



COMMUNITY INFLUENCERS TO BREAK BREAD, DISCUSS ISSUES WITH MAYOR AND CIVIC LEADERS

Second annual Civic Leaders Dinner brings together local leaders with City's C-Suite

January 30, 2019, Winnipeg - Ahead of Budget 2019, Mayor Bowman along with several members of his senior administration and newly elected City Council will once again share a meal and ideas with local community and business leaders at the second annual Civic Leaders Dinner hosted by The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce on January 31.

"Hosting hands-on events like the Civic Leaders Dinner is a great way for Winnipeg to come together," notes Loren Remillard, President and CEO of The Winnipeg Chamber. "This is a chance for Winnipeggers to tackle issues with our city's top influencers. And all topics will, quite literally, be on the table."

With more than 200 in attendance, the Civic Leaders Dinner has quickly become one of The Chamber's most popular events of the season.

"In a tightly-scheduled world, where so much communication is the electronic kind, there is nothing like talking one-on-one with so many of Winnipeg's business and community leaders," said Doug McNeil, Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Winnipeg and past attendee of the Civic Leaders Dinner.

Comments from last year's attendees:

"Since The Chamber founded this Civic Leaders Dinner, my City Council colleagues and I, along with city staff, have benefited immensely from the thoughtful, face-to-face discussions with business leaders sparked by this event," Mayor Brian Bowman

"I learned more in the last 45 minutes [at the event] about civic government than in my last 56 years," Darrel Cole, Career Trek

"Great conversation about making our city even better!" Connie Walker, President and CEO United Way Winnipeg

Confirmed Civic Leaders include:

COUNCIL

Brian Bowman (Mayor)
John Orlikow (Councillor, River Heights - Fort Garry)
Kevin Klein (Councillor, Charleswood - Tuxedo)
Scott Gillingham (Councillor, St. James)
Janice Lukes (Councillor, Waverley West)
Vivian Santos (Councillor, Point Douglas)
Markus Chambers (Deputy Mayor, St. Norbert - Seine River)
Shawn Nason (Councillor, Transcona)
Jeff Browaty (Councillor, North Kildonan)
Sherri Rollins (Councillor, Fort Rouge - East Fort Garry)
Ross Eadie (Councillor, Mynarski)

ADMINISTRATION

Doug McNeil (Chief Administrative Officer)
Michael Legary (Chief Innovation Officer)
Michael Ruta (Chief Financial Officer)
Dave Wardrop (Chief Transportation & Utilities Officer)
Michael Jack (Chief Corporate Services Officer)
Georges Chartier (Chief Asset & Project Management Officer)
John Lane (Fire Paramedic Chief)
Jim Berezowsky (Director, Public Works)
John Kiernan (Director, Property Planning & Development)
Cindy Fernandes (Director, Community Services)
Felicia Wiltshire (Director, Customer Service and Communications)
Greg Ewankiw (Director, Transit)
Maira Geer (Director, Water and Waste)
Bryan Mansky (City Auditor)
Randy Topolniski (Chief Operating Officer, Winnipeg Parking Authority SOA)
Rob Taylor (Infrastructure Planning, Manager of Major Capital Project Oversight)
Barb D'Avignon (Manager, Materials)
Braden Smith (Manager, Urban Planning & Design)
Stan Dueck (Manager, Development & Inspections)
Sara Cianflone (Acting Manager, Economic Development)
Marc Pittet (Manager, Real Estate & Land Development)
Rhonda Forgues (Manager, Indigenous Relations)
Krista Boryskavich (Director of Legal Services/City Solicitor)
Angie Cusson (Director, Human Resources)

EVENT DETAILS

Thursday, Jan. 31
The Fairmont Winnipeg
6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Note: To facilitate open conversation, we ask that members of the media only attend the cocktail reception portion of the event from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

RESOURCES

- [Civic Leaders Dinner: The Who's Who & What They Do](#)
 - [Civic Leaders Dinner event page](#)
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About The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce

The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, founded in 1873, is the largest organization representing the voice of business in Winnipeg. Our mission is to foster an environment in which Winnipeg business can prosper.

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