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Councillor Sherri Rollins  
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Dear Councillor Rollins:

Congratulations on your election as Councillor for the ward of Fort Rouge – East Fort Garry. I am honoured that you have accepted the appointment of Chair of Protection, Community Services, and Parks, and 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 building over the last four years, as we continue to grow towards a city of one million people strong. Winnipeggers also 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 Fort Rouge – East Fort Garry ward.

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 Winnipeg Public Service and members of the Office of Policy and Strategic Initiatives whose jobs it is to support you with 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 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.

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Your primary goal as Chair of Protection, Community Services and Parks will be to continue the work of the previous Chair. Additionally, you are responsible for overseeing the activities conducted by the Winnipeg Public Service's Community Services Department and Parks and Open Spaces, on behalf of our citizens, to ensure it is undertaken with the public's best interests always at top of mind.

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

- Establish the annual Community Safety and Crime Prevention Fund of \$100,000 to provide neighbourhoods with additional resources to address their safety and crime prevention needs;
- Oversee the expansion of the Community Centre Renovation Grant Program to \$2 million annually for the next five years;
- Ensure the creation of a new public recreation centre in Waverley West;
- Work with General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres to ease the cost of required criminal record checks for community centre volunteers who find these costs a barrier to volunteering through the provision of \$50,000 annually from the Civic Initiatives Fund;
- Collaborate on the development a Newcomer Welcome and Inclusion Policy which will serve as a blue print for enhancing the lives of newcomers by identifying ways in which the city could better meet their distinct needs and by working to provide barrier free access to city services and examine ways to enhance education and training on human rights and inclusion policies for city staff;
- Ensure continued support for the Plan to End Homelessness and the review currently underway to catalogue all current measures taken by the City with respect to poverty reduction and recommendations on specific measure to further reduce poverty within existing budgets;
- Continue the implementation of the Unsafe Panhandling Employment Pilot Program;
- Facilitate discussions among community centres and dog owners regarding the use of outdoor hockey rinks as off-leash dog areas during the off-season where appropriate throughout the city; and
- Work with the Canadian Beverage Container Recycling Association and the Public Service to identify opportunities to install recycling bins in city-owned parks.

Once again I would like to thank you for accepting the role on EPC as chairperson of the Standing Committee on Protection, Community Services, and Parks. 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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