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Mayor Charlie Clark
City of Saskatoon
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Dear Mayor ~~Clark~~: *Charlie*:

Re: Thank You, from Winnipeg

On behalf of the City of Winnipeg's Council, staff, and citizens, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, Mayor Clark, and the Council and people of Saskatoon. Your care and concern for the safety and well-being of Winnipeggers, and particularly your action to stand with us in our ongoing recovery efforts, mean a great deal to all of us here.

Winnipeggers are hardy people, no strangers to severe winter weather: but, as you know, this untimely October storm was unprecedented. Environment Canada called it a "two-day wonder", with a whole month's worth of snow falling in just two days – an event unique in our meteorological history. You saw the result: severe damage to our urban forest, and damage to hydroelectric infrastructure on a scale never seen before in Manitoba.

In this emergency situation, with public safety our key concern, your prompt and generous decision to send crews to help is a huge boost to all our residents. The capacity, energy, and skill your workers are bringing to the job are helping us make significant progress in the cleanup; we've collected over 1,700 tonnes of storm-related wood debris already! Just as important, your staff have brought with them so much goodwill, and a "can-do" spirit, it's immensely encouraging to staff and residents alike.

As Mayor of Winnipeg, I'm always grateful that our citizens are so resilient and positive, even in the face of an emergency, and that our City staff are always so well prepared and equal to the challenges major weather events set before us. As a Canadian, I'm equally grateful to know that Canadians across the country care so much about each other, and stand ready to help one another in times of need – just as you and the people of Saskatoon have demonstrated so vividly, over the past few weeks.

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Once again, my sincere thanks to you, and the City of Saskatoon, and a special thanks to all those dedicated City of Saskatoon workers who are spending time far from their families, to lend a helping hand to their friends here in Winnipeg.

Sincerely yours,



Brian Bowman, B.A. (Adv.), J.D., CPA (Hon.), CGA (Hon.)
Mayor
The City of Winnipeg