



URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 3, 2016

A meeting of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, March 3, 2016, at 5:31 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Steven Eastman, Co-Chair
Lillian Howard, Co-Chair
Winona Stevens, Vice-Chair
Michelle Casavant
Penny Kerrigan*
Sheldon Martin
Lyana Patrick
David Wells
Justin Wiebe
Cameron Zubko

ABSENT: Kris Archie (Sick Leave)
Kim Harvey (Sick Leave)
Rennie Nahanee (Leave of Absence)
Patricia Sayer (Leave of Absence)
Brittany Southgate (Sick Leave)

ALSO PRESENT: Wendy Au, Assistant City Manager, Staff Liaison
Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Aboriginal Planner, Staff Liaison
jil weaving, Parks and Recreation Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Michelle Casavant
SECONDED by David Wells

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Rennie Nahanee and Patricia Sayer for the March 3, 2016, meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Penny Kerrigan absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Michelle Casavant
SECONDED by David Wells

THAT the minutes of the January 18, 2016, Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Penny Kerrigan absent for the vote)

1. Appointment to the Civic Asset Naming Committee

MOVED by Lyana Patrick
SECONDED by Sheldon Martin

THAT Steven Eastman be appointed as the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee Representative to the Civic Asset Naming Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Penny Kerrigan absent for the vote)

In discussion, it was noted that it is often difficult for members to serve on two different Committees. It was also suggested that positions on the Civic Asset Naming Committee should be reserved for the Musqueam, Squamish and/or Tsleil-Waututh.

MOVED by Justin Wiebe
SECONDED by David Wells

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee recommend to Council the following changes to future versions of the terms of reference for the Civic Asset Naming Committee:

- Allow for the appointment of one member and one alternate from the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee, and
- Add one or more positions dedicated for the Musqueam, Squamish, and/or Tsleil-Waututh.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Missing and Murdered Women Update

Co-Chair Howard provided an update on local, provincial, and national resources and events related to missing and murdered women.

Ms. Howard also noted that she had been contacted by the Women's Advisory Committee who would like to plan something with the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee around missing and murdered women for International Women's Day in 2017.

3. Workplan

Co-chair Eastman explained the workplan continues to be a work in progress and that there is currently a lot happening from recommendations that have come from the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee. In discussion, the following possible items were suggested:

- Planning for National Aboriginal Day, including hosting a Westcoast Night;
- Expansion of the work on missing and murdered women.

The Committee agreed to have working sessions regarding the two above topics on March 21 and April 5, 2016. The Meeting Coordinator agreed to send out meeting invitations by email.

4. Liaison Updates

a. Vancouver School Board

Co-Chair Eastman reviewed the emailed update from Trustee Janet Fraser, Vancouver School Board Liaison (*on file*), which explained the next steps for the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement. It was noted that a new agreement is in the works and if it is approved, then a signing ceremony will occur. Mr. Eastman agreed to contact Trustee Fraser to see if Committee members could be present at the signing ceremony.

b. City of Vancouver

Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Aboriginal Planner, provided an update on the Canada 150 celebrations, noting that a report on this matter will be presented to Council on March 8, 2016. Following discussion of branding for the 150th Anniversary event, it was

MOVED by Penny Kerrigan

SECONDED by Michelle Casavant

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee recommend to Council

THAT the celebrations for Canada's 150th anniversary be branded as Canada 150+ in order to:

- Acknowledge the Indigenous peoples who have been here since time immemorial;
- Represent that there is history in this land that predates colonization;
- Represent that all people in Canada have come together to make this a great Nation of Nations;
- Represent that, in addition to celebrating 150 years of the Canadian Constitution, the celebrations are also about looking to the future, and all communities, Nations and peoples walking together as a stronger society than ever before;
- Set the mark for what we hope to achieve in all cities and communities across Canada, and
- Present Vancouver with the opportunity to be its best, as a City of Reconciliation that reflects and recognizes Indigenous peoples and cultures.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Note: the report is available online at: <http://council.vancouver.ca/20160308/documents/rr2.pdf>

Ms. Gosnell-Myers also reviewed the presentations to Council regarding the Truth and Reconciliation Commission recommendations that took place in January, and noted that staff are moving forward on implementing the recommendations. She also invited everyone to Council's International Women's Day event to take place on Wednesday, March 9, 2016.

Ms. Gosnell-Myers also noted that the Engaged City Task Force is working with the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee to create an engagement strategy for people who may be difficult to engage. In discussion it was noted that the Urban Aboriginal People's Advisory Committee may wish to have some assistance in this regard as well. It was also suggested to reactivate the Committee's Facebook page. Co-Chair Eastman and Justin Wiebe agreed to be co-administrators of the page.

*Note: the Facebook page can be accessed at the following link:
<https://www.facebook.com/VanUAPAC/>*

c. Parks and Recreation

Jill Weaving, Parks and Recreation Liaison, provided an overview of the report regarding the Truth and Reconciliation Recommendations she will be presenting to the Park Board on March 7, 2016, and responded to questions. Ms. Weaving also invited members to attend the Park Board meeting and to sign up to speak if they wish.

*Note: the report is available online at:
<http://former.vancouver.ca/parks/board/2016/20160307/REPORT-TRCProgram-AllocationoffundsfromCorporateSponsorship-20160307.pdf>*

5. New Business

a. Chairs Meeting

Co-Chair Eastman noted there will be a meeting for Advisory Committee chairs in March, followed by the Council of Councils meeting in April.

b. Community Events

Co-Chair Eastman noted the following events and distributed information cards to members (*on file*):

- Vancouver Indigenous Media Arts Festival
- Coast Salish Honour the Earth Day
- We Speak! Fundraising Gala: A Squamish Language Celebration

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Winona Stevens
SECONDED by Michelle Casavant

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: April 21, 2016
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor
Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:32 pm.

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