May 6, 2022

Councillor Jeff Browaty
The City of Winnipeg
510 Main Street
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Dear Councillor Browaty:

Since June 27, 2020, you have served Winnipeggers in your important role on Executive Policy Committee (EPC) as chairperson of the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation and Economic Development. It has been my honour to have the opportunity to work with you to address the priorities of Winnipeggers over the past two years, and I am pleased you have accepted the opportunity to serve in a new role as Chair of the Standing Policy Committee on Finance.

Over the past two years, you have demonstrated a willingness to collaborate and work constructively with the community, Council colleagues, and members of the Public Service. Given the experience you bring, I greatly appreciate that you have agreed to take on a new role in the Executive Policy Committee. I am confident you will serve citizens well.

As part of your work as a member of EPC, I expect that you will maintain an ongoing effort to collaborate with all members of Council, Winnipeggers, members of our Public Service, and members of the Office of Policy and Strategic Initiatives whose jobs it is to support you with the expert and strategic advice you may require to meet your responsibilities and obligations as chairperson for your committee.

Additionally, you are expected to maintain a professional and healthy relationship with members of our local and national media, as well as with staff from City Administration and Mayor's Office who share a responsibility to support you in your official capacity. Through demonstrated leadership - working collaboratively, hearing all sides, and maintaining positive relationships with all internal and external stakeholders - I believe we can continue the important work of this Council and continue to build on the collective confidence and pride in Winnipeg that is felt across the nation and most importantly, by all Winnipeggers.

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Even as we continue our COVID-19 recovery efforts, we must be vigilant in safeguarding public health. We must continue to ensure effective delivery of the essential services Winnipeggers rely upon. We must also continue doing all that we can to assist those who have been hard-hit financially, just as we did by providing temporary relief on penalties for unpaid property and business taxes. And we must work vigorously and in concert with our federal and provincial partners to implement our plans for economic recovery.
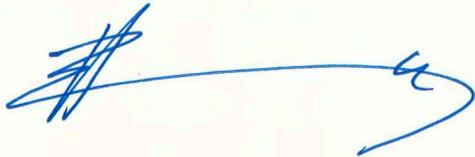
We also face new challenges due to rising inflation and global supply issues, which are having an adverse effect on our city budgets. Your primary goal as Chair of the Standing Policy Committee on Finance will be to meet the needs of a growing city while respecting taxpayer dollars. Additionally, you are responsible for overseeing the activities conducted by the Winnipeg Public Service's Corporate Finance Department on behalf of our citizens, to ensure the public's best interests are always top of mind.

Specifically, you will be expected to work with the Public Service to:

- Oversee City of Winnipeg capital infrastructure projects, to ensure due diligence is exhausted for all major capital projects, in particular the North End Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade Projects;

- Provide oversight of the ongoing COVID-19 Cash Flow Management Plans to ensure the city maintains its prudent financial status;

- Work cooperatively on planning for the multi-year 2023 balanced budget update ahead of the fall election;

The challenges facing our city have never been greater. But I am confident that Winnipeggers will weather this storm, and that we will emerge a healthier, more prosperous, more inclusive community. Once again Councillor Browaty, thank you for accepting the role of Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Finance, as well as for all your contributions to Winnipeg's future.

Sincerely,

Brian Bowman, B.A.(Adv.), J.D., CPA(Hon.), CGA(Hon.)
Mayor
The City of Winnipeg