



## Mayor's Message

I am pleased to extend greetings and warm wishes to everyone attending this virtual event organized under the guidance of the Supreme Pontiff of Hinduism Bhagavan Nithyananda Paramashivam to build awareness about various aspects of the Hindu ecosystem and to highlight the many contributions of Hindu Canadians.

November is Hindu Heritage Month, an ideal time to discuss positive ideas and ways to create constructive change in the areas of physical and mental health; peaceful communities and community service; climate change, the environment; and sustainable living (combating climate change); women's empowerment; and the other issues you will touch on in your sessions.

I want to recognize the contributions of the following esteemed individuals:

- His Divine Holiness Bhagavan Nithyananda Paramashivam Supreme Pontiff of Hinduism
- Pandit Roopnauth Sharma, President of Hindu Federation
- Ananda Gauranga Das, Chairman of GTA ISKCON Centers

The last two years, when people in Canada and around the world have been unable to gather safely, have had a significant impact on our mental, physical, social, and spiritual wellbeing. I am pleased to see that KAILASA Canada has organized this online event in response – bringing the Hindu Canadian community together to celebrate and educate future generations about the Hindu ecosystem and its contribution to Canadian society at large. Winnipeg is a growing city – well on our way to a million people strong – and the Hindu community has been a key partner in working towards that growth and sense of positivity in our city.

On behalf of the City of Winnipeg, I want to thank the organizers and volunteers who have worked so hard to make this event a success. I hope you will all enjoy your time and come away from the event with renewed energy and hope for a better 2022.

Warmly,

Mayor Brian Bowman  
The City of Winnipeg