



URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

APRIL 21, 2016

A meeting of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, April 21, 2016, at 5:42 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

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

ABSENT: Kris Archie (Leave of Absence)
Sheldon Martin
Rennie Nahanee (Leave of Absence)
Brittany Southgate (Sick Leave)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Adriane Carr, Council Liaison
Councillor Andrea Reimer, Council Liaison
Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Staff Liaison
jil weaving, Parks and Recreation
Inspector Marcie Flamand, Vancouver Police Department

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Penny Kerrigan
SECONDED by Justin Wiebe

THAT Rennie Nahanee and Kris Archie be granted leaves of absence for the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee meeting of April 21, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(David Wells absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Penny Kerrigan
SECONDED by Justin Wiebe

THAT the minutes of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee meeting held March 3, 2016, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(David Wells absent for the vote)

1. Canada 150+ Celebrations

Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Manager of Aboriginal Relations, presented on this matter and responded to questions.

Inspector Marcie Flamand, Vancouver Police Department (VPD), offered VPD assistance through the New Kids Academy to get word of the events out to new immigrants.

Karen Henry, Public Art, Planning and Facilities Development, provided a brief overview of public art for the celebrations and some upcoming projects staff are considering.

In response to a question, staff agreed to research the origins of how events are classified as authentically indigenous.

2. National Aboriginal Day

Co-Chair Eastman provided an update, noting the Committee should have a working session in the next couple of weeks regarding National Aboriginal Day. The Committee agreed to meet at City Hall, on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 to work on this.

3. Chairs Meeting

Co-Chair Eastman noted a number of items had been discussed at the Chairs Meeting, including food at meetings, the number of meetings per year, and collaboration between committees. He also indicated that if members are interested in attending other Committees' meetings, the meetings are open to the public.

Councillor Reimer, Council Liaison, noted that many other Committees would like to have more regular contact with the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee because there are often no Aboriginal members on these other Committees.

4. Missing and Murdered Women

Co-Chair Howard and Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Manager of Aboriginal Relations, provided an update. Ms. Gosnell-Myers noted the working session on this matter resulted in the identification of three areas where the City of Vancouver could help in the upcoming Enquiry on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women:

- Supports for survivors, families, and current victims;
- Advocate making the enquiry a National Enquiry as opposed to a Federal Enquiry;
- Convening an event to bring different groups together to develop a plan for support and advocacy around the upcoming enquiry.

MOVED by Penny Kerrigan
SECONDED Cameron Zubko

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee will work with Council Liaisons to develop a motion to Vancouver City Council requesting support to host an event with the goal of developing a plan around the upcoming Enquiry on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Workplan

No discussion.

6. New Business

a. St. Paul's Hospital Site Development Concepts Workshop

Co-Chair Eastman noted the Committee received an invitation to send representatives to a workshop regarding the proposed new St. Paul's hospital on May 5, 2016. Following discussion, the Committee agreed to send Lillian Howard and Lyana Patrick as Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee representatives.

The Committee also agreed to move the working session previously scheduled for May 5, to May 4, 2016, to allow Ms. Howard and Ms. Patrick to attend both meetings.

b. Request for Support to Restore Federal Funding to Cultural Connections for Aboriginal Youth from the Council of Mothers

Co-Chair Eastman noted the Committee had received a request from the Council of Mothers to write a letter of support to reinstate the funding for Cultural Connections for Aboriginal Youth (CCAY).

MOVED by Kim Harvey
SECONDED by David Wells

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Advisory Committee delegate Kim Harvey to write a letter on behalf of the Committee to the Federal Government, supporting the Council of Mothers call to restore Federal funding to Cultural Connections for Aboriginal Youth.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Penny Kerrigan
SECONDED by Justin Wiebe

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, June 9, 2016
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:42 pm.

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