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1JustCity Reaffirms Commitment to Neighbourhood Well-Being, Community Safety and Compassionate Support

Winnipeg, July 22, 2026 – 1JustCity remains committed to supporting the well-being of our entire community while continuing to provide essential services to individuals facing complex challenges.

We recognize the concerns raised about the activity around our Oak Table drop-in site and understand the importance of maintaining a safe and welcoming neighbourhood for everyone including residents, families, local businesses and the people who access our services.

At the heart of our work is a dedication to supporting individuals facing barriers related to housing, health and basic needs through practical assistance and pathways toward greater stability. Every day, guests come through our doors seeking a meal, safe place to rest, access to basic necessities, referrals to health and social services, housing support and opportunities to reconnect with community.

We understand that creating a safe neighbourhood requires ongoing collaboration and action. As part of our continued efforts to support community well-being and foster an inclusive and welcoming space for everyone, we are taking the following steps:

- Maintaining a consistent staff presence both inside and outside our facilities to support guests, respond to concerns and help ensure respectful use of shared spaces.
- Conducting routine patrols and monitoring of the surrounding area to help maintain cleanliness, address concerns as they arise and support positive relationships with our neighbours.
- Promoting responsible use of public spaces by engaging with community members, reinforcing expectations and connecting individuals with available resources and services.
- Expanding Oak Table drop-in hours to provide increased access to essential services during times when people may be most vulnerable. These extended hours provide additional opportunities for individuals to spend time in a safe supervised indoor environment where they can access meals, heat relief, basic necessities and referrals to community supports.

- Increasing outreach efforts in the surrounding neighbourhood by engaging with individuals, addressing immediate needs and helping build a stronger, healthier community.

Our staff will continue to work closely with community partners, emergency responders, outreach teams and local agencies to address challenges with compassion and accountability.

"1JustCity has been part of this community for many years, and we value the relationships we have built with our neighbours. We remain committed to listening, responding and working together to address the concerns that have been raised," said Craig Wynands, Executive Director of 1JustCity. "We are continuing to strengthen our neighbourhood presence, outreach efforts, and partnerships while providing a safe place where people can access resources and support needed to move forward. We believe our community is stronger when we work together and look out for one another."

1JustCity believes that positive change happens through compassion, shared action and community partnerships. We will continue to work collaboratively with our neighbours, local businesses and community organizations to ensure that our neighbourhood remains safe, welcoming and well-cared for.

We are grateful to staff, volunteers, partners and supporters who help make this work possible every day. We are committed to maintaining open communication and strengthening relationships throughout our community while helping ensure everyone has access to care, connection and the resources they need to move forward.

1JustCity has been loving our neighbours through our member charities for over 50 years. We are located in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on Treaty One Territory and the homeland of the Red River Métis. Through the work of our member charities – Oak Table (Osborne Village), Pimicikamak Wellness Centre (Central/West End), and West Broadway. Our vision is to create a Winnipeg that is founded on justice, where all are heard, all are welcome, all are cared for, all are celebrated, and all are working together.

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