



URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

September 11, 2017

A meeting of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on Monday, September 11, 2017, at 5:52 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

- PRESENT:** Steven Eastman, Co-Chair
Lillian Howard, Co-Chair
Eric Anderson
Dominic Compston
Penny Kerrigan
Rennie Nahanee
Jeane Riley
Teyem Thomas
- ABSENT:** Michelle Casavant (Leave of Absence)
Shauna Johnson (Leave of Absence)
Cody Kenny
Sheldon Martin
Winona Stevens
David Wells (Leave of Absence)
Cameron Zubko
- ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Adriane Carr, Council Liaison
Commissioner Michael Wiebe, Park Board Liaison
Janet Fraser, Special Liaison
Wendy Au, Assistant City Manager, Staff Liaison
Inspector Marcie Flamand, Vancouver Police Department
Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Manager of Aboriginal Relations,
Staff Liaison
Lisa Walker, Vancouver Parks and Recreation
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

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Prior to quorum being attained at 5:52 pm, the Committee began hearing the presentation on item 1. For clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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1. Chronology of Milestones in Planning in Vancouver

Robert Matas and Leslie Shieh, Vancouver City Planning Commission (VCPC), along with Elizabeth Ballantyne, Former Executive Director, VCPC, presented the Commission's work on a [Chronology of Milestones in Planning in Vancouver](#), noting there are gaps, particularly pertaining to Indigenous milestones and events, and requested the Committee's ideas and assistance on filling gaps pertaining to Indigenous milestones and events.

The Committee offered suggestions, including contacting the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh, that the criteria for determining a milestone might be different for Indigenous events, and that there needs to be some balance to ensure that the included events are not just all old events and/or conflict.

The Committee and the VCPC agreed to meet in the near future.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Rennie Nahanee
SECONDED by Eric Anderson

THAT leaves of absence be approved for Michelle Casavant, Shauna Johnson, and David Wells for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Teyem Thomas
SECONDED by Jeane Riley

THAT the minutes of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee meeting held July 17, 2017, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. By-election 2017

Paul Hendren, Business Planning and Election Services, provided an overview of the civic by-election to be held October 14, 2017, and responded to questions. Mr. Hendren also indicated that the City staff would work with the Committee to increase voter turnout in the urban Indigenous community.

3. Indigenous Food Systems

Sarah Carten and James O'Neill, Social Policy and Programs, enquired about Indigenous food systems in Vancouver, noting they are working on the next version of the Food Policy and how it relates to the Vancouver Food Strategy, and requested feedback and information from the Committee.

In discussion, the Committee mentioned inadequate substitutions for Indigenous food, the fact that many urban Indigenous people live below the poverty line, and that a connection to the land is needed. Members also noted that it is not always easy to bring in and serve Indigenous foods in restaurants due to regulations around food service, and access to community smoke houses would allow for the continuation of culture and help maximize food preparation for economies of scale.

Staff and the Committee agreed to continue this conversation as the new Food Policy Guidelines are developed.

4. Canada 150+ and Related Events

Marg Specht, Director of Special Events, noted the Gathering of Canoes and The Drum is Calling Festival were both very successful. She also encouraged Committee members to register as part of the City team for the Walk for Reconciliation on September 24, 2017.

Please go to the City's ['Namwayut website to register](#).

Commissioner Wiebe, Vancouver City Council, also noted there will be a Wild Salmon Caravan hosted by the Park Board on October 7, 2017.

The Committee thanked staff for their hard work, and expressed gratitude for the creation of a safe space for Indigenous people and the care given to Elders at the Festival.

MOVED by Penny Kerrigan
SECONDED by Eric Anderson

THAT Council and Park Board support an annual festival similar to the Canada 150+ celebrations, and other events appropriate to advancing Reconciliation, including but not limited to the Mother's Day Pow-Wow and National Indigenous Peoples' Day.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Missing & Murdered Women and Girls Inquiry

a. *Buyers Beware: What communities can do to stop the exploitation of women and Children*

Gwendoline Allison, Foy Allison Law, and Evelyn Vollet, Archdiocese of Vancouver, presented on the need to end the demand side of sexual exploitation and invited Committee members to a presentation by Valiant Richey, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for King County, Washington State, talking about measures they have taken in this matter.

The event will take place as follows:

Date: October 16, 2017
Time: 7 - 9 pm
Place: Vancouver Public Library
RSVP: [Online](#)

b. Staff Update

Penny Kerrigan provided an update on the National Enquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, distributed information on upcoming hearings, and committed to continuing to report back to the Committee on the progress of the inquiry.

6. Upcoming Public Engagement Opportunities

a. Cambie Corridor Phase 3 Workshop

Co-Chair Howard and Eric Anderson agreed to attend the Cambie Corridor Phase 3 Workshop on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, on behalf of the Committee.

b. Reminder: Working Session on Northeast False Creek Park

Co-Chair Eastman reminded members that an invitation had been sent out for a workshop regarding Indigenous reflection in the Northeast False Creek Park will take place on September 20, 2017. Members are reminded to attend and circulate to their networks.

7. New Business

None.

Adjournment

MOVED by Rennie Nahanee
SECONDED by Eric Anderson

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Regular Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, November 9, 2017
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room
Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 8:09 pm.

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