



URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 17, 2014

A meeting of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on Monday, November 17, 2014, at 5:34 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Steven Eastman, Co-Chair*
Lillian Howard, Co-Chair
Verdann Evans
Penny Kerrigan
Sheldon Martin
Linda Mattson
Winona Stevens, Vice-Chair*
Susan Tatoosh
Naomi Williams
Mona Woodward*

ABSENT: Mabel James

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Andrea Reimer, Council Liaison
Wendy Au, Assistant City Manager, Staff Liaison
Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Aboriginal Planner, City Manager's Office,
Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Leave of Absence Requests

None requested.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Verdann Evans
SECONDED by Penny Kerrigan

THAT the Minutes of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee meeting of September 22, 2014, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Winona Stevens, Mona Woodward and Co-Chair Eastman absent for the vote)

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The Committee agreed to hear item 4a as the first item of business. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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1. Letters to Native Women's Association of Canada and Vancouver Police Chief regarding Missing Women Commission of Inquiry

Mona Woodward noted these two letters are in progress and will be completed when the Coalition on Missing and Murdered Women issues a statement, and in time for the release of a community report card on the status of the recommendations coming from the Missing and Murdered Women Commission of Inquiry, in mid-December 2014. Ms. Woodward noted the report card will be accompanied by a media release.

In discussion, it was noted that there are other groups appointed by other levels of government that deal with matters relating to Aboriginal women and that it would be beneficial if the Committee could have more interaction and engagement with them.

2. Council of Councils

Co-Chair Eastman provided an update, noting the Council of Council has been moved to December 1, 2014, and that he and Winona Stevens, Vice-Chair, will be preparing a presentation to update other Advisory Committees and Council on the Committee's top priorities, accomplishments, and directions for the future.

In discussion, the Committee agreed that the following priorities, accomplishments and future directions will be included:

- Priorities: community consultation, the Year of Reconciliation and the City of Reconciliation.
- Accomplishments: Year of Reconciliation, City of Reconciliation.
- Future directions: missing and murdered women, City of Reconciliation, supporting Aboriginal people through the Healthy City Strategy, and engaging Aboriginal people in the Engaged City strategy.

It was also noted that members will be asked to fill out a committee experience survey, which is another opportunity to provide guidance for the future.

3. Recommendations for future Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee

The Committee discussed recommendations to forward to the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee in the next Council term, noting the following in addition to the matters noted in item 2, above:

- Healthy City Strategy: the current focus on mental health needs to be maintained.

- Grandview-Woodlands Local Area Plan: Co-Chair Eastman noted he is on the Citizens' Assembly, which will meet over the course of the next year and meetings are open to the public. In discussion it was noted there is considerable interest in engaging the Aboriginal community in the planning process.

4. Reports from Liaisons

a. *Councillor Andrea Reimer, Vancouver City Council*

Councillor Reimer provided an update on the civic election and noted the Council-elect is very committed to continuing the work on reconciliation.

MOVED by Penny Kerrigan
SECONDED by Susan Tatoosh

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee thank Commissioner Niki Sharma, Vancouver Park Board, and Trustee Ken Clement, Vancouver School Board, for their assistance and support.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Co-Chair Eastman absent for the vote)

Councillor Reimer also noted that on October 28, 2014, Council approved the City of Reconciliation Framework, and that there will also be work relevant to the Committee regarding the Healthy City Strategy approved by Council on October 29, 2014.

Councillor Reimer thanked Committee members for their work on and dedication to reconciliation.

Co-chair Howard congratulated Councillor Reimer on her re-election and thanked her for her commitment to following up on the Committee's work.

b. *Commissioner Niki Sharma, Vancouver Park Board*

No report.

c. *Trustee Patti Bacchus, Vancouver School Board*

No report.

d. *Staff Liaisons: Wendy Au, Assistant City Manager, Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Aboriginal Planner, and Baldwin Wong, Cultural Planner*

Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Aboriginal Planner, City Manager's Office, reviewed the report "Framework for City of Reconciliation" adopted by Council on October 28, 2014. She also noted she is working with Reconciliation Canada on a case study about the City's experiences with reconciliation with the aim of providing guidelines for adoption by other cities.

Wendy Au, Assistant City Manager, noted this first stage of the City of Reconciliation is internally focused so that staff can understand how to best engage with the Aboriginal

community and incorporate cultural sensitivity into daily work. Ms. Au and Ms. Gosnell-Myers noted there is extensive corporate support for continuing this work.

In discussion, it was noted more staff support for the work on the City of Reconciliation would be useful because the assistance of the part-time Aboriginal Planner has been invaluable so far.

MOVED by Penny Kerrigan
SECONDED by Mona Woodward

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee recommend to Council

THAT, in the spirit of the City of Reconciliation, Council direct staff to investigate the development of an Aboriginal relations office for the City of Vancouver.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Lillian Howard abstained from the vote)

RECONSIDERATION MOVED by Penny Irons
SECONDED by Mona Woodward

THAT the previous motion be reconsidered in order to provide clarity.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Penny Kerrigan
SECONDED by Mona Woodward

WHEREAS

1. Vancouver City Council adopted the report "Framework for City of Reconciliation" on October 28, 2014;
2. Vancouver has the third largest urban Aboriginal population in Canada;
3. The support of the part-time Aboriginal planner has been invaluable in the development of the City of Reconciliation framework;
4. The Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee is concerned that work on the City of Reconciliation will slow if there is no Aboriginal staff support for the program;
5. Presently there is only one, temporary, part-time Aboriginal Planner position to support the work on City of Reconciliation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee recommend to Council

THAT, in the spirit of the City of Reconciliation, Council direct staff to investigate the development of an Aboriginal relations office for the City of Vancouver.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. New Business

a. *Vancouver Aboriginal Community Policing Centre*

Co-Chair Howard noted she is the new Executive Director for the Vancouver Aboriginal Community Policing Centre (VACPC), which provides services to Aboriginal people in Vancouver. She also noted the VACPC is working on strengthening relationships with the Vancouver Police Department.

b. *Grey Cup Parade*

Sheldon Martin noted the Nisga'a United Band will be marching in the Grey Cup Parade on November 29, 2014, and invited members to attend.

c. *Committee Closure*

Co-Chair Howard thanked Committee members for their mindfulness and professionalism at meetings, and for having the courage to give strong directions to Council.

MOVED by Penny Kerrigan
SECONDED by Susan Tatoosh

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee thank Mayor and Council for their support of the Committee and its initiatives.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Sheldon Martin
SECONDED by Susan Tatoosh

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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