

URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

June 13, 2012

An inaugural meeting of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, June 13, 2012, at 5:50 pm in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lillian Howard, Co-Chair
Lesley Campbell
David Dennis
Mason Ducharme*
Steven Eastman, Co-Chair
Verdann Evans
Penelope Irons
Genoa Point
Mark Stevens
Winona Stevens
Kim Washburn

ABSENT: Sheldon Robinson (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Janice MacKenzie, Acting City Clerk
Mike Magee, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office
Brenda Proskan, General Manager, Community Services
Commissioner Nicki Sharma, Park Board Liaison
Sandra Singh, Chief Librarian, Staff Liaison
Mary Clare Zak, Director, Social Policy

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

1. Roundtable Introductions

The meeting commenced with roundtable introductions of Committee members and staff.

2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Meeting Coordinator called for nominations for the positions of Co-Chairs of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee for the 2012 term. Accordingly, the following were elected by acclamation:

- Steven Eastman - Co-Chair
- Lillian Howard - Co-Chair

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At this point in the proceedings Lillian Howard assumed the Chair.

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3. Leave of Absence Requests

A leave of absence was approved for Sheldon Robinson for this meeting.

4. City Governance

The Acting City Clerk, along with the General Manager of Community Services and the Director of Social Policy, responded to questions and provided an overview on City and departmental governance, which included the following:

- City Structure
- Local Government Responsibilities
- City Manager and Administration
- Public Organizations Impacting Vancouver
- Council Meetings and How They Operate
- Committees and Other Bodies
- Council Priorities
- Key Policy Strategies

MOVED by David Dennis
SECONDED by Genoa Point

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee requests the City Clerk's Department ask the Vancouver School Board and Vancouver Coastal Health to each appoint a liaison to the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mason Ducharme absent for the vote)

5. Committee Orientation

The Meeting Coordinator provided an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the Committee.

MOVED by Penelope Irons
SECONDED by Kim Washburn

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee requests that the Staff Liaison and Park Board Liaison to the Committee provide the Committee with any information that exists within the City regarding partnerships with the Aboriginal community, including any Memorandums of Understanding or Agreements with First Nations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee agreed to have Commissioner Nicki Sharma provide a presentation on the Vancouver Parks Board, and Sandra Singh, Chief Librarian, provide a presentation on the Vancouver Public Library, at the July 11, 2012, meeting.

6. Approval of 2012 Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Steven Eastman
SECONDED by Mason Ducharme

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee approves the following schedule of meeting and working session dates for 2012:

June 13*
July 11*
September 12*
October 10
November 14*
December 12

Note: Asterisks denote regular meetings, to be held in Committee Room 1, third floor, Vancouver City Hall. Other dates are working sessions currently scheduled to be held in the aforementioned location.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee requested the Staff Liaison and Park Board Liaison attempt to acquire a meeting room in East Vancouver for the working sessions, rather than having them at City Hall.

The Committee agreed to have an additional working session on June 27, 2012, location to be determined.

MOVED by Penelope Irons
SECONDED by Genoa Point

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee requests that the City Clerk's Department provide the Committee with an additional regularly scheduled meeting on October 10, 2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Musqueam Sacred Grave Site

The Committee discussed the Musqueam Sacred Grave Site.

MOVED by Dave Dennis

SECONDED by Genoa Point

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee agrees to have Steven Eastman, Lillian Howard, Penelope Irons, and Genoa Point write a letter on behalf of the Committee, stating their unanimous support with the Musqueam Nation with regards to protecting their sacred burial site at Marpole Midden from condo development.

FURTHER THAT the Committee respectfully makes themselves available for any submission the Musqueam Nation may wish to make to the Committee.

AND FURTHER THAT Genoa Point be the liaison for the Committee in all communications with the Musqueam Nation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Co-Chairs agreed to circulate the letter to Committee members, when completed.

8. New Business

None.

The Committee adjourned at 8:18 pm.

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