



URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 13, 2013

A meeting of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, November 13, 2013, at 5:37 pm, in Committee Room No. 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Steven Eastman, Co-Chair
Lillian Howard*, Co-Chair
Verdann Evans
Penny Kerrigan
Sheldon Robinson
Susan Tatoosh
Kim Washburn
Mona Woodward

ABSENT: Mason Ducharme (Leave of Absence)
Genoa Point
Winona Stevens (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Andrea Reimer, Vancouver City Council
Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Aboriginal Planner, City Manager's Office

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Kim Washburn
SECONDED by Verdann Evans

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee approve a leave of absence for Mason Ducharme for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Meeting Coordinator advised Mark Stevens has resigned from the Committee. She also noted that leave of absence for Winona Stevens was previously approved at the October 15, 2013, meeting.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Kim Washburn
SECONDED by Verdann Evans

THAT the minutes of the meeting of October 15, 2013, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Update on Missing Women's Enquiry

Mary Clare Zak, Director of Social Policy, provided an update on the Missing Women's Enquiry. Following questions and discussion, general agreement was expressed in holding a joint follow-up session with the Women's Advisory Committee, at their Working Session meeting on December 10, 2013, at 5:30 pm.

2. Commemoration Activities

The Committee reviewed a list of commemoration ideas generated at the June 20, 2013 Aboriginal Reconciliation Summit and presented at the October 15, 2013, meeting. Following discussion, general agreement was expressed in finalizing the list at a future Working Session meeting. Ginger Gosnell-Myers agreed to organize the meeting and follow up with Committee members.

3. Gathering Our Voices Update

Ginger Gosnell-Myers provided an update on "Gathering Our Voices", a provincial Aboriginal youth gathering. She advised there may be an opportunity for members to co-facilitate at the conference if the workshop proposal is accepted.

4. Civic Asset Naming Committee Membership

On November 5, 2013, Vancouver City Council approved the addition of two members of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee to the Civic Asset Naming Committee.

Councillor Reimer reviewed the responsibilities of the Civic Asset Naming Committee. Following questions and discussion, the Committee agreed to approve its recommendations for appointment to the Civic Asset Committee at the next Regular Meeting on January 29, 2014.

5. Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee

Councillor Reimer provided an update on the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee (CYFAC), and noted their interest in issues related to aboriginal youth. Following discussion, several members expressed interest in attending the next CYFAC meeting on December 18, 2013.

The Meeting Coordinator agreed to follow up with the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee on adding this to the December 18, 2013, agenda. Information on the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee is available at: <http://vancouver.ca/your-government/children-youth-and-families-advisory-committee.aspx>.

6. Council of Councils Review

Councillor Reimer provided an overview of the Council of Councils review meeting taking place November, 14, 2013, where representatives from each Civic Agency will provide a brief presentation, followed by discussion groups and networking opportunities.

7. New Business

(a) Committee Work

Discussion took place regarding the process to determine Committee work. There was general agreement the Committee should organize presentations at upcoming Working Sessions from community stakeholders, to help identify future Committee work.

(b) ALIVE Society

Scott Clark, Executive Director, ALIVE Society, provided an overview of projects the organization is currently undertaking. Following questions and discussion, Mr. Clark agreed to re-distribute the report that was previously sent to the Committee, to be included for discussion at a future meeting.

(c) Remarkable Women

jil weaving, Coordinator, Arts, Culture and Environment, Parks and Recreation, provided an overview of the Remarkable Women poster series that honours local women who have made significant contributions to the city, and encouraged Committee members to nominate remarkable women for 2014. She agreed to provide the committee with more information on the project.

(d) Reconciling Injustices in a Pluralistic Canada Event

Councillor Remier advised she is unable to attend an upcoming all-day event on January 23, 2014, at SFU Harbour Centre, entitled "Reconciling Injustices in a Pluralistic Canada", featuring Chief Robert Joseph, and suggested a member of the Committee attend in her place. She will forward event details to the Committee.

(e) Theater Event - January 9, 2014

Ginger Gosnell-Myers noted she will send an invite to the Committee regarding the "I have to tell my story" Theatre for Living event on January 9, 2014, from 5:00pm to 8:30 pm at the Vancouver Public Library.

(f) First Nations Health Authority

MOVED by Penny Kerrigan
SECONDED by Kim Washburn

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee delegates the authority to make appointments to the First Nations Health Authority, to the Committee Co-Chairs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Lillian Howard absent for the vote)

(g) Committee Vacancies

It was noted the Committee now has three vacancies and that recommendations for appointment should be sent to the City Clerk's Office no later than November 26, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Kim Washburn
SECONDED by Verdann Evans

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Lillian Howard absent for the vote)

Next Regular Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, January 29, 2013
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room No. 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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