



URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

APRIL 20, 2015

A meeting of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on Monday, April 20, 2015, at 5:40 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Kris Archie
Michelle Casavant
Steven Eastman
Kim Harvey
Lillian Howard
Sheldon Martin
Rennie Nahanee, Acting Chair
Patricia Sayer
Britanny Southgate
Emily Tait
David Wells
Justin Wiebe

ABSENT: Lyana Patrick (Leave of Absence)
Winona Stevens (Sick Leave)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Adriane Carr, Council Liaison
Councillor Andrea Reimer, Council Liaison
Commissioner Michael Wiebe, Park Board Liaison
Wendy Au, Assistant City Manager, Staff Liaison
Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Aboriginal Planner, Staff Liaison
jil weaving, Park Board, Staff Liaison
Diana Day, Vancouver Coastal Health Authority Liaison
Tabitha Geraghty, MCAEV Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

Roll Call & Welcome

Rennie Nahanee welcomed members to the Committee and recognized the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish Nations.

Lillian Howard also welcomed new and returning members and provided a brief overview of previous work done by the Committee.

1. Icebreaker

Members participated in an icebreaker activity and were introduced to the rest of the Committee.

2. Appointment of Acting Chair

The Committee agreed that Rennie Nahanee would assume the role of Acting Chair for this meeting.

3. Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Lillian Howard
SECONDED by Michelle Casavant

THAT Lyana Patrick be granted a leave of absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Lillian Howard
SECONDED by Steven Eastman

THAT the minutes of the November 17, 2014, meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Procedural Overview

The Meeting Coordinator provided a brief overview of roles and responsibilities of committee members, and distributed the terms of reference and membership list, noting that more detailed information will be provided at the Council of Councils meeting on April 27, 2015.

The Meeting Coordinator drew attention to the attendance policy. She noted, specifically, that if a member fails to attend four consecutive meetings without leave from the committee, their membership on the committee will be concluded. She requested that if members require a leave of absence for one of the regular meetings, they notify her or one of the staff liaisons as far as possible in advance of the meeting.

Councillor Reimer provided information on the roles and responsibilities of advisory committees, the roles of staff and elected liaisons, and provided information on the history of the Committee.

6. Approval of 2015 Regular Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Steven Eastman

SECONDED by Michelle Casavant

THAT regular meetings of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee be held on the following dates at 5:30 pm:

- Monday, April 20, 2015
- Monday, June 15, 2015
- Monday, September 21, 2015
- Monday, November 23, 2015

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Appointment to the Civic Asset Naming Committee

MOVED by Lillian Howard

SECONDED by Justin Wiebe

THAT Rennie Nahanee be appointed as the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee representative to the Civic Asset Naming Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In discussion, the Committee agreed that if Mr. Nahanee cannot attend a Civic Asset Naming Committee meeting, Kim Harvey would attend as an observer on behalf of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee.

8. Workplan

Lillian Howard and Steven Eastman reviewed previous work of the committee, noting that at the last Council of Councils meeting, the Committee had presented its accomplishments and made suggestions for future work (copies distributed). Along with Councillor Reimer, Council Liaison, and Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Staff Liaison, Ms. Howard and Mr. Eastman also responded to questions.

In further discussion, it was agreed the Committee would meet in early May to hear staff presentations relating to the Healthy City Strategy, the Engaged City Task Force, and to start development of a workplan.

9. Reports from Elected and Staff Liaisons

- a. Councillor Carr
- b. Councillor Reimer

Reports were provided during earlier topics.

- c. Commissioner Wiebe - no report

- d. Trustee Fraser - not present at the meeting
- e. Staff Liaisons

Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Aboriginal Planner, noted that the Year of Reconciliation had ended with Vancouver being proclaimed a city of reconciliation and currently the focus is on crafting a meaningful framework, starting with internal aspects that focus on cultural competency, strengthening relationships and effective decision-making.

Ms. Gosnell-Myers also noted the Truth and Reconciliation Commission is closing. Mr. Nahanee noted he is part of an ecumenical group that is assisting with closing events and requested the Committee's assistance, and requested members make the closing ceremonies a priority. He agreed to forward information regarding the event to the Committee.

jil weaving provided updates on cultural events for Park Board including:

- The "Shore to Shore" monument unveiling ceremony on April 25, 2015 at 2:00 pm in Stanley Park,
- TRACKS: 7th Canadian Community Play and Arts Symposium May 10 to 12, 2015 which brings together community engaged Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal artists to collaboratively create art with, for and about community. The event will be at the Roundhouse Community Centre.
- celebration of Arts and Health Project the first week of June, 2015

Diana Day, Vancouver Coastal Health, noted VCH has Aboriginal strategic health initiatives and she would provide information on those at a future working session.

10. Election of Chair

MOVED by Michelle Casavant
SECONDED by Kris Archie

THAT Steven Eastman and Rennie Nahanee be appointed Interim Co-Chairs until the elections for Chair can be completed at a future date.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Michelle Casavant
SECONDED by Sheldon Martin

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: June 15, 2015
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor
Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:36 pm.

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