Chairs Report Human Rights Committee of Council

I am glad to share my Chairs Report which reflects the ongoing work being done to promote Human Rights in the City of Winnipeg.

Before I get into my full report, I wish to offer our condolences to the Hazlitt Family on the recent passing of Wes Hazlitt. Was had accepted a role on the Human Rights Committee of Council and was to provide a unique perspective into accessibility as someone who has recently

It has been a very busy summer with events like Folklorama returning to two week of celebration and more and more pavilions opening to showcase their cultures and traditions

I was happy to participate in the following activities on behalf of the Human Rights Committee of Council

- September 4th attended the Korean Day Festival full of traditional dances and cultural presentations. It was great to see all the children and youth part of these events passing on traditions to generations ensuring these traditions will endure in perpetuity;
- September 3rd brought greetings at the annual Nagar Kirtan event for the Sikh community. This religious event has grown and grown and now is estimated to bring well over 20,000 people to the downtown area;
- September 2nd brought greetings at the PAK Fest 2023 an annual event celebrating the Pakistani Community in our city;
- August 6th – 19th Attended various Folklorama pavilions and was blown away with respect to the number of packed pavilions as we emerge from COVID and once again enjoy being in public spaces;
- August 26th attended the newcomer picnic at St. Vital held annually by the Winnipeg Chinese Cultural Community;

- August 25th provided a presentation to the AKINS Business Group at their Business Centre a multi cultural space that is open to all entrepreneurs as they establish new businesses in our city ;
- August 24th Participated in the flag raising celebrating Ukrainian Independence Day. A reminder of the fragility of Independence and the struggle to maintain it;
- August 1st and 4th Participated in providing a perspective on Emancipation Day and what it means for Canadians of African and Caribbean decent;
- August 4th Participated in the flag raising for the Jamaican Community celebrating Jamaica's 61st Independence Day;
- July 1st attended the kickoff to Caribbean Heritage Month;
- July 5th Attended the Empowering Indigenous Youth in Governance and Leadership Luncheon an exciting event to learn more about how Indigenous Youth are being empowered to lead;

There is so much work to do to bring equity and inclusion to everyone, but the will of Winnipeggers will get us there.

Madam Clerk this is my report for the Human Rights Committee of Council for September 12th 2023