



URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

JANUARY 29, 2014

A meeting of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, at 5:33 pm, in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Mason Ducharme
Steven Eastman
Verdann Evans*
Penny Kerrigan
Mabel James*
Linda Mattson
Sheldon Martin
Susan Tatoosh*
Kim Washburn
Naomi Williams
Mona Woodward

ABSENT: Lillian Howard (Sick Leave)
Winona Stevens

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Andrea Reimer, Vancouver City Council
Diana Day, Vancouver Coastal Health
Wendy Au, City Manager's Office
Ginger Gosnell-Myers, City Manager's Office
jil weaving, Parks and Recreation

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting

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The Meeting Coordinator called the meeting to order under section 4.1(c) of the Procedure By-law.

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Leave of Absence Requests

None.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Steven Eastman
SECONDED by Kim Washburn

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on November 13, 2013, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Susan Tatoosh absent for the vote)

"IN CAMERA" Meeting

MOVED by Mason Ducharme
SECONDED by Sheldon Martin

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee will go into a meeting later this day, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the Vancouver Charter, to discuss matters related to paragraphs:

(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Susan Tatoosh absent for the vote)

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair or Co-Chairs

The Meeting Coordinator explained the role of the Chair and provided an overview of options should the Committee wish to postpone the elections until the next regular meeting.

MOVED by Kim Washburn
SECONDED by Penny Kerrigan

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee postpone the election of Chair and Vice-Chair or Co-Chairs until the April 9, 2014, meeting;

FURTHER THAT Steven Eastman be appointed Acting Chair for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Susan Tatoosh absent for the vote)

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At this point in the proceedings, Steven Eastman assumed the Chair.

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2. Liaison Reports

a. Council Liaison

Councillor Andrea Reimer, Vancouver City Council, noted there is a push to get the Year of Reconciliation motion to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities this year, the City has signed an agreement with the Musqueam, and there is a motion on the February 4, 2014, agenda with a recommendation to endorse the *From Seed to Cedar* campaign.

Note from Meeting Coordinator: the motion is available online at <http://former.vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/cclerk/20140204/documents/motionb4.pdf>.

b. Park Board Liaison

jil weaving, Parks and Recreation, provided an overview of Parks programs of interest to the Committee.

c. School Board Liaison

No report.

d. Staff Liaisons

Diana Day, Vancouver Coastal Health, provided an overview of the progress around the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA), and requested the Committee invite FNHA to provide a more in-depth review at a future meeting. In discussion, the Committee agreed to meet in April, 2014, with FNHA representatives.

**3. Invitation to Vancouver School District's February 21, 2014
Professional Development Day: Aboriginal Education Focus Event**

Ginger Gosnell-Myers, City Manager's Office, provided information regarding the Vancouver School Board's invitation to the Aboriginal Education Focus Event on February 21, 2014.

MOVED by Mona Woodward
SECONDED by Mason Ducharme

THAT the following members of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee attend the Vancouver School District Professional Development Day on February 21, 2014, as Committee representatives:

- Verdann Evans
- Mabel James
- Penny Kerrigan
- Naomi Williams.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Gosnell-Myers agreed to arrange a planning meeting and liaise with the Vancouver School Board to find out what will be expected.

4. Year of Reconciliation

The Acting Chair noted there was an amazing start to the Year of Reconciliation.

Subsequently, the Committee discussed the following matters related to the Year of Reconciliation:

- a. Review of Priorities
- b. Bus Shelter Posters
- c. End of Year of Reconciliation Event
- d. Becoming a City of Reconciliation

Ginger Gosnell-Myers, City Manager's Office, distributed an overview of (*on file*) and reviewed the Committee's selection of priorities. She noted that the National Aboriginal Day Planning Committee is meeting tomorrow and she will be in attendance to report back on what they are doing, in order to avoid overlap of activities. Ms. Gosnell-Myers, along with Councillor Andrea Reimer, Vancouver City Council, noted that there is really no precedent for declaring "A City of Reconciliation" and as such, this is an opportunity to develop something new. Councillor Reimer requested the Committee develop recommendations for requirements for such a declaration.

MOVED by Penny Kerrigan
SECONDED by Sheldon Martin

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee create a Year of Reconciliation Celebration Working Group and give it the authority to prioritize and make decisions on behalf of the Committee regarding concluding events for the Year of Reconciliation.

FURTHER THAT the Working Group meetings will be open to all members, with the following as the main contacts:

Steven Eastman
Penny Kerrigan
Linda Mattson
Sheldon Martin
Naomi Williams
Mona Woodward

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Verdann Evans and Mabel James absent for the vote)

5. Gathering Our Voices Youth Conference Update

Ginger Gosnell-Myers, City Manager's Office, provided an update, noting they have a draft agenda (*distributed - on file*) and Steven Eastman, Verdann Evans and Mona Woodward, along with several representatives from Reconciliation Canada will be facilitators. Mabel James noted she was also interested in participating.

6. Planning for National Aboriginal Day

This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

7. New Business

a. Tu'Wusht Project

Curtis Clearsky, Tu'wusht Project Coordinator, provided an overview of the Vancouver Native Health Society Tu'wusht Project. Mr. Clearsky noted they have lost some funding so the project is on hiatus.

Councillor Reimer, Vancouver City Council, provided information on the relatively rigid structures around the City providing funding for projects and the need for applications to go through official application channels to ensure there is not a perception of bias in the consideration of an application.

b. Bedford Supreme Court Decision

Mona Woodward provided an overview of the Bedford decision regarding the decriminalization of prostitution (*distributed - on file*), and requested the Committee host a discussion on how the decision will impact aboriginal women and girls.

MOVED by Mona Woodward
SECONDED by Mason Ducharme

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee schedule a follow-up meeting with staff prior to the end of February, in order to discuss the impact of the Bedford Decision on aboriginal women and girls.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Verdann Evans and Mabel James absent for the vote)

c. Upcoming Events and Information

- Education, Employment and Training Community Forum - February 6, 2014
- Grandview-Woodlands Citizens' Assembly: information on the Grandview-Woodlands Plan and Citizens' Assembly is available at <http://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/grandview-woodland-community-plan.aspx>.
- Talk Vancouver is available through <http://talkvancouver.ca>.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Kim Washburn
SECONDED by Mason Ducharme

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Verdann Evans and Mabel James absent for the vote)

Next Regular Meeting:

DATE: April 9, 2014
TIME: Committee Room 1
PLACE: 5:30 pm

The Committee adjourned at 7:30 pm

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