUT IN CANADA. THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF DISCONNECTION SINCE THAT TIME, AND OUR PEOPLE BELIEVE AND CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT OUR RIGHTFUL PLACE HERE IS WITHIN OUR TERRITORIES AND WITHIN OUR LOCATIONS, AS WELL, SO, YOU KNOW, THERE'S SOME DUTIES TO ACCEPT WHEN YOU ACCEPT THESE ITEMS FROM OUR PEOPLE. SO WE HAVE HOMELESS PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE HAVE MOTHERS, AUNTIES, GRANDMOTHERS THAT ARE MISSING AND BEING MURDERED HERE. WE HAVE [indiscernible] AND THE WORK THAT WE NEED TO DO TOGETHER. I'VE SPENT A LOT OF TIME, AND THIS IS IN REFERENCE TO THE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, BUT I SPENT SOME TIME IN NEW ZEALAND WITH MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS. THERE WAS A GREAT TIME THERE, A LOT OF INSPIRATION. A LOT OF THE FIRE AND THE WORK THAT I DO TODAY REALLY COMES FROM THAT SIX-MONTH INTERNSHIP THAT I DID THERE AFTER I GOT OUT OF UNIVERSITY. BUT IT WAS LIKE I WENT FORWARD INTO THE FUTURE A LITTLE BIT TO SEE WHAT IT COULD BE LIKE FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE NOT JUST HERE BUT ON TURTLE ISLAND. I'M SURE THEY HAD ITEMS LIKE THIS IN THEIR CITY HALL, BUT WHEN YOU GO UP TO CITY HALL AND OTHER PLACES IN THEIR CITY, THEY HAVE IT WRITTEN IN ENGLISH AND MATI, AS WELL. THEY'RE GOOD AS SPEAKING THEIR LANGUAGE BUT THEIR MUNICIPAL COUNTERPARTS, AS WELL. I WOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THE MATI AND MAYOR BOWMAN DOES, AS WELL. WE NEED TO HAVE A PLACE WHERE WE'RE NOT AWKWARD. I DIDN'T FEEL LIKE THAT COMING UP HERE, BUT THERE NEEDS TO BE A PLACE FOR OUR PEOPLE, MAYBE EVEN IN THESE CHAMBERS, MAYBE ON URBAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS, AND I THINK OUR COMMUNITIES NEED TO BE REPRESENTED IN THOSE, AS WELL. WE'VE DONE A LOT OF WORK IN THE PAST AND PUSH FORWARD WITH THE VERY LITTLE MEANS THAT WE HAD. AS CHIEF OF OUR COMMUNITY, I ALWAYS ACKNOWLEDGE THE LEADERSHIP THAT CAME BEFORE ME, THE GRANDFATHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS, BECAUSE I CAN ONLY IMAGINE THE OBSTACLES THEY FACED, JUST LIKE WHAT CECIL WAS ACKNOWLEDGING. THIS WAS A PLACE THAT WE WERE NOT WELCOME TO AT ONE TIME. WINNIPEG WAS A PLACE THAT WE HAD TO ASK PERMISSION TO COME TO, AND LEAVING OUR COMMUNITIES WAS A THING THAT WE HAD TO ASK PERMISSION TO DO. SO WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO MOVE PAST AND START TO WORK IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND WORK WITH ONE ANOTHER. I WANTED TO SAY MIIGWECH, AND I WANTED TO HAVE FRANKIE COME UP HERE AND SHARE SOME WORDS IN OUR LANGUAGE. THANK YOU, AND MIIGWECH.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. >> YEAH, REALLY PROUD TO BE HERE TODAY AND STANDING BEFORE YOU AND WITH FULL CONFIDENCE IN THE MANY, MANY LANGUAGES THAT WE HAVE TODAY AND OUR

LANGUAGES HERE IN MANITOBA IS AANISCHAAUKAMIKW. I'LL BE SPEAKING TO YOU TO KEEP YOU IN CONTEXT IN SPEAKING ABOUT OUR LAND AND THE ITEMS. [SPEAKING ALTERNATE LANGUAGE] >> MIIGWECH. MIIGWECH.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, CHIEF, FOR THE TREATY ONE NATIONS AND THE GIFTS TO THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. HIS WORSHIP, IF I COULD ASK YOU TO MOVE TO THE GLASS DOORS ONCE AGAIN, AND EVERYONE IN THE GALLERY PLEASE RISE IF YOU ARE ABLE, AND WE WILL WELCOME OUR GUESTS TO THE CHAMBER REPRESENTING THE RED RIVER METIS, ANDREW CARRIER, VICE PRESIDENT, MANITOBA METIS FEDERATION. WELCOME TO YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. PLEASE BE SEATED. WE'LL NOW HAVE MR. CARRIER ADDRESS COUNCIL.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIRMAN, THE HONORABLE WORSHIP BRIAN BOWMAN. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL, ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT DAVID CHARTRAND, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THIS CEREMONY TO HONOUR THE RED RIVER METIS, THE SOUTHERN CHIEFS ORGANIZATIONS, THE DAKOTA NATION, THE M.K.O., THE INUIT, AND TREATY ONE WITH THE INDUCTION OF SEVERAL CULTURAL ARTIFACTS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER. AS THE M.M.F. VICE PRESIDENT OF THE WINNIPEG REGION AS WELL AS MINISTER FOR THE METIS COMMUNITY LIAISON DEPARTMENT, RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SURVIVORS, I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF GATHERING LIKE THIS IN REAFFIRMING OUR COLLECTION AND MOVING FORWARD IN THE PROCESS OF RECONCILIATION MEANINGFULLY. I AM PLEASED TO SEE ALL THE FACES AROUND THIS TABLE TODAY AND THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME OUT OF YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE TO ATTEND. IN SEPTEMBER OF LAST YEAR, I WAS HERE TO REPRESENT THE RESPECTING REGION OF THE M.M.F. -- WINNIPEG REGION OF THE M.M.F. IN THE OFFICIAL RAISING OF THE METIS FLAG OUTSIDE CITY HALL. MANY OF YOU WHO ATTENDED ARE HERE AGAIN TODAY, AND YOU IT FOR YOUR -- THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED DEDICATION TO RECONCILIATION AND TO THE METIS. WE CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD IN THIS COLLABORATION WITH THE CITY OF COUNCIL IN ADVANCE OF OUR CULTURE AND PRIDE IN INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IN WINNIPEG AND BEYOND. WINNIPEG HAS BEEN THE HOMELAND FOR METIS AND THE FIRST NATIONS AND THIS IS ONE OF THE FIRST TIMES THAT WE'RE FEELING COMFORTABLE TO BE IN OUR OWN HOME, AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING THIS TO HAPPEN. WITH THIS IN MIND, IT IS MY HOPE THAT EVERYONE HERE FEELS THE PRIDE IN PARTICIPATING WITH THE INCLUSION OF THESE SPECIAL ITEMS IN THE CHAMBER, WHICH I'D LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO TELL YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT IT. YOU WILL SEE THE RED RIVER CART, AND EVERY COMMUNITY HAS A CART, BUT THESE WERE MADE AND CREATED HERE FOR MANITOBA. A LONG TIME AGO, THIS AREA WAS A LOT OF MUSKEG AND BOG, SO YOU NEEDED PRETTY MUCH A GOOD TWO-METRE WHEEL TO CARRY YOUR GOODS ACROSS, SO OUR RED RIVER CART IS UNIQUE TO BE ABLE TO TRANSPORT YOUR GOODS FROM THE PEMBINA PLAINS TO THE WINNIPEG REGION. WE ALSO WANT TO TAKE A MINUTE TO TALK ABOUT THE METIS SASH THAT WE HAVE HERE. WE WERE SO INFLUENCED BY OUR SCOTTISH RELATIVES THAT BACK IN THE DAYS WHEN WE STARTED CREATING OUR SASH, EACH METIS FAMILY THAT HAD THEIR OWN SASH. THE SASH THAT'S IN THE WINDOW HERE IS A REPLICA OF THE SASH CREATED FOR

THE RONNIE FAMILY. THE COLOURS IN THERE ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FAMILY. WE COULD SPEND A LOT OF TIME TALKING ABOUT THE COLOURS AND THEIR MEANINGS, BUT I'M WEARING A REPLICA OF THE SASH OF LOUIS REAL, AND TODAY, WE'RE STILL HONOURING OUR SASH BY HONOURING OUR ARTISTS AND CREATING DIFFERENT SASHES IN THE DIFFERENT EVENTS AND IN THE LOCAL. I ALSO WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE BEADED FLOWER. THE METIS WERE KNOWN AS THE BEADED FLOWER PEOPLE AND A DISTINGUISHMENT BETWEEN OUR FIRST NATIONS RELATIVES AND OJIBWAY RELATIVES IS THE PATTERN FACT. IN FACT, YOU COULD TELL THE METIS PATTERN WAS DISTINCT AND YOU COULD TELL WHICH COMMUNITY YOU BELONG TO, WHETHER YOU BELONGED TO THE OJIBWAY NATION, THE METIS NATION BY THE DESIGN. WITH THE COIN, WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE COIN, THERE'S A FLOWER. THERE'S ONLY 5,000 PRINTED, AND THEY SOLD OUT IN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS, SO YOU HAVE A UNIQUE COIN AND TO TAKE A LOOK AT THAT. AS I MENTIONED, WE'RE REALLY HAPPY TO BE HERE AND FINALLY BE RECOGNISED AS A CITIZEN AND A CONTRIBUTING CITIZEN OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG, AND THE FACT IS THAT WE HAVE TO DO A LOT MORE WORK IN CONSULTATION WITH EACH COMPONENT. WE HAVE THREE DISTINCT INDIGENOUS GROUPS. WE'VE MET FIRST NATIONS AND ALL THE METIS, AND YOU NEED TO CONSULT WITH US FROM NATION TO NATION INDIVIDUALLY. DO NOT PUT US ALL TOGETHER BECAUSE WE HAVE VERY DISTINCT NEEDS AND VERY DISTINCT REQUIREMENTS FOR OUR COMMUNITIES, SO KEEP IN MIND THAT CONSULTATION IS TRULY IMPORTANT. WHILE RECONCILIATION IS NOT A QUICK OR EASY PROCESS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO GATHER TO CELEBRATE PARTS OF OUR CULTURE THAT WERE ONCE SHUNNED AND RELEGATED TO THE SIDELINES. WE'RE KNOWN TO DO OUR REVEREND JIG, FOR EXAMPLE, IN OUR KITCHENS. WE HAD VERY SMALL HOUSES, BUT A LOT OF OUR CULTURE HAD TO BE HIDDEN. WE COULDN'T SPEAK OUR LANGUAGE. OUR LANGUAGE WAS LESS THAN 1,000 SPEAKERS, AND AS WAS MENTIONED EARLIER BY OUR METIS SPEAKER, ELDER, WE HAVE ONE SPEAKER. BY BEING HERE TODAY, YOU HAVE ALL CONTRIBUTED TO THAT PROCESS, AND I THANK YOU AGAIN ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT CHARTRAND FOR PARTICIPATING IN THAT PROCESS. [SPEAKING ALTERNATE LANGUAGE] >> ON THAT NOTE, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, MIIGWECH, MERCI.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION TODAY AND FOR THESE VERY SPECIAL ITEMS TO BE SHARED WITH THE CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG. THANK YOU. HIS WORSHIP TO THE GLASS DOORS TO WELCOME OUR NEXT PRESENTER. WILL EVERYONE ON THE FLOOR AND IN THE GALLERY PLEASE RISE. I'D LIKE TO REPRESENT -- I'D LIKE TO WELCOME, PARDON ME, OUR GUESTS REPRESENTING THE DAKOTA NATIONS. IF YOU COULD PLEASE COME FORWARD, PLEASE, CHIEF JENNIFER BONE OF THE DAKOTA VALLEY SIOUX NATION. WELCOME TO YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. WE'LL NOW HAVE THE ADDRESS TO COUNCIL FROM DAKOTA NATIONS. WELCOME.

>> GOOD MORNING. [SPEAKING ALTERNATE LANGUAGE] >> GOOD MORNING, COUNCIL, COUNCILLOR MAYOR BOWMAN. I SAID IN MY DAKOTA LANGUAGE, ALL OF MY RELATIVES, WE'RE ALL RELATIVES.

THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE TODAY. THANK YOU FOR THIS BLESSED SAY THAT WE ARE GIVEN, LIKE THE ELDERS SAID, AND THE DRUM WITH THE SONGS, SPIRITUAL SONGS THAT THEY SING FOR THIS SPECIAL OCCASION. I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COME ON BEHALF OF NOT ONLY OUR DAKOTA NATIONS, BUT DAKOTA TIPI. WE REPRESENT ALL DAKOTA PEOPLE IN THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA, SO THANK YOU, AGAIN, FOR HAVING US HERE TODAY, AND WE'RE VERY HONOURED TO BE HERE TODAY. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. [SPEAKING ALTERNATE LANGUAGE] >> GOOD MORNING, MAYOR BOWMAN, CITY COUNCIL, CHIEFS, AND DELEGATES. I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PRAYER AND THE KNOWLEDGE KEEPER TO START US OFF TODAY. I'M JENNIFER BONE, CHIEF OF DAKOTA SIOUX FIRST NATION. WHEN I GOT HERE, I HAD MEMORIES OF THE FIRST NATIONS FLAG RAISING. IT'S GREAT TO BE HERE, REPRESENTING THE DAKOTA NATIONS AND THE FIRST NATIONS OF MANITOBA. I WANT TO BEGIN BY ACKNOWLEDGING OUR PAST DAKOTA CHIEFS, OUR ANCESTORS, AND ELDERS. TODAY IS ANOTHER HISTORIC DAY. IT'S TIME FOR US TO TAKE OUR RIGHTFUL PLACE ALONG WITH THE TREATY AND METIS NATIONS, TO BE RECOGNISED FOR OUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HISTORY NOT ONLY HERE IN MANITOBA BUT IN CANADA, AS WELL. WE ARE A SOVEREIGN NATION AND HISTORICALLY, WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN HERE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS IS ALSO THE UNCEDED TERRITORY OF THE DAKOTA TERRITORY. WE ARE A NEW GENERATION OF LEADERS, AND IT'S TRULY AN HONOUR TO BE A PART OF CHANGE AND SEEING THE IMPORTANT WORK THAT'S BEING DONE IN THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION, AND WE THANK YOU, MAYOR BOWMAN, FOR BEING A TRAILBLAZER IN THAT AREA. MY COUNCIL AND I ARE HONOURED TO BE HERE AND WE STAND WITH MAYOR BOWMAN AND THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE TREATY ONE AND METIS AND INUIT NATIONS. ALTHOUGH THERE IS MUCH WORK TO BE DONE WITH RESPECT TO TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION, WE APPRECIATE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE STEPS THAT MAYOR BOWMAN HAS TAKEN IN THIS AREA. AND RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF INDIGENOUS NATIONS IN THIS TERRITORY AS WELL AS THE TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION AND THE 94 CALLS TO ACTION. ON BEHALF OF SIOUX VALLEY DAKOTA NATION, WE PRESENT THE GIFT OF A SACRED PIPE BAG, WHICH WAS MADE BY ONE OF OUR ELDERS FROM THE COMMUNITY. HIS NAME IS EUGENE RAWLS. HE'S A WELL KNOWN ARTIST AND DAKOTA HISTORIAN. REPRESENTS OUR ANCESTORS, GREAT DAKOTA CHIEFS, AND SYMBOLIC OF OUR WAY OF LIFE AND HOW HEAVILY WE RELY ON PRAYER FOR DIRECTION AND THROUGHOUT OUR DAILY LIVES. OUR DAKOTA CHIEFS WOULD COME TOGETHER IN PRAYER FOR UNITY, AND WE CONTINUE TO DO THAT TODAY. SO AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR THE UNITY AND CONVERSATION, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED CONVERSATIONS AND UNITY BETWEEN ALL OF OUR NATIONS. [SPEAKING ALTERNATE LANGUAGE]

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU CHIEFS AND FIRST NATIONS FOB YOUR VERY SPECIAL GIFTS TO BE SHARED WITH US. MAYOR BOWMAN TO MOVE TO THE GLASS DOORS FOR THE NEXT PRESENTATION. EVERYONE PLEASE RISE. WE'LL WELCOME TO THE CHAMBER OUR GUESTS REPRESENTING THE CREE NATION, BRENNAN MANOKESIK FROM MANITOBA. EXCUSE ME. WE HAVE A DIFFERENT PRESENTATION NEXT. PARDON ME. WELCOME OUR GUESTS REPRESENTING THE INUIT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND STEVE MASSEY, PRESIDENT. WELCOME.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. PLEASE BE SEATED. [SPEAKING ALTERNATE LANGUAGE] >> ORIGINALLY FROM NUNAVUT, BUT WINNIPEG IS MY HOME. WESTERN CANADA'S FIRST INUIT RESOURCE CENTRE, LOCATED HERE ON TREATY ONE TERRITORY. THE DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT FROM OUR STAFF AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO PROMOTING AND INHANSING OUR INUIT CULTURE, CUSTOMS, HISTORIES, AND TRADITIONS, COMES WITH HARDSHIPS AND SUCCESSES. IT WAS FOUNDED IN 2019, WHEN INUIT -- LOCAL INUIT COMMUNITY MEMBERS APPROACHED LOCAL CAREGIVERS, WHO WERE ALSO MY FOSTER PARENTS, TO CREATE A SPACE HERE IN WINNIPEG. IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME COMING, AND LOCAL INUIT LIKE MYSELF UNDERSTOOD THE NEED FOR THE INUIT COMMUNITY TO BE REPRESENTED AND MOST IMPORTANTLY FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO FEEL LIKE THEY ARE PART OF A COMMUNITY AWAY FROM HOME. IN 2019, THE CENTRE STARTED OUT WITH ONE STAFF MEMBER, AND THREE YEARS LATER, TWO DURING THE WORLDWIDE PANDEMIC, WE NOW HAVE TEN STAFF MEMBERS AS WELL AS A BOARD OF DIRECTORS. WE ARE CONTINUALLY WORKING WITH OUR COMMUNITY, OUR PARTNERS IN THE COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS VARIOUS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES LIKE THE CITY OF WINNIPEG'S INTERGOVERNMENTAL DIVISION. THERE IS SIGNIFICANCE TO THE TWO ITEMS BEING PRESENTED TODAY TO THE CHAMBER COUNCIL ROOM. THIS RECOGNITION OF OUR INCIDENT WITNESS CULTURE COMES WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR COMMUNITY AND YOURS WILL CONTINUE WITH RESPECT, FOSTERING GOOD SPIRITS BY BEING OPEN, WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE, SERVING AND PROVIDE FOR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY, A CONSENSUS THROUGH DISCUSSION AND DECISION MAKING, DEVELOPMENT OF SKILLS THROUGH OBSERVATION AND MENTORING, PRACTICE AND EFFORT, WORKING TOGETHER FOR A COMMON CAUSE, BEING INNOVATIVE AND RESOURCEFUL, AND RESPECTING AND CARING FOR THE LAND, ANIMALS, AND OUR ENVIRONMENT. THESE KEY PRINCIPLES I HAVE JUST DESCRIBED ARE OUR INUIT SOCIETAL VALUES. WE CONTINUE TO BE GUIDED BY THESE PRINCIPLES AS WE ADDRESS OUR CHALLENGES AND STEP FORWARD TOGETHER TOWARDS A BRIGHTER FUTURE. THE TWO CULTURAL ITEMS BEING PRESENTED TO COUNCIL CHAMBER TODAY ARE ITEMS THAT HAVE THE UTMOST SIGNIFICANT TO OUR INUIT CULTURE AND HAS BEEN FOR MILLENNIA. WHEN WE THINK ABOUT CULTURE, DIVERSITY, AND EQUITY, HOW INUIT SURVIVED FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS IN THE HARSHEST OF ENVIRONMENTS AND HOW WORKING FOR THE COMMON GOOD. FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, THE LAMP PROVIDED OIL FROM THE SEAL. THE SEAL SKIN IS SCRAPED AND CLEANED AND IS A LONG AND TREACHEROUS PROCESS BUT ONE THAT IS NECESSARY.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU FOR THESE VERY SPECIAL GIFTS. NEXT, MAYOR BOWMAN, AND EVERYONE PLEASE RISE FOR THE NEXT PRESENTATION. I WELCOME TO THE CHAMBER GUEST REPRESENTING THE CREE NATION, BRENNAN MANOGESIK, OGEE MANAKINAK.

MADAM SPEAKER: PLEASE BE SEATED. WELCOME. >> I THINK I COULD GET USED TO THE IDEA OF PEOPLE STANDING WHEN I ENTER A ROOM. WELL, GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS BRENNAN MANEKESIK. I SERVE AS CHIEF OF STAFF, AND LET ME FIRST SAY BY, YOU KNOW, THIS HONORARY

OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE ALONG WITH OUR RELATIONS HERE, OUR GRAND CHIEF, GARRISON SETEE, OFFERS HIS GREETINGS, HIS COMPLIMENTS, AND IS ENCOURAGED BY WHAT WE SEE TODAY. WE WENT YESTERDAY TO THE CEREMONY FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH, AND YESTERDAY, WE TALKED ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIPS WITH ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT AND HOW IT'S SYMBOLIZED BY ALL OF THE TREATIES. I UNDERSTAND THIS CEREMONY WAS ORIGINALLY SUPPOSED TO TAKE PLACE YESTERDAY, BUT IN OBSERVANCE OF THE FUNERAL, WE DELAYED IT TO TODAY. I JUST WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO TALK FULL ABOUT THAT TREATY -- FURTHER ABOUT THAT TREATY RELATIONSHIP. THE GIFT THAT WE'RE PROVIDING HERE WAS MADE BY AN ELDER FROM CROSS LAKE, DAVID BLACKSMITH, AND HE'S SOMEONE HELD IN HIGH REGARD FROM OUR NATION. THE SYMBOLISM BEHIND THE EAGLE STAFF, FOR US, IT'S A LIVING SPIRIT. IT'S A REPRESENTATION OF GOVERNANCE. IT'S ALSO ABOUT A SACRED RESPONSIBILITY OF DOING RIGHT FOR THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE. AND AS I SEE IT THERE, ENCASED IN GLASS, FOR ME, I JUST ALSO WANT TO IDENTIFY THAT, IN TERMS OF THE CITIZENSHIP HERE, TREATY ONE TERRITORY, WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT COME FROM NORTHERN MANITOBA. AND I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE ANOTHER GIFT THAT THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN MANITOBA PROVIDE TO THE CITY OF WINNIPEG: THE LIGHTING. THE ELECTRICITY THAT POWERS EVERYTHING IN THIS ROOM, EVERYTHING IN THIS CITY, COMES FROM OUR TERRITORY, AND I THINK IT'S ALWAYS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT. OUR PEOPLES LIVE WITH THE CUMULATIVE EFFECTS OF HYDRODEVELOPMENT. WE'VE DONE OUR PART IN TERMS OF ENSURING THE WEALTH THAT IS GENERATED THROUGHOUT MANITOBA AND IN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG, SO AS WE COME FORWARD IN THIS RENEWED OPPORTUNITY OF RECONCILIATION, WE ALWAYS WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE'VE DONE OUR PART IN TERMS OF ENSURING THE LIVELIHOODS, THE WEALTH THAT IS GENERATED FROM OUR LANDS, AND IT'S IMPORTANT GOING FORWARD IN TERMS OF THE RENEWED RELATIONSHIP THAT WE HAVE HERE AS NATIONS TO REFLECT UPON THAT. AND ALSO, THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES IDENTIFIED BY THE T.R.C. THAT DOCUMENT WAS BORNE OUT OF THE RELATIONSHIP COMING FROM THE INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL, SOMETHING THAT STILL IMPACTS OUR PEOPLE TODAY. SO IT'S IMPORTANT GOING FORWARD THAT THIS NEW JOURNEY HAS BEEN HIGHLIGHTED FROM OUR CHILDREN AND OUR INTERGENERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEM. SO AS WE GO FORWARD, I JUST WANTED TO ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PRAYERS THAT WERE PROVIDED THIS MORNING, AND FOR ME, THE IMPORTANCE OF HEARING LANGUAGE, OUR INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES, REPRESENTED IN THIS ROOM IS VERY UPLIFTING AND VERY MOTIVATIONAL. SO I WANT TO SHARE MY TIME AT THIS TIME WITH AN ELDER FROM OUR TERRITORY, ELIZA BEARDY, TO SHARE SOME WORDS ON BEHALF OF OUR NATIONS.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. >> SORRY. IT'S AN HONOUR TO BE HERE. I'M ONE OF THE SURVIVORS OF RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL. I WAS SIX YEARS OLD WHEN I WAS TAKEN AWAY FROM MY PARENTS. IT'S BEEN HARD, BUT WE HAVE TO KEEP GOING. I KEEP AN EYE ON PEOPLE. IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO THEY ARE, BECAUSE I DON'T WANT THEM TO BE ABUSED, EVEN ELDERS. I NEVER THOUGHT I'D GET THIS FAR WHEN I STARTED SCHOOL. I NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE STANDING IN FRONT OF MAYOR BOWMAN. HE'S BECOME A FRIEND OF MINE, WHICH IS AN HONOUR, BUT I WORK ALL OVER THE PLACE. WHEN I WAS IN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL, I NEVER LOST MY LANGUAGE. I WASN'T GOING TO GIVE IT UP, EVEN THOUGH SOME OF US WERE TOLD NOT TO SPEAK THE LANGUAGE. BUT WE WERE ALLOWED, AND I'M

JUST HONOURED THAT I HAVE SERVED MY PEOPLE AS A MEDICAL INTERPRETER, AND I'M HAPPY THAT I HELPED THEM. TO THIS DAY, I'M STILL HELPING THEM, INTERPRETING FOR OUR PEOPLE, AND THAT'S WHY I SAID IT'S SUCH AN HONOUR TO HELP MY PEOPLE. WHEN I WALKED OUT OF THAT, I DIDN'T LOOK BACK. I SAID TO MYSELF, I ALWAYS SAY, I'M NOT BEING PREJUDICED. BUT WHEN I WALKED OUT OF RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL, I DIDN'T LOOK BACK. ALL I SAID WAS, I'M GOING OUT THERE. NO WHITE MAN'S GOING TO STEP ALL OVER ME THIS TIME. I'M GOING TO GO OUT THERE AND HELP MY PEOPLE. IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO IT IS. TO THIS DAY, I'M STILL DOING THAT. IT'S NOT FOR MONEY, IT'S THE HURT THAT I GOT, AND IT COMES FROM THE HEART. I DON'T HAVE PAPERS. I DON'T HAVE A DIPLOMA. JUST ME AND THAT BIBLE. THAT'S WHERE I GET MY INFORMATION FROM. I ALWAYS ASK MY CREATOR, WHAT DO I SAY, WHAT DO I DO NOW? IT'S THE FIRST THING MY DAD TAUGHT ME WHEN I WENT BACK, AND I ALWAYS USED TO HELP HIM. BUT NOW THAT THEY ARE GONE, SOMETIMES, I JUST FORGIVE EVERYBODY, EVEN THOUGH IT'S HARD. BUT I HAVE TO DO IT THE RIGHT WAY IN ORDER FOR US TO GET ALONG TOGETHER. WE ALL HAVE TO FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER, SAY THAT I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY. A LOT OF PEOPLE COME TO ME SOMETIMES, MY FRIENDS. THEY SAY I'M SORRY. I LOOK AT THEM, AND I SAY, IT WASN'T YOU. THAT'S WHAT I SAY. IT JUST COMES FROM HERE. I CAN'T GIVE THEM A PIECE OF PAPER AND SAY HERE, THIS IS WHAT I MEAN. I GIVE THEM HERE, AND I FEEL BETTER. IT'S AN HONOUR TO STAND HERE IN FRONT OF YOU, AND ON BEHALF OF ALL THE WOMEN, CHILDREN FROM THE NORTH, THANK YOU FOR LISTENING, AND GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU, BECAUSE RIGHT NOW, I STARTED SPEAKING TO ONE OF YOUR STAFF. I SAID, I'M STILL OVERWHELMED. I CAN'T STOP CRYING BECAUSE MY QUEEN'S GONE. I'M STILL LIKE THAT. I'M TRYING TO GET THE HURT OUT OF ME. SHE WAS EVERYBODY. NOBODY CAN SAY THEY DIDN'T LIKE HER. EVERYTHING, SHE DID IT, 70 YEARS, AND I'VE BEEN WATCHING IT ALL WEEK. I WANT TO CRY, BUT I CAN'T. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO HER, TOO. SHE WAS AN EXAMPLE FOR ALL OF US WOMEN. IF SHE CAN DO IT, WE CAN DO THE SAME IN THE WORK WE DO. THANK YOU, AND GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU. >> THANK YOU, ROGER, FOR YOUR BEAUTIFUL REMARKS AND PRESENTING TODAY FROM CREE NATION. THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE RISE, AND I'D LIKE TO INVITE KNOWLEDGE KEEPER FRANK BEAULIEU TO PROVIDE US WITH A CLOSING BLESSING. WELCOME.

>> MIIGWECH. MIIGWECH. [SPEAKING ALTERNATE LANGUAGE] >> STRONGLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE THANKS AND MANY THANKS FROM EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US. BRIAN BOWMAN, OUR COUNCIL MEN, TREATY ONE LEADERS, AND ALL OUR NATIONS. [SPEAKING ALTERNATE LANGUAGE] >> MIIGWECH.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. PLEASE BE SEATED. TO CONCLUDE TODAY'S CEREMONY, WE'LL ONCE AGAIN HEAR FROM ROGER GREEN AND WHITEHORSE DRUM. [\M\M\M]

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR JOINING IN TODAY'S HISTORIC CEREMONY LED BY HIS WORSHIP, MAYOR BRIAN BOWMAN. THAT CONCLUDES OUR MEETING TODAY. HIS WORSHIP, DO YOU MOVE ADJOURNMENT? ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED. ROLL CALL, MR. CLERK.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MEETING ADJOURNED.