



URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MARCH 23, 2017

A meeting of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, March 23, 2017, at 5:35 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

**PRESENT:** Eric Anderson  
Dominic Compston  
Steven Eastman  
Lillian Howard  
Shauna Johnson  
Penny Kerrigan  
Sheldon Martin  
Jeane Riley  
Teyem Thomas  
David Wells  
Cameron Zubko

**ABSENT:** Michelle Casavant (Leave of Absence)  
Cody Kenny (Leave of Absence)  
Sheldon Martin (Leave of Absence)  
Rennie Nahanee (Leave of Absence)  
Winona Stevens (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Adriane Carr, Vancouver City Council  
Councillor Andrea Reimer, Vancouver City Council  
Commissioner Michael Wiebe, Vancouver Park Board  
Janet Fraser, Special Representative  
Wendy Au, Assistant City Manager  
Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Manager of Aboriginal Relations  
jil weaving, Parks and Recreation

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

**Leave of Absence Requests**

MOVED by Steven Eastman  
SECONDED by Lillian Howard

THAT Michelle Casavant, Cody Kenny, Sheldon Martin, Rennie Nahanee, and Winona Stevens be granted leave of absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**1. Roundtable Introductions**

Members introduced themselves.

**2. Election of Chair/Co-Chairs/Vice-Chair**

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to appoint Steven Eastman and Lillian Howard as interim Chairs until the next Regular Meeting.

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*At this point in the meeting the Co-Chairs assumed the Chair.*

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**3. Adoption of Minutes**

MOVED by David Wells  
SECONDED by Penny Kerrigan

THAT the minutes of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee meeting of December 1, 2016, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. Appointment to Civic Asset Naming Committee**

Interim Co-Chair Eastman noted there would be a motion at the Regular Council meeting on March 28, 2017, entitled "150+ Place Naming Project" which deals with City asset naming and will be relevant to the Civic Asset Naming Committee. He also provided a brief overview of the Civic Asset Naming Committee and its activities.

MOVED by Penny Kerrigan  
SECONDED by Cameron Zubko

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5. Canada 150+**

Wendy Au, Assistant City Manager, provided an overview of Canada 150+ and identified the three signature projects planned: a canoe journey in early July, the Drum is Calling festival in July, and a Reconciliation Walk in September. Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Manager of Aboriginal

Relations, provided more detail on specifics for the festival, and noted there will be a public launch once all details are finalized.

*Note: Information on Canada 150+ is available at the following link: <http://canada150plus.ca>.*

Co-Chair Eastman explained the origins of the Canada 150+ celebrations and noted it would be good to have a write-up that could be put on the event and Committee webpages that details the Committee's involvement.

Councillor Carr noted it would be a good idea to have some messaging and protocol guidelines around language for elected officials since it is likely there will be a lot of media attention on the events throughout the summer. The Committee agreed to discuss at the April working session.

MOVED by Penny Kerrigan  
SECONDED by Eric Anderson

THAT Co-Chair Eastman write draft wording for a statement on the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee's involvement in Canada 150+ plans, and circulate it within one week of the meeting. Once approved by the Committee, it will be added to both the Canada 150+ and Committee Webpage on the City of Vancouver Website.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 6. Committee Orientation

The Meeting Coordinator provided a brief overview of member obligations and expectations and drew members' attention to the revised *Guidelines for Civic Agencies*, the Committee webpage on the City of Vancouver Website, and the *Code of Conduct* (distributed - on file). In particular, she noted the importance of advising of absences from Regular Meetings and the attendance protocol. Along with Co-Chair Eastman, she also responded to questions.

## 7. Review of Past Committee Activities

Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Manager of Aboriginal Relations, provided an overview of City motions, activities, and milestones related to Reconciliation since 2013 (distributed - on file). Co-Chair Eastman also noted the success of the Year of Reconciliation, explaining that the result has been lots of feedback and requests from other Committees to send Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee liaisons to their meetings.

jil weaving, Parks and Recreation, noted the Park Board had also been looking into the Truth and Reconciliation Commission calls to action, and had adopted 11 strategies in January 2016 with a report back to the Board earlier this year. She agreed to provide links to the reports for members.

**8. Liaison Reports**

**a. Council Liaisons**

Councillor Carr noted Council approved a motion to proceed with a judicial review on issuing of an environmental permit for the Kinder Morgan Pipeline project, and had heard speakers on this matter, including a representative from the Tsleil-Waututh.

Councillor Reimer noted Council recently approved additional funding for Aboriginal programs including child care, and a health and wellness centre, and noted she would be introducing a motion "150+ Place Naming Project" at the Regular Council Meeting on March 28, 2017.

MOVED By Cameron Zubko  
SECONDED by Penny Kerrigan

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee support the motion entitled "150+ Place Naming Project" to be considered by Vancouver City Council at its meeting on March 28, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**b. Park Board Liaison**

Commissioner Michael Wiebe, Vancouver Park Board, noted Board members recently participated in two cultural sensitivity training sessions, and that there are a number of projects that Parks is working with the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh on, including the Stanley Park Master Plan.

**c. Staff Liaisons**

Jill Weaving, Parks and Recreation, noted staff have been working with community centres to hire Aboriginal youth to work in the centres, and that there will be a ceremonial cedar tree planted in Oppenheimer Park; invitations will be sent out for the planting.

**9. City of Vancouver - Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Meeting**

Co-Chair Howard provided a brief background regarding the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women investigation and local measures and events taking place.

Maureen Lerat, Social Policy and Projects, and Kinwa Bluesky, Consultant, provided an overview of a proposed Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls meeting to take place on April 25, 2017, including a draft agenda, community partners and briefing note (distributed - on file).

Co-Chair Howard introduced Kim Van Der Woerd, Uplifting Indigenous Families Fund. Ms. Van Der Woerd provided a brief overview of the Fund's partnership with the event.

10. New Business

a. *Indspire Awards*

Cameron Zubko noted the Indspire Awards take place on March 24, 2017, and that in addition to the awards, there are also scholarships and bursaries available. He asked if this could be put on the Committee's Facebook page.

b. *Vancouver Indigenous Media Arts Festival (VIMAF)*

Co-Chair Eastman noted the Vancouver Indigenous Media Arts Festival (VIMAF) has issued a call for submissions for 2017.

*Note: Information is available on the [Vancouver Indigenous Media Arts Festival webpage](#).*

c. *Aboriginal vs. Indigenous*

Co-Chair Eastman noted that the Committee should have a discussion around "Urban Aboriginal Peoples" vs. "Urban Indigenous Peoples"

d. *Mental Health Strategy*

Co-Chair Howard introduced Art Paul, Native Courtworker and Counselling Association of BC (NCCABC), and suggested that, in light of the Mental Health Strategy currently in progress NCCABC and the Indigenous Health - Public Health Services Authority be invited to the next meeting to do presentations.

**Adjournment**

MOVED by Eric Anderson  
SECONDED by David Wells

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Regular Meeting:**

DATE: Monday, May 15, 2017  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Committee Room 1  
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:52 pm.

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