



URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

December 1, 2016

A meeting of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on December 1, 2016, at 5:39 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Steven Eastman, Co-Chair
Lillian Howard, Co-Chair
Michelle Casavant*
Kim Harvey
Sheldon Martin
Lyana Patrick
Rennie Nahanee
Patricia Sayer
Winona Stevens

ABSENT: Kris Archie (Leave of Absence)
Cameron Zubko (Leave of Absence)
Brittany Southgate (Sick Leave)
Penny Kerrigan
David Wells

ALSO PRESENT: Wendy Au, Assistant City Manager
Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Manager of Aboriginal Relations
Kevin Barlow, Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Council
Janet Fraser, Special Representative

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Maria Castro, Meeting Coordinator

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Michelle Casavant
SECONDED by Sheldon Martin

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Kris Archie and Cameron Zubko, for the December 1, 2016, meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Winona Stevens
SECONDED by Rennie Nahanee

THAT the minutes of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee meeting held June 9, 2016, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Adoption of 2017 Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Patricia Sayer
SECONDED by Rennie Nahanee

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee approve the following meeting schedule for 2017, meetings to be held at 5:30 pm:

| Regular Meetings | Working Sessions |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Monday, January 16 | Thursday, February 16 |
| Thursday, March 23 | Thursday, April 20 |
| Monday, May 15 | Thursday, June 22 |
| Monday, July 17 | August - No Meeting |
| Monday, September 11 | Thursday, October 26 |
| Thursday, November 9 | Monday, December 4 |

2. LGBTQ2+ Inclusion

Anne Nickerson, Director, Equal Employment Opportunity, provided an update on this matter, and noted the priorities, including Quick Starts actions, which will be the focus of the interdepartmental team, in liaison with the City's LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee and the Vancouver Park Board's Trans* and Gender Variant Inclusion Steering Committee.

Ms. Nickerson and Wendy Au, Assistant City Manager, also responded to questions.

3. Northeast False Creek Project

Holly Sovdi, Lead Planner, provided a presentation on the Northeast False Creek Project and, along with Stewart McIntosh, Park Planner, and Tom Wanklin, Senior Planner, responded to questions. The group discussed ideas for the plan, including a long house, and ways to engage the urban aboriginal population in the project.

A link to the Northeast False Creek Project is available at the following link:
vancouver.ca/nefc

4. Council of Councils update

The Committee discussed the Council of Councils event that took place recently, and commented on a positive experience. The Committee also noted various aspects of the meeting, and expressed ways to improve the process regarding the facilitation and management of dialogue on Truth and Reconciliation.

5. Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Inquiry

Co-Chair Howard provided an update, and noted the progress of the working groups. She also noted various outreach activities, including her role at the indigenous health program at Women's Hospital. Ms. Howard also provided an update regarding a recent meeting with the Province, noting progress is being made, and that office will start up in the new year.

6. Canada 150+

Wendy Au, Assistant City Manager provided an update on the initiatives planned for Canada's 150th anniversary celebration in 2017, which includes a 10-day festival and a Walk for Reconciliation across the country. Ms. Au and Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Manager of Aboriginal Relations, also noted that the youth population will benefit from the "Canada's 150+" experience, through training opportunities and a mentorship program.

Ms. Au also responded to questions.

7. New Business

a. Civic Agency Annual Report

Co-Chair Eastman noted the Committee is required to submit their 2016 Report of Activities by December 9, 2016.

b. Events

- Sheldon Martin mentioned the Nisga'a New Year celebration at the Pacific National Exhibition on February 3rd and 4th, 2017.
- Kevin Barlow, Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Council, mentioned the Council's 2016 Policy Engagement Conference at the Beatty Street Armoury on February 6th and 7th, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Sheldon Martin
SECONDED by Kim Harvey

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Michelle Casavant absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, January 16, 2017
TIME: Committee Room 1
PLACE: Third Floor
Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:38 pm.

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