



URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MAY 15, 2017

A meeting of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on Monday, May 15, 2017, at 5:38 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

- PRESENT:** Steven Eastman, Interim Co-Chair
Dominic Compston
Shauna Johnson
Penny Kerrigan
Sheldon Martin
Jeane Riley
Winona Stevens
Teyem Thomas
David Wells
- ABSENT:** Eric Anderson (Leave of Absence)
Michelle Casavant (Leave of Absence)
Lillian Howard, Interim Co-Chair
Cody Kenny (Leave of Absence)
Rennie Nahanee (Leave of Absence)
Cameron Zubko
- ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Adriane Carr, Council Liaison
Councillor Andrea Reimer, Council Liaison
Janet Fraser, Special Representative
Wendy Au, Assistant City Manager
jil weaving, Coordinator, Arts, Culture and Engagement,
Park Board
Kevin Barlow, CEO, Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive
Council
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Sheldon Martin
SECONDED by Penny Kerrigan

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee grant leaves of absence for Eric Anderson, Michelle Casavant, Cody Kenny and Rennie Nahanee for this meeting;

FURTHER THAT the Committee grant a leave of absence for Eric Anderson for the meeting to be held July 17, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Teyem Thomas
SECONDED by David Wells

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee approve the minutes of the meeting held March 23, 2017, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Design Explorations for Northeast False Creek Park

Staff from the Northeast False Creek Group presented an overview on a proposed design for Northeast False Creek and sought the Committee's feedback, including opportunities in park design for Urban Aboriginals, and responded to questions.

In discussion, suggestions included the following:

- build a longhouse similar to Crab Park for celebrations;
- consider adding native plant species in the park;
- include plaques outlining First Nations history and art along walkways;
- build a carving shed that is open to the public; and
- consider concession stands that serve First Nations cuisine.

The Chair suggested staff attend an upcoming working session to continue the discussion on opportunities in the park design and it was agreed to schedule the session on June 8, 2017. The Chair reminded staff and Committee members to advise guests.

2. 2018 Election

Paul Hendren, Election Outreach Lead, provided an overview on outreach activities for the 2018 civic election and sought the Committee's input on ways to help identify barriers to voting that is specific to Urban Aboriginal people. Mr. Hendren also lead a brainstorming session to generate ideas for outreach activities the City can use in 2018 and responded to questions.

In discussion, points raised included:

- add more voting stations;
- provide access to more information to help people understand each party;
- put more effort in to contacting youth to:
 - determine why they do not vote; and
 - educate them on the importance of voting, eg: how their vote can make a difference;
- hire more Urban Aboriginal people for elections;
- review the minimum age for voting; and
- forward more election information by email to Committee members for distribution to their networks.

3. Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls CoV Meeting Report

Maureen Lerat, Social Policy, provided an update on the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls CoV Report and responded to questions.

In discussion, the Committee agreed to refer the report to the Working Group for further review and bring recommendations forward to the next regular meeting.

MOVE by Penny Kerrigan

SECONDED by Winona Stevens

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples Advisory Committee refer the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls CoV Meeting Report to the Working Group for further review and to make recommendations for the Committees consideration at the next regular meeting on July 17, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Aboriginal Health Healing and Wellness in the DTES Research Study

This item was postponed to the next meeting.

5. LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee Reconciliation Subcommittee

Chase Willier, Chair, Reconciliation Subcommittee, LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee, presented the work on reconciliation included in the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee's work plan.

In discussion it was suggested the Greater Vancouver Native Cultural Society be involved as they assist young people from small rural communities.

6. Public Spaces and Facilities

Members confirmed to attend the workshop on May 24, 2017: Steven Eastman, Winona Stevens and Eric Anderson.

7. Election of Chairs/Vice-Chair

MOVED by David Wells

SECONDED by Jeane Riley

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples Advisory Committee approve an extension of Lillian Howard and Steven Eastman's positions as interim Co-Chairs until the next regular meeting on July 17, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. New Business

a) Liaison Reports

Committee Liaisons provided brief updates as follows:

Councillor Andrea Reimer:

- 150+ motion passed unanimously;
- Indigenous place naming and design guidelines;
- City support for Aboriginal child care.

Jil weaving, Park Board:

- Indigenous place naming; excited to work with the First Nations;
- Commissioners had reconciliation training with Brad Martin last week;
- Development of a new workshop about place identification and working with Community Centres and youth on focusing how they can be better serving the community.

Ms. weaving also noted this is her last official meeting as she will be leaving the Park Board and introduced Lisa Walker who has been working closely with her.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Sheldon Martin
SECONDED by David Wells

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Regular Meeting:

DATE: Monday, July 17, 2017
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:41 pm.

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