



URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

A meeting of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on Monday, September 21, 2015, at 5:33 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Steven Eastman, Co-Chair
Lillian Howard, Co-Chair
Kris Archie
Michelle Casavant
Kim Harvey
Sheldon Martin
Rennie Nahanee
Lyana Patrick
Winona Stevens, Vice-Chair
David Wells
Justin Wiebe

ABSENT: Penny Kerrigan (Sick Leave)
Patricia Sayer (Leave of Absence)
Brittany Southgate

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Andrea Reimer, Council Liaison
Trustee Janet Fraser, School Board Liaison
Wendy Au, Assistant City Manager, Staff Liaison
Jil Weaving, Coordinator, Arts Culture and Recreation,
Parks and Recreation
Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Aboriginal Planner, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Rennie Nahanee
SECONDED by David Wells

THAT Patricia Sayer be granted a leave of absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Justin Wiebe

SECONDED by Michelle Casavant

THAT the minutes of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee meeting of June 29, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Vancouver Police Department

Chief Constable Adam Palmer, along with Inspector Mario Giardini, Diversity and Aboriginal Policing Unit, Vancouver Police Department (VPD), provided an overview of VPD programs and interactions with the Aboriginal community, including Cadet Programs, cultural competency training and the Vancouver Aboriginal Community Policing Centre. Chief Palmer and Inspector Giardini also responded to questions.

Chief Palmer invited members to bring ideas to the VPD if they see a gap in services, and Inspector Giardini invited members to the Citizens' Police Academy in April.

Note: Information about the Citizens' Police Academy along with an application form is available at the following link: <http://vancouver.ca/police/organization/public-affairs/diversity-aboriginal-policing/citizens-police-academy.html>.

2. Response to Truth and Reconciliation Commission Recommendations

a. City of Vancouver

Wendy Au, Assistant City Manager, and Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Aboriginal Planner, provided an update on the City's response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) recommendations, and discussed challenges with meaningful implementation.

In discussion, members noted that Reconciliation is not necessarily a goal, but a process to leave a legacy, such as a way of doing business in the spirit of reconciliation. It was also noted that in the interim there are some hard actions the City might be able to take, for example, committing to hire a certain number of First Nations and Aboriginal staff, among others.

b. Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

Jil Weaving provided an update on the Parks and Recreation response to the TRC recommendations, noting they are working with the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations in terms of planning. She also noted Parks and Recreation has commissioned a piece of artwork to print on shirts for Orange Shirt Day.

In discussion, Ms. Weaving agreed to contact the artist and request release of the artwork so that people could print their own shirts if desired. Co-Chair Howard also noted that shirts are available through the Indian Residential School Society.

c. *Vancouver School Board*

Trustee Fraser noted the School Board will receive a presentation at the Education and Student Services Committee meeting on September 23, 2015, on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Recommendations. She also noted that Shane Pointe, Musqueam, will be in the evolving role of Elder in Residence and Knowledge Keeper for the School Board.

3. Workplan Discussion

Co-Chair Eastman noted a working session would be called to discuss the workplan.

4. Liaison Updates

Councillor Reimer provided an update on the meetings with First Nations, noting there will be a piece of artwork slated to be unveiled on National Aboriginal Day in 2016, the carving pavilion had opened and an announcement regarding 312 Main Street will be made shortly. She also noted the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has made Urban Aboriginal issues the sole social and economic priority for the coming year.

Diana Day, Vancouver Coastal Health, noted a new Special Advisor for Aboriginal Health has been hired, and that VCH has a policy on an Aboriginal Cultural Competency framework for staff which includes online training.

5. Approval of 2016 Meeting Schedule

In discussion, the Committee members noted that Mondays are not convenient for all members and that having an alternate meeting day for 2016 would be welcome, especially since regular meetings will be increasing from four to six per year. It was agreed that some Regular Meetings should occur on Thursdays in 2016, and the Meeting Coordinator agreed to provide an alternative schedule for approval at the November 23, 2015, meeting.

6. New Business

a. **Doors Open Vancouver**

Co-Chair Eastman noted that Doors Open Vancouver will be taking place October 2 and 3, 2015, and Committees have been asked to help out at a booth to talk about their experiences serving on Advisory Committees.

b. **Federal Election**

Co-Chair Eastman indicated he would be calling a working session to discuss how the Committee can encourage Aboriginal and First Nations community to get out and vote.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Michelle Casavant
SECONDED by David Wells

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, November 23, 2015
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:39 pm.

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