



URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 9, 2017

A meeting of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, November 9, 2017, at 5:35 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Steven Eastman, Co-Chair
Eric Anderson
Shauna Johnson
Cody Kenny
Rennie Nahanee
Winona Stevens
Teyem Thomas
David Wells
Cameron Zubko

ABSENT: Michelle Casavant (Leave of Absence)
Dominic Compston (Leave of Absence)
Lillian Howard (Medical Leave)
Penny Kerrigan (Leave of Absence)
Jeane Riley (Leave of absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Adriane Carr, Council Liaison
Commissioner Michael Wiebe, Park Board Liaison
Lisa Walker, Vancouver Parks and Recreation

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Denise Swanston, Committee Clerk

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Rennie Nahanee
SECONDED by Eric Anderson

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee approve Leaves of Absence for Michelle Casavant, Dominic Compston, Lillian Howard, Penny Kerrigan, and Jeane Riley for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Teyem Thomas
SECONDED by Eric Anderson

THAT the Minutes of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee meeting of September 11, 2017, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. 2018 Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Eric Anderson
SECONDED by David Wells

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee approve the following regular meeting and working session schedule for 2018, all meetings to be held at 5:30 pm:

Regular Meetings	Working Sessions
Monday, January 22	Monday, February 19
Monday, March 12	Monday, April 9
Monday, May 14	Monday, June 11
Monday, July 16	Monday, September 17
Monday, October 15	Monday, November 19
Monday, December 10	

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Review of Housing Vancouver Strategy - Aboriginal Housing Chapter

Abi Bond, Director of Affordable Housing Projects, provided a presentation on the Aboriginal Housing and Wellness Chapter of Housing Vancouver, noting the following: context, key strategies, timelines, engagement, housing needs of various family types/sizes, and the need for assistance from other levels of government. Ms. Bond responded to questions and comments from the Committee and agreed to circulate additional information.

3. Millennium Line Broadway Extension: City of Vancouver Principles

Ian MacPhee, Planner, Rapid Transit Office, provided an update on City Principles and construction mitigation strategies planned during the construction phase of the Millennium Line Broadway Extension.

The Chair suggested approaching TransLink to provide incentives to local businesses to encourage the utilization of the retail spaces in transit stations.

The Committee noted their goal of familiarizing Indigenous names within Vancouver, and hoped this goal would be reflected in station naming, wayfinding, structures, and public art.

4. Arbutus Greenway Update

Maggie Buttle, Senior Project Manager, Arbutus Greenway, provided an overview of the project including the project vision, emerging principles, timelines, engagement, and opportunities. Ms. Buttle noted they have been in ongoing consultation with the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh (MST) in regards to native plants and their traditional uses, traditional place naming, and MST's involvement the selection process for public art along the greenway. Ms. Buttle also explained how the street car would be integrated into the greenway as well as noise considerations.

Ms. Buttle also noted her team is working with the Park Board to ensure work between the City and the Park Board are integrated.

Commissioner Wiebe noted the parks along the Greenway will also be re-vamped to incorporate the indigenous story of the land. Commissioner Wiebe also noted he had received feedback on the importance of ensuring the greenway connects water to water.

The Committee commended Ms. Buttle and her team for proactively including indigenous elements into their plan so early on. The Committee felt this project is a great opportunity to tell the story of the indigenous peoples who historically inhabited the area/region.

The Committee requested additional information in relation to the Arbutus Greenway connecting water to water.

5. Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls Inquiry Update

No update.

6. Liaison Reports

Commissioner Wiebe provided a Park Board update on the following:

- Motion passed at Park Board to rename Siwash Rock, once the rock is renamed, the Park Board will work with MST to begin naming other areas of Stanley Park.
- Canada 150+ Park events were successful and were a learning opportunity to improve and continue some of the events in the future.
- Reconciliation training at Park Board, hiring of a dedicated Reconciliation planner and talks of a symbol of Reconciliation.
- Continued work on daylighting streams to promote salmon run and overall habitat for birds, amphibians, and other animals.
- Crab Park, Trout Lake, and Lost Lagoon.
- New pier at Jericho to promote grabbing and fishing (and accessible sailing).

Lisa Walker, Park Board, noted various art projects for the upcoming year including an MST artist in residence, as well as a bird residency in August; in 2019 Vancouver will host the largest bird event in the world.

7. New Business

- Motion to change committee name from aboriginal to indigenous, may be brought forward at the next regular meeting.
- The Committee discussed upcoming meetings and events related to UAPC as well as who will be attending.
- Eric Anderson suggested the following new subcommittees: Civic Asset Naming Guidelines Subcommittee, and a Communication Subcommittee Co-Chair Eastman and Mr. Anderson to work together on these.
- Civic Asset Naming representative to begin providing updates to the Committee.
- Gathering our Voices 2018 Youth Event will be hosted in Richmond, BC; Committee feels it would be good to connect with organizers and offer assistance.
- Aboriginal Story Telling four month, full time residency at the Vancouver Public Library is open, members are encouraged to apply and/or get the word out to interested parties.

The Committee also discussed items for review at their next working session.

Adjournment

MOVED by Eric Anderson
SECONDED by Winona Stevens

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: January 22, 2017
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:32 pm.

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