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Councillor John Orlikow
The City of Winnipeg
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Dear Councillor Orlikow:

Since November 2014, you have served Winnipeggers in your important role on Executive Policy Committee (EPC) as chairperson of the Standing Policy Committee on Property, Development, Heritage and Downtown Development (PDHDD). 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 continue serving in this role. In 2014, Winnipeggers voted for the largest turnover of Winnipeg City Council in decades, entrusting in each of us as their chosen elected representatives, a mandate for positive change. I applaud that you've been recognized by Winnipeggers as an individual whose reelection to Council would be instrumental to making the change our citizens deserve.

So far, we have made significant positive changes at City Hall that began with you and I, along with all of our EPC colleagues, proactively reducing our salaries resulting in savings of \$400,000 to taxpayers. As Mayor, it is my duty to ensure that members of Executive Policy Committee continue as leaders in collaboration with all members of City Council, the Public Service and the citizens of Winnipeg. It is my expectation that your exceptional efforts and demonstrated leadership on civic matters under your purview will continue over the coming months. I also expect that your focus as a member of EPC is to meet the priorities of citizens across Winnipeg along with 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 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.

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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 members of City and Mayor's Office communications professionals who share a responsibility to support you with communications activities conducted in your official EPC capacity. Through demonstrated leadership to work collaboratively, hear all sides, and maintain positive relationships with all internal and external stakeholders, I believe we will bring together this Council and this City 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 PDHDD will be to ensure that work and activities conducted by the Winnipeg Public Service's Planning, Property and Development Department on behalf of our citizens, 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:

- Continue developing and exploring options to fund required infrastructure investments due to growth
- Renew Centre Venture's mandate to include:
 - Growing the residential population of Downtown to 20,000 by 2018
 - Market and plan for the redevelopment of the Public Safety Building
 - Work with the public service's Economic Development Division to develop innovative solutions to assist CentreVenture to rebuild and maintain their Urban Development Land Bank and work towards a more sustainable funding model
- Create a new Tax Increment Financing policy that supports affordable housing, the creation of new residential homes in downtown Winnipeg, and mixed income housing
- Establish a community centre in the new Railyards and Parcel 4 development
- Ensure the property tax rates of surface parking lots are consistent with the average property tax rate paid on properties throughout the downtown
- Ensure proper secondary plan reviews are conducted to update older plans
- Ensure appropriate authority is with city planners and Council to ensure that development is abiding by OurWinnipeg guidelines
- Explore the possibility of a temporary property tax freeze for any new residential or mixed used developments on surface parking lots
- Assess and identify current public assets and explore opportunities with private sector partners to create community spaces to open up city properties including City Hall for community gatherings

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I am confident you will continue to build on the trust of our citizens as you have done throughout the past two years, 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.

Yours sincerely,



Brian Bowman
MAYOR



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