



URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

JUNE 9, 2016

A meeting of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, June 9, 2016, at 5:58 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Steven Eastman, Co-Chair
Kris Archie
Kim Harvey
Penny Kerrigan
Sheldon Martin
Rennie Nahanee
Patricia Sayer (Teleconference)
David Wells*
Cameron Zubko

ABSENT: Michelle Casavant (Leave of Absence)
Lillian Howard
Lyana Patrick (Leave of Absence)
Brittany Southgate (Sick Leave)
Winona Stevens (Leave of Absence)
Justin Wiebe (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Adriane Carr, Vancouver City Council
Wendy Au, Assistant City Manager
Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Manager of Aboriginal Relations
jil weaving, Vancouver Park Board

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 Kim Harvey

THAT Michelle Casavant, Lyana Patrick, Winona Stevens, and Justin Wiebe be granted leaves of absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(David Wells absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Kris Archie
SECONDED by Penny Kerrigan

THAT the minutes of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee meeting of April 21, 2016, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(David Wells absent for the vote)

1. Update on National Aboriginal Day Celebrations

The Committee finalized plans for volunteering at the National Aboriginal Day celebration taking place at the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre's West Coast Night on June 15, 2016.

2. St. Paul's Hospital

Co-Chair Eastman provided an update on the last meeting with the group doing the Social Impact Analysis for the new St. Paul's Hospital, noting they were able to communicate a large amount of information about what would be appropriate additions and services for the new hospital.

He also noted there would be an additional consultation on Monday, June 13, 2016 at City Hall and staff requested that two Committee representatives attend.

MOVED by Penny Kerrigan
SECONDED by Rennie Nahanee

THAT, Steven Eastman, Co-Chair, and Kris Archer, attend the St. Paul's Hospital consultation taking place on Monday, June 13, 2016, at 5:30 pm, at City Hall, on behalf of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(David Wells absent for the vote)

3. Missing and Murdered Women

No report.

4. Liaising with Other Committees

The Committee discussed sending members as liaisons to other committees. It was noted that the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee (CYFAC) would like an official liaison from the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee. Co-Chair Eastman agreed to confirm this with the Co-Chairs of CYFAC.

Members also discussed which other Committee meetings they would like to attend.

5. **Liaison Updates**

a. ***Parks and Recreation***

Jill Weaving, Vancouver Parks and Recreation, provided an update on the status of the Survivor's Pole, noting that the Park Board is being approached to raise the pole in Pigeon Park.

In discussion, members noted they would like to be more involved with the raising ceremony, gifting and potlatching. Members also discussed sending a letter of encouragement to the artist carving the pole.

MOVED by Penny Kerrigan
SECONDED by David Wells

WHEREAS

1. The Downtown Eastside is a gathering space for Urban Aboriginal Peoples;
2. Although the Downtown Eastside has a history of violence, trauma, racism and injustice, it is also a place of community, celebration, and life;
3. The Survivor's Pole is a visible representation of reconciliation and healing
4. The Survivor's Pole symbolizes resistance, persistence and inclusion in the Downtown Eastside.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee support the raising of the Survivor's Pole in Pigeon Park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Sheldon Martin
SECONDED by Kim Harvey

THAT Kris Archie draft a letter of encouragement, thanks, and support to the artist of the Survivor's Pole from the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Archie agreed to circulate the letter for approval by e-mail.

b. **City Staff**

Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Manager of Aboriginal Relations, noted a report on the Healthy City Strategy will be received by Council on June 15, 2016, and that there is a request for approval of a two-year, temporary, Aboriginal Planner position in one of the recommendations.

MOVED by David Wells
SECONDED by Kris Archie

THAT Steven Eastman, Co-Chair, and Penny Kerrigan represent the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee at the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on June 15, 2016, to speak to the administrative report dated May 2, 2016, entitled "Innovation Fund Recommendations to support Healthy City Strategy Action Plan (2015-2018) Implementation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Members agreed to send comments via email to Co-Chair Eastman and Ms. Kerrigan to relay to Council.

5. New Business

a. Campaign to Designate National Aboriginal Day as a National Statutory Holiday

MOVED by Kris Archie
SECONDED by Penny Kerrigan

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver has proclaimed Vancouver to be a City of Reconciliation;
2. National Aboriginal Day was established to recognize and celebrate the contributions, experiences, and unique heritage of Aboriginal peoples across Canada.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee request Council support the establishment of National Aboriginal Day as a national statutory holiday.

FURTHER THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee request Council take the first steps towards this and give City staff National Aboriginal Day (June 21) as a paid holiday.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. *Grandview-Woodlands Plan*

Co-Chair Eastman and Kim Harvey agreed to attend the Grandview Woodlands Plan unveiling on July 14, 2016, and report back to the Committee.

Adjournment

MOVED by Rennie Nahanee
SECONDED by Penny Kerrigan

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, September 19, 2016
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:33 pm.

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