



## URBAN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

October 15, 2018

A meeting of the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on Monday, October 15, 2018, at 5:45 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Steven Eastman, Co-Chair  
Lillian Howard, Co-Chair  
Eric Anderson  
Jeane Riley  
Winona Stevens  
David Wells

**ABSENT:** Shauna Johnson (Medical Leave)  
Rennie Nahanee (Leave of Absence)  
Teyem Thomas (Leave of Absence)  
Cameron Zubko (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Spencer Lindsay, Public Involvement, Staff Liaison  
Megan Langley, Vancouver Public Library

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

#### Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Eric  
SECONDED by David

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Rennie Nahanee, Teyem Thomas, and Cameron Zubko for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### Approval of Minutes

MOVED by David  
SECONDED by Eric

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of September 17, 2018, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 1. Future Committee

The Committee provided suggestions for Council and a future version of the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee. Suggestions for Vancouver City Council included:

- Continuing with City of Reconciliation activities and programs, including events already established (The Drum is Calling, Walk for Reconciliation);
- Recreating the current Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee as a Policy Council;
- Making indigenous language available on City of Vancouver computers.

Suggestions for future iterations of the Committee included:

- Requesting a report on the feasibility of creating an "Indigenous Department" at the City;
- Following up on Saa'ust Centre to:
  - recommend the continuation of the program
  - hold a meeting with stakeholders
  - advocate for the creation of an advisory body to advise on governance and staffing of the Centre (see minutes of September 17, 2018)
- Naming in Indigenous language throughout the city
- Following up with City staff teams for major projects:
  - Northeast False Creek team to ensure the Long House as a priority
  - Arbutus Greenway team to address the importance of a water to water connection
- Supporting expansion of Indigenous Storyteller Residency Program at Vancouver Public Library;
- Continuing Indigenous consultation on Britannia renewal;
- Following up on the effect of the Northeast False Creek and St. Paul's plans on the Downtown Eastside Plan
- Supporting and advocating for an Indigenous Wellness and Healing Centre
- Requesting representation from all City Departments at the Committee
- Working towards an ongoing commitment from all City departments to continue and expand Cultural Competency training and find out if training is affecting outcomes
- Continuing to work with the Vancouver City Planning Commission
- Asking for a follow up on how the City is performing on implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action
- Continue to work on the Missing and Murdered Women and Girls and violence against women and girls; reviewing the report from the National Enquiry when it is available and making recommendations
- Requesting the City to create cultural safe spaces throughout the city and its buildings to facilitate and encourage cultural practices (e.g. smudging, ceremonial burnings)
- Developing a strong working relationship with the new Manager of Indigenous Relations.

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*The Committee agreed to hear items of New Business next. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.*

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## **2. Missing & Murdered Women & Girls Inquiry Update**

Co-Chair Howard reported on her experience coordinating the Saa'ust Centre, noting it had been a very challenging experience and identified areas for improvement.

In discussion, the Committee agreed that a meeting with Saa'ust stakeholders, as discussed at the September 17, 2018, meeting, needs to take place to ensure the Centre will continue to provide needed services to the community. It was also noted that the new Manager of Indigenous Relations should be included in this meeting.

## **3. New Business**

### **a. Staff Updates**

Megan Langley, Vancouver Public Library, noted there will be Indigenous genealogy workshops taking place with Library and Archives Canada.

Spencer Lindsay, Public Involvement, provided an overview on his work on Indigenous engagement and noted he continues to work on an Indigenous writing style guide.

### **b. Vancouver City Planning Commission Summit: A City for All**

Penny Kerrigan noted the Vancouver City Planning Commission (VCPC) will be holding a summit on "A City for All" on December 4, 2018, and that they have asked for volunteers from all committees to attend. Eric Anderson and Steven Eastman agreed to represent the Committee.

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## **Adjournment**

MOVED by Eric Anderson  
SECONDED by David Wells

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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