



URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2013

A meeting of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, October 15, 2013, at 5:48 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Steven Eastman, Co-Chair
Lillian Howard, Co-Chair
Verdann Evans
Sheldon Robinson
Winona Stevens
Susan Tatoosh
Mona Woodward

ABSENT: Mason Ducharme (Leave of Absence)
Penny Irons
Genoa Point
Mark Stevens (Leave of Absence)
Kim Washburn (Sick Leave)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Andrea Reimer, Vancouver City Council
Wendy Au, Assistant City Manager
Ginger Gosnell-Myers, City Manager's Office
Lisa Walker, Arts and Culture, Britannia Centre
Baldwin Wong, Social Policy

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Winona Stevens
SECONDED by Sheldon Robinson

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee approve leaves of absences for Mason Ducharme and Mark Stevens for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Mona Woodward
SECONDED by Verdann Evans

THAT Winona Stevens be granted a leave of absence for the next regular Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee on November 13, 2013.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Verdann Evans

SECONDED by Winona Stevens

THAT the minutes of the meeting of April 17, 2013 be approved with the following amendment on page 2, item 2, first paragraph: insert the words "joint Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee and" prior to "the Women's Advisory Committee meeting on April 16, 2013" so that the first sentence under item 2 would read:

"The Co-Chairs provided an update regarding the presentation by the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) at the joint Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee and Women's Advisory Committee meeting on April 16, 2013.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. 2014 Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Sheldon Robinson

SECONDED by Verdann Evans

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee approve the following regular meeting dates for 2014:

- Wednesday, January 29, 2014
- Wednesday, April 9, 2014
- Wednesday, September 10, 2014
- Wednesday, November 19, 2014.

All meetings to occur at 5:30 pm at Vancouver City Hall unless otherwise advised.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Report on Reconciliation Week and Year of Reconciliation

Ginger Gosnell-Myers, City Manager's Office noted there are a large number of upcoming events related to the Year of Reconciliation and agreed to send a list to the Committee.

Committee members and liaisons provided their thoughts on Reconciliation week, noting the Walk for Reconciliation and events surrounding it were very intense. Councillor Reimer noted the official Vancouver Police Department estimate for the walk was 75,000 people. Lillian Howard, Co-Chair, noted much work remains to do and the Committee needs to decide where it goes from here with regards to the Year of Reconciliation.

3. June Summit Recommendations

The Committee reviewed the "Aboriginal Summit Recommendations" from the October 1, 2013, working session.

MOVED by Winona Stevens
SECONDED by Mona Woodward

- A. THAT, having reviewed the document entitled "Aboriginal Summit Recommendations" dated October 1, 2013, the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee prioritizes the following recommendations for action during the year of reconciliation:
- Multicultural potlucks;
 - Reconciliation day on Commercial Drive;
 - Debunking the "myths";
 - School Board to introduce formal programming into elementary school curriculum;
 - Opportunities to know one another's art;
 - Knowledge of Coast Salish laws, customs, and protocols;
 - Reconciliation website, links and resources;
 - Extracurricular projects for Aboriginal youth: awareness, connection to land, self-esteem, self-empowerment, engagement with government, technology;
 - One Card promotion for Aboriginal people to access community centres;
 - Expand Gen 7 program to all community centres;
 - Enhance Aboriginal policies within City of Vancouver;
 - Space for indigenous food growth and collection, and
 - Feast Hall with commercial kitchen.
- B. THAT the Summit Working Group provide further advice to the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee at the next meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2013, for priorities on commemoration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Staff Update on Oppal Inquiry Recommendations

Following a discussion, it was

MOVED by Verdann Evans
SECONDED by Mona Woodward

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee:

- Support the call for a national and international inquiry into missing and murdered women;
- Send a representative to the coalition of Missing and Murdered Women, and
- Contact other municipal Aboriginal advisory committees in Canada to coordinate on this matter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Updates

a. *Invitation to Vancouver Coastal Urban Aboriginal Strategy Working Group*

Steven Eastman, Co-Chair, agreed to follow up with the Vancouver Coastal Health liaison.

b. *Theatre for Living Interactive Play "I Want to Tell my Story" City Hall, October 3, 2013*

Lillian Howard, Co-Chair and Councillor Reimer, Vancouver City Council, provided a review. Ginger Gosnell-Myers noted there is a possibility of another performance in December, possibly at Vancouver Public Library.

c. *Mayor's Roundtable on Mental Health and Addictions - October 2, 2013*

Councillor Reimer, Vancouver City Council, reported on the Mayor's Roundtable and noted it will take more work to integrate community support networks into the discussion on mental health and addictions.

d. *Liaison Updates*

i. *Park Board*

Lisa Walker, Cultural Services, Park Board, provided an update on artwork at Britannia Centre.

ii. *Council*

Councillor Reimer provided an update on the following matters:

- The Joint Childcare Council has created a motion in support of the Seed to Cedar project; she will bring it to Council later in the year.
- There is some extra money for social programs and many applications from Aboriginal organization.
- A new civic agency, the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee will be having its first meeting on October 30, 2013.

6. Events

a. *Women's History Month Event - October 17, 2013*

Councillor Reimer, Vancouver City Council, noted there is an event for Women's History Month, hosted by the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee and the Women's Advisory Committee on October 17, 2013.

b. *Council of Councils - November 14, 2013*

Councillor Reimer, Vancouver City Council, noted each committee will have up to five minutes at the Council of Councils on November 14, 2013, to report on their work.

c. *Other Events*

None.

7. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Verdann Evans
SECONDED by Mona Woodward

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Regular Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, November 13, 2013
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 8:29 pm

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