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## MEMORANDUM

January 23, 2026

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Donny van Dyk, City Manager  
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Sandra Singh, Deputy City Manager  
Katrina Leckovic, City Clerk  
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Rachel Wuttunee, Senior Manager, Urban Indigenous Relations; Staff Liaison

FROM: Urban Indigenous People's Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: Urban Indigenous People's Advisory Committee Report of Activities, 2024 – 2025

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### PURPOSE

To provide Vancouver City Council with a summary of the activities of the Urban Indigenous People's Advisory Committee (UIPAC) for the period of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025.

### BACKGROUND

The mandate of the Urban Indigenous Peoples Advisory Committee is to advise Council and staff on enhancing access and inclusion for urban Indigenous Peoples to fully participate in City services and civic life.

### DISCUSSION

#### 1. Significant Activities

Throughout 2024-2025, UIPAC continued to fulfill its mandate by regularly receiving staff presentations on projects in development, providing feedback and recommendations to both Council and staff, and offering ongoing consultation on the Urban Indigenous Engagement Framework (UNDRIP Action Group #2). Since January 2024, the Committee has held nine regular bi-monthly meetings, with informal working sessions taking place during intervening months. During this period, the Committee has delivered feedback on 12 staff presentations across a range of projects and priorities, and has provided Council with recommendations related to:

- [Granville Street Planning Program](#)
- [Update on the Zoning and Development By-law Amendments for Development Permits](#).

On [May 13, 2024](#), the Committee passed the following motion:

*THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee invite Mayor and Council to meet with the Committee at a date to be determined, to discuss the role and history of the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee, and how to move forward in a good way together to support and uplift Urban Indigenous Peoples in Vancouver.*

To date, no meeting has been scheduled.

On June 16, 2025, the Committee met in an informal working session at the Vancouver Public Library to review the draft Urban Indigenous Engagement Framework with Indigenous Relations staff.

In November 2025 the Committee also welcomed Councillors Pete Fry and Sean Orr as Council Liaisons, following a period without liaisons after the resignations of former Councillors Christine Boyle and Adriane Carr.

## **2. Future Directions**

In 2026, UIPAC intends to assist staff in finalizing the standard operating procedural guide for the Urban Indigenous Engagement Framework and to remain available to consult on City projects and priorities that directly relate to the wellbeing of Indigenous Peoples. Engagements related to the Gastown Public Spaces Plan and the FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver™ (FWC26) Human Rights Framework are currently underway.

The Committee also welcomes further engagement with the [Musqueam, Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh, Vancouver \(MSTV\) Intergovernmental Table](#) as it works toward implementing the [City of Vancouver UNDRIP Action Plan 2024-2028](#).

## **CONCLUSION**

The foregoing is presented to Vancouver City Council for information.