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Councillor John Orlikow
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Dear Councillor Orlikow:

Congratulations on your re-election as Councillor for the ward of River Heights-Fort Garry. Since first being elected to Council in 2009 you have assumed increasingly important roles, including your most recent role on Executive Policy Committee (EPC) as chairperson of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. It has truly been my honour to work with you over the last four years to address the priorities of Winnipeggers.

In these roles, 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 have gained, I am honoured that you have accepted the position of Chair of the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation. I am confident that you will serve the citizens well in this role. This year, Winnipeggers overwhelmingly voted to continue building on the positive momentum and vision that we have started over the last four years as we continue to grow towards a city of one million people strong. Winnipeggers voted for a City Hall that works for the people and their families as well as a City Hall that is accountable, accessible and innovative.

As Mayor, it is my duty to ensure that members of Executive Policy Committee (EPC) continue as leaders in collaboration with all members of City Council, the Public Service and the citizens of Winnipeg. An important part of serving on EPC is demonstrating leadership and collaboration that transcends ward boundaries in the best interest of building a city we can all be proud of. As such, it is my expectation that your focus as a member of EPC is to meet the priorities of residents across Winnipeg in addition to the priorities of the residents you represent in the River Heights-Fort Garry ward.

As part of your work as a member of EPC, I expect your ongoing efforts to include continued collaboration with all members of Council, Winnipeggers, members of our Winnipeg 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.

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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 to work collaboratively, hear all sides, and maintain positive relationships with all internal and external stakeholders, I believe we can continue the important work of this Council to build a collective confidence and pride in Winnipeg that is felt across the nation and most importantly, by all Winnipeggers.

Your primary goal as Chair of Innovation will be to ensure that work and activities undertaken by the Winnipeg Parking Authority, Golf Services, Fleet Management, Animal Services, and our civic departments who work closest with citizens in our 311 division of the Corporate Support Services Department, is undertaken with the public's best interests always at top of mind.

Specifically, you will be expected to work with the public service to:

- Reduce red tape – by working cooperatively with the Office of Public Engagement, engaging directly with business owners and other stakeholders to identify a list of the top ten outdated bylaws or regulations that Council could update or eliminate to make doing business in the city more efficient;
- Oversee the Innovation Capital Fund to facilitate investment in new and innovative ideas with a focus on creating efficiencies and savings opportunities for the city departments.
- Work with the Parking Authority to address on-street parking in city areas that have parking challenges and seek solutions with for residents, consumers and businesses.
- Continue with the overhaul of the 3-1-1 service's online presence ensuring full optimization for smart phones and tablets, and;
- Work collaboratively with the Chair of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development on the OurWinnipeg review process, ensuring that economic development principles are fully integrated into this review; and
- Working in collaboration with the Department of Property and Development and the Permits Office Bring forward options to modernize, improve and streamline the Building Permit and Inspection process.

Once again I would like to thank you for accepting the role on EPC as chairperson of the Standing Committee on Innovation. I am confident you will continue to build on the trust of our citizens as you have done throughout your previous tenure on Council, and I know that your focus on the priorities of Winnipeggers will continue. I also hope you know that you can count on me for continued support in your efforts as well.

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Sincerely,



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