



URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 18, 2016

A meeting of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on January 18, 2016, at 5:38 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Lillian Howard, Co-Chair
Kris Archie (*by teleconference*)
Michelle Casavant
Penny Kerrigan
Sheldon Martin
Rennie Nahanee
Lyana Patrick
Patricia Sayer
Brittany Southgate
Winona Stevens
Justin Wiebe
Cameron Zubko

ABSENT: Kim Harvey (Leave of Absence)
David Wells (Leave of Absence)
Steven Eastman, Co-Chair (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
Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Aboriginal Planner
jil weaving, Parks and Recreation

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Donald Kinloch, Meeting Coordinator

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Rennie Nahanee
SECONDED by Lyana Patrick

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Kim Harvey and David Wells for the January 18, 2016, meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Penny Kerrigan
SECONDED by Justin Wiebe

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee meeting held on November 23, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED
(Cameron Zubko abstained from the vote)

Note: Section 145.1 of the Vancouver Charter states "Where a member present at a meeting abstains from voting, they are deemed to have voted in the affirmative"

1. Change to 2016 Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Penny Kerrigan
SECONDED by Michelle Casavant

THAT the 2016 Meeting Schedule for the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee approved at the November 23, 2015, meeting be amended by changing the date of the April 25, 2016 meeting to April 21, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. School Board Update on Reconciliation

Nancy Brennan, Associate Superintendent, Vancouver School District, provided an update regarding the Vancouver School District's response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Report.

Ms. Brennan reviewed a Vancouver School Board memorandum dated October 14, 2015 titled "Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Calls to Actions" (*on file*) and responded to questions.

3. Truth and Reconciliation Commission Recommendations

a. Parks and Recreation

Commissioner Michael Wiebe, Vancouver Park Board, spoke regarding the Park Board response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's recommendations, noting that Parks and Recreation will be working with Aboriginal artists to further artistic and educational Park Board plans, and revising protocols governing festivals in order to honor Aboriginal history and to protect and respect tradition Aboriginal land and sacred burial sites. Commissioner Wiebe also responded to questions.

b. City of Vancouver

This matter was dealt with under item 4. City of Reconciliation.

4. City of Reconciliation

Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Aboriginal Planner, provided a preview of a presentation on this matter to Council scheduled for the Regular Council meeting on January 19, 2016.

Ms. Gosnell-Myers provided an in-depth review of 27 "Calls to Action" from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission that City Staff can respond directly to, and which align with City projects under three themes: Healthy Communities and Wellness, Achieving Indigenous and Human Rights Recognition, and Advancing Awareness and Knowledge and Capacity. She also reaffirmed that the City of Vancouver was embracing reconciliation for meaningful change.

The Committee thanked Ms. Gosnell-Myers for all of the dedicated and important work that she and her colleagues had accomplished.

Ms. Gosnell-Myers also responded to questions.

5. Liaison Updates

a. Parks and Recreation

Jill Weaving, Parks and Recreation, focused on the recent Park Board motion to approve 11 strategies in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's "Calls for Action". She noted that the Park Board response is based on responding to the principles and areas of potential action and not restricted to those calls directed specifically at the municipal level of government.

b. Council Liaison

Councillor Reimer advised that Council would be receiving two related reports at the January 19, 2016 Regular Council Meeting: a presentation from the Metro Vancouver Executive Aboriginal Council (MVAEC) regarding their report "Toward an Aboriginal Housing and Wellness Strategy for Metro Vancouver 2015-2020", and a staff report responding to the MVAEC plan.

c. Staff Liaison

Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Aboriginal Planner, provided an update on her work regarding the status of Vancouver as a City of Reconciliation.

6. New Business

a. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

The Chair expressed satisfaction on the Federal government's renewed commitment to First Nations people with its announcement regarding the national inquiry on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

b. *Aboriginal Community Policing*

The Chair provided an update on Aboriginal Community Policing, noting that cultural competency training has been delivered to approximately 400 Vancouver Police officers.

The Chair also requested assistance from the Committee in recruiting volunteers for an Aboriginal Community Policing Centre two-day conference on October 11 and 12, 2016, regarding missing women, violence against women, and violence while incarcerated.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Justin Wiebe
SECONDED by Rennie Nahanee

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, March 3, 2016
TIME: Committee Room 1
PLACE: Third Floor
Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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