



BRIAN BOWMAN
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April 27, 2017

Mr. David Asper
Chairperson
Winnipeg Police Board

Dear Mr. ~~Asper~~: *David*:

For many decades, you have served Winnipeggers and Canadians through your leadership in philanthropy, business, legal education and human rights issues. You have demonstrated a strong commitment to community that has garnered well-earned respect both in and outside of Winnipeg, and I am honoured you accepted the opportunity to serve as Winnipeg's first citizen Chair of the Winnipeg Police Board.

As you know, the Winnipeg Police Board plays a critical governance and civilian oversight role within the administrative structure of the Winnipeg Police Service. In addition to their governance responsibilities, the Board is also an important liaison between the community and the police service, and has an important responsibility to ensure that community needs and values are reflected in policing priorities and objectives.

In this regard, as the first citizen Chair to be appointed to the Board, I wish to thank you for your acknowledgement of the importance to always remain accessible, particularly to all members of City Council. Your predecessors worked to balance not only the needs of City Council and the community, but also those of the men and women serving in the Winnipeg Police Service.

On an ongoing basis, this will become an increasingly more challenging undertaking as fiscal sustainability becomes more important than ever as does our need to help the Police Service provide predictable and consistent public safety to all Winnipeggers. This will be a challenging balance to maintain. However, with your experience and by working together with the newly appointed Chief of Police Danny Smyth, there are immense opportunities to find creative and innovative ways to achieve that balance that I am confident you will be able to identify and work towards.

Chairing the Winnipeg Police Board is also an important leadership role our community. As such, it does come with intense scrutiny and strong accountability. In this role, I do expect your conduct to be professional and consistent with a standard reflective of this position's role in our community.

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In your capacity as chairperson of the Winnipeg Police Board, you will be expected to:

- Provide ongoing civilian governance and oversight of the Winnipeg Police Service;
- Serve as a liaison between the community and the Winnipeg Police Service;
- Develop positive working relationships with the Winnipeg Police Board members;
- Collaborate with the Winnipeg Police Service and Winnipeg Police Board members to align budgetary and other fiscal priorities with the Winnipeg Police Board's current strategic plan; and
- Serve as a liaison for a positive working relationship between City Council and the new Winnipeg Police Service Chief of Police and members.

I know you will continue to work with the best interests of Winnipeggers in mind, and I thank you for your commitment to this important leadership role.

Yours sincerely,



Brian Bowman
MAYOR
The City of Winnipeg

