



## URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

JULY 17, 2017

A meeting of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on July 17, 2017, at 5:50 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

- PRESENT:** Steven Eastman, Co-Chair  
Lillian Howard, Co-Chair  
Michelle Casavant  
Shauna Johnson  
Rennie Nahanee  
Winona Stevens  
Teyem Thomas  
David Wells
- ABSENT:** Eric Anderson (Leave of Absence)  
Dominic Compston (Leave of Absence)  
Cody Kenny  
Penny Kerrigan  
Sheldon Martin (Leave of Absence)  
Jeane Riley (Leave of Absence)  
Cameron Zubko (Leave of Absence)
- ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Adriane Carr, Vancouver City Council  
Councillor Andrea Reimer, Vancouver City Council  
Kevin Barlow, CEO, Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Council  
Lesley Campbell, Social Planner, Social Policy and Projects Division  
Sergeant Val Spicer, Diversity Policing Unit  
Lisa Walker, Cultural Programmer, Arts, Culture and Engagement, Parks and Recreation
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

#### Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Michelle Casavant  
SECONDED by David Wells

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Dominic Compston, Sheldon Martin, Jeane Riley and Cameron Zubko for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by David Wells  
SECONDED by Teyem Thomas

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee approve the minutes of the meeting held May 15, 2017, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **1. Election of Chairs**

Following nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair it was

MOVED by Rennie Nahanee  
SECONDED by Michelle Casavant

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee re-elect Steven Eastman and Lillian Howard as Co-Chairs for the remainder of the 2017 term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Michelle Casavant  
SECONDED by David Wells

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee elect Eric Anderson and Shauna Johnson as Co-Vice-Chairs for the remainder of the 2017 term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **2. Canada 150+**

Marg Specht, Director of Special Projects, provided an overview of Canada 150+ Celebrations and an update on the Gathering of Canoes and the Drum is Calling Festival, and responded to questions.

### **3. Millennium Line Broadway Extension**

Jesse Koehler, Director of the Millennium Line Broadway Extension, TransLink, along with the City's Manager, Rapid Transit Office, provided an update on the Millennium Line Broadway Extension and sought the Committee's feedback.

*In discussion, feedback included the following:*

- ensure green practices throughout project;
- include Indigenous public art at stations and involve local artists;
- establish an agreement for the protection and/or retrieval of any Indigenous archaeological findings; consider a liaison between stakeholders and First Nations;
- encourage local entrepreneurs/retailers at and around the stations; and
- suggest designs include affordable housing (below market rate) above the stations.

It was also suggested staff review the Indigenous design guidelines for an idea on framework and naming.

Staff advised they will report back in the Fall.

#### **4. Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls**

Co-Chair Lillian Howard, along with Councillor Andrea Reimer, provided an update on the preliminary hearings and responded to questions.

*Key observations included the following:*

- a National Inquiry hearing is scheduled for Smithers on September 25, 2017; additional hearings in BC will take place in 2018;
- based on ongoing input from families, the hearings will be semi-formal and may be public, in-camera, or in a circle setting through family or community circles; sharing truths can be done through statement taking, or presentation through art such as songs, art, carvings, paintings, or poetry;
- as the hearings will be re-traumatizing for family members, they will need to be prepared emotionally, spiritually and mentally for giving testimony; therefore, it is important to provide professional and traditional support for family members; and
- there is a strong sense of need for the return of the Mother's Day pow wow.

In discussion, Michelle Casavant and Shauna Johnson agreed to draft a recommendation for the Committee's review in September. Councillor Reimer offered to assist with the structure of the recommendation.

Councillor Reimer suggested that, in the meantime, the Committee may wish to focus on reinstating the Mother's Day pow wow. She also referenced relevant City guidelines that could inform discussion on the inquiry. Lesley Campbell agreed to forward the guidelines.

#### **5. Approval of 2017-2018 Work Plan**

Co-Chair Steven Eastman reviewed the draft work plan and sought the Committee's input.

MOVED by Michelle Casavant  
SECONDED by Winona Stevens

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee approve the 2017-2018 Work Plan as circulated at the July 17, 2017, meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **6. Liaison Reports**

Elected and staff liaisons provided updates on items of interest as follows:

Councillor Andrea Reimer:

- Walk for Reconciliation - September 24, 2017;
- 150+ celebrations;

- place naming; Indigenous design guidelines moving ahead;
- Places for People Project; need more Indigenous involvement;
- Housing and Homelessness Strategy Reset coming back to Council in the Fall; and
- upcoming by-election this Fall.

Leslie Campbell, Social Policy (*on behalf of staff liaisons*):

- 2017 Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Grants going to Council on July 25<sup>th</sup>;
- Places for People Project; recently assigned to the project;
- Healthy City Strategy; and
- Britannia School project; guiding Indigenous engagement with Master Plan.

Lisa Walker, Parks and Recreation:

- Walk Vancouver; working on this project;
- Park Board Documentation; updating language;
- Indigenous arts and stories; investigating and will forward links;
- Staff training including:
  - history of residential schools; and
  - Archaeologist led program on identifying Indigenous artifacts, etc. that may be discovered while on the job.

Sergeant Val Spicer:

- Recreation and Culture Program for at-risk, Indigenous youth; funding received to implement the program; referrals welcome; and
- Aboriginal Cadet Program; three individuals currently going through summer training; referrals welcome.

## 7. New Business

### a) Outdoor Event and Performance Spaces

Co-Chair Lillian Howard offered to attend the event.

## ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by David Wells

SECONDED by Shauna Johnson

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, September 11, 2017  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Committee Room 1  
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:55 pm.

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