



As Secretary of Urban Aboriginal Opportunities for the City of Winnipeg, I am pleased to provide you with the Aboriginal Citizens Information package. The folder consists of information on City of Winnipeg Aboriginal specific services and initiatives, as well as civic information relevant to new Aboriginal residents. It is our sincere hope that this resource will assist in increasing awareness and access to civic information and services for both Aboriginal residents and providers of Aboriginal services.

This information package fulfills a key part of Council's commitment to increasing Aboriginal awareness of civic services as outlined in *First Steps: Municipal Aboriginal Pathways* (MAP), the City's urban Aboriginal policy. The package is intended as one tool among many to ease the transition to City life for new Aboriginal residents to Winnipeg.

As you will see, the folder is comprised of two pieces:

Newcomer Information - A small packet of inserts which includes civic information relevant to new Aboriginal residents to Winnipeg (i.e. information related to transit, recreation, library, employment opportunities with the City of Winnipeg, and other public services).

Aboriginal Citizens/Service Provider Information – brief descriptions and contact information related to City of Winnipeg Aboriginal specific services and strategic initiatives identified through Municipal Aboriginal Pathways.

The information has been provided on individual sheets by topic to aid organizations in the duplication and/or sharing of relevant information with their clientele. **The information will be updated and available on line in both English and French in a downloadable format in the near future (www.winnipeg.ca).**

On behalf of the City of Winnipeg, I hope that your organization will find this information useful and that it will assist in welcoming Aboriginal newcomers to Winnipeg.

Sincerely,

Mike Pagtakhan