



URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

A meeting of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on Monday, September 22, 2014, at 5:48 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Steven Eastman, Co-Chair  
Verdann Evans  
Linda Mattson  
Sheldon Martin  
Mona Woodward  
Winona Stevens, Vice-Chair  
Susan Tatoosh

**ABSENT:** Lillian Howard, Co-Chair  
Penny Kerrigan  
Mabel James  
Naomi Williams (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Trustee Patti Bacchus, Vancouver School Board  
Baldwin Wong, Community Services Group  
jil weaving, Vancouver Park Board

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

**Leave of Absence Requests**

MOVED by Winona Stevens  
SECONDED by Sheldon Martin

THAT the Committee approve a leave of absence for Naomi Williams for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**"IN CAMERA"**

MOVED by Sheldon Martin  
SECONDED by Susan Tatoosh

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

(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

### Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Susan Tatoosh  
SECONDED by Mona Woodward

THAT the minutes of the April 9, 2014, Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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### VARY AGENDA

MOVED by Verdann Evans  
SECONDED by Susan Tatoosh

*THAT the order of the agenda be varied to hear item 2 first.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY**

*Note: For ease of reference the minutes are recorded in numerical order.*

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### 1. Vancouver Public Library Presentation

Stephanie Kripps, Brnach Head, Outreach Services, Vancouver Public Library provided an overview on library service options for persons with disabilities, and requested suggestions from the Committee on ways the Library can make these services better known and more relevant throughout the urban Aboriginal community.

In discussion it was noted brochures and information should be distributed to the community houses, the friendship centre, and that many people in the community are not aware of library material delivery services and alternate material for people with disabilities. Members and liaisons suggested contacting the BC Aboriginal Network on Disability Society, and to take examples of materials along when providing outreach.

## 2. Consultation Session on Policing-related Missing Women Commission of Inquiry Recommendations

Mona Woodward provided an update on this matter, noting the consultation session took place after changes in police procedures and the *Police Act* had been approved, that these changes allow law enforcement to gather confidential information about sex-trade workers, and that they were not provided with the agenda until arriving at the consultation session. She also noted the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) is looking for support for a call for a national enquiry regarding missing and murdered women. Ms. Woodward requested the Committee write letters to the Vancouver Police Chief requesting support for a call for a national enquiry, and a letter to NWAC supporting the call for a national enquiry.

MOVED by Mona Woodward  
SECONDED by Verdann Evans

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee write to Vancouver Police Chief Jim Chu requesting the Vancouver Police Department's support for a national enquiry on missing and murdered women.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Mona Woodward  
SECONDED by Winona Stevens

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee write to the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) in support of a national enquiry on missing and murdered women.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Verdann Evans and Mona Woodward agreed to draft the above-noted letters. The Meeting Coordinator agreed to circulate the letters to the Committee via email.

## 3. Reconciliation Week Events

Members discussed reconciliation events over the past year including the wrap-up event at VanDusen Gardens. Members noted much has been accomplished over the last year, and that work needs to continue on reconciliation, perhaps with a Reconciliation Celebration every year on Aboriginal Day.

Mona Woodward noted she has met with the Chinese business community and they are interested in working on a Memorandum of Understanding regarding reconciliation with First Nations communities and urban Aboriginals.

## 4. City of Reconciliation Update

Staff provided an update, noting staff are working on developing a framework for a "City of Reconciliation", including analyzing what the City can do and that the timing to Council is yet to be determined.

**5. Vancouver Native Health Society Elders Advisory Council**

No report.

**6. Council of Councils - November 24, 2014**

The Committee will delegate members to work on the presentation for the Council of Councils gathering on November 24, 2014.

Staff noted that each Committee will have the opportunity to present on major achievements and highlights, and there will be a group photo with the Mayor as well as recognition by Council. Co-Chair Eastman and the Vice-Chair agreed to work on the presentation, with the assistance of staff.

**7. New Business**

**i. Red Fox Health Living Society Youth Mentorship Program**

Verdann Evans noted there is a youth mentorship program between the Red Fox Healthy Living Society and Big Brothers starting October 8. They are looking for more aboriginal young men between 16 and 24 years of age to participate.

Ms. Evans agreed to circulate information on this program to the Meeting Coordinator, who agreed to distribute it to the Committee.

**ii. Wrapping Up the Committee**

Co-Chair Eastman requested members think of recommendations to pass on to the next Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee.

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Monday, November 17, 2014  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Committee Room 1  
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 6:46 pm

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