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## **LUKES: GILLINGHAM IS DIPLOMATIC, PRAMATIC, LEADS WITH EMPATHY AND COMPASSION**

### **THIRD COUNCIL INCUMBENT TO ENDORSE SCOTT GILLINGHAM**

(Winnipeg) - Today, Janice Lukes endorsed Scott Gillingham's campaign to be Mayor of Winnipeg. The Waverley West Councillor made the announcement at the Mother Language Monument (Shaheed Minar) located in the Richmond West portion of her ward.

Lukes highlighted Gillingham's strong leadership throughout his time at City Hall and particularly during the Covid-19 crisis.

"There is much uncertainty and turmoil in this world," Lukes said. "Winnipeg is facing significant financial, social and environmental challenges. Winnipeg needs a mayor who already has a steady hand on the wheel, who has experience dealing with the current issues of our time and who listens to all perspectives to unite people towards a common goal."

First elected in 2014, Janice Lukes is a strong proponent of positioning Winnipeg for sustainable growth. She is best known as a consistent critic of the broken city governance model, and for her decades of service to Winnipeg's urban environment as a champion of parks, trails, green spaces and active transportation routes.

Lukes strongly supports Gillingham's policies on City Hall reform, including:

- **Governance:** Gillingham is committed to leading significant governance reforms to make City Hall much more transparent and inclusive of Council and citizen concerns.
- **Managing city growth:** Gillingham is committed to improving certainty and predictability for both local city builders and investors to enable the city to grow sustainably.
- **City Hall service delivery:** Gillingham is committed to reforming the city public service to ensure more responsive, improved and timely service delivery.

Speaking to Gillingham's leadership, Lukes said, "Scott is diplomatic, pragmatic, and he leads with empathy and compassion. He has proven himself to be a strong leader at City Hall and I know he is the right person to take on the challenge to lead as Winnipeg's next Mayor."

Lukes' announcement is the 4th major endorsement Gillingham has received during the first six weeks of his campaign. Deputy Mayor Markus Chambers (St. Norbert), Councillor Jeff Browaty (North Kildonan), and former Long Plains First Nation Chief Dennis Meeches all endorsed Gillingham in May.