



URBAN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

June 17, 2019

A meeting of the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on Monday, June 17, 2019, at 5:38 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT:

Eric Anderson
Michelle Cyca
Annie Danilko
Alexander Dirksen
Steven Eastman
Lillian Howard
Shauna Johnson
Penny Kerrigan
Ellena Neel
Neesha Pooni
Teyem Thomas

ABSENT:

Patty Hambler (Leave of Absence)
Maggie Joseph (Leave of Absence)
Matthew Norris
Jeane Riley (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor Christine Boyle, Council Liaison
Councillor Adriane Carr, Council Liaison
Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon, Park Board Liaison
Trustee Janet Fraser, Vancouver School Board
Spencer Lindsay, Social Policy and Projects, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Kathy Bengston, Committee Clerk
Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

Roll Call, Welcome, Roundtable Introductions

The Meeting Coordinator welcomed members and acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh and we thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

Committee members and liaisons introduced themselves. Katelyn Crabtree, Manager of Indigenous Relations, Anne Nickerson, Director of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, and Mary Clare Zak, Managing Director of Social Policy and Projects, were also present and introduced themselves.

1. Election of Chair

The Meeting Coordinator reviewed the role of the chair, and conducted elections for Co-Chairs and Vice-Chair.

Prior to voting, the Committee discussed the importance of gender balance in committee leadership.

Following due process Eric Anderson and Teyem Thomas were elected Co-Chairs and Alexander Dirksen and Lillian Howard were elected Co-Vice-Chairs until December 31, 2019.

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At this point in the meeting Eric Anderson assumed the Chair.

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2. Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Michelle Cyca
SECONDED by Penny Kerrigan

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee approve Leaves of Absence for Patty Hambler, Maggie Joseph and Jeane Riley for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Committee Orientation

The Meeting Coordinator distributed copies of the Guidelines for Advisory Committees, the City of Vancouver Code of Conduct, and the Terms of Reference for the Committee. Special attention was drawn to quorum and the attendance policy, and requested members advise the City Clerk's Office through the Meeting Coordinator or Committee Clerk as early as possible if they will not be attending the meeting.

4. Appointment to Civic Asset Naming Committee

The Meeting Coordinator distributed and reviewed the terms of reference for the Civic Asset Naming Committee, and advised that one spot on that committee is reserved for a member of the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee.

Following discussion, it was

MOVED by Steven Eastman
SECONDED by Lillian Howard

THAT Annie Danilko be appointed to the Civic Asset Naming Committee, representing the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee, for the current term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Liaison Updates/Review of Previous Work

Mary Clare Zak, Managing Director of Social Policy and Projects, and Spencer Lindsay, Social Policy and Projects, Staff Liaison, provided an overview of department work including:

- Attending quarterly meetings with memberships of Indigenous organizations in the city;
- An update on social enterprise space, healing and wellness space in the Downtown Eastside, and the proposed development at Clark Street and 1st Avenue to that will include detox, transitional and affordable housing;
- There will be a panel on “Reconciliation in the Municipal Context” on September 25, 2019, at SFU Woodward;
- Staff will be undertaking a review of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Red Women Rising reports, in conjunction with the Truth and Reconciliation (TRC) recommendations;

Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon, Vancouver Park Board:

- Noted the Board is partnering with the community for a long house and meeting space in park space and he will bring the proposal to the Committee;
- Asked the Committee to share past work, noting he is happy to bring it to the Board where there is space;
- There is a colonial audit taking place at Park Board.

Commissioner Mackinnon also responded to questions noting that the Park Board is still working on establishing citizen advisory committees, and he would be happy to put forward a recommendation for an Indigenous Advisory Committee for the Board.

Katelyn Crabtree, Manager of Indigenous Relations, noted that the City-Wide Plan process has started to develop a long-range plan for the City and staff will be reaching out to the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh, along with the urban Indigenous community for input. She also advised the Park Board colonial audit will be shared with the Committee when it is ready.

Councillors Boyle and Carr, Council Liaisons, noted:

- The scoping report for the City-Wide plan will be coming to Council shortly;
- There is a commitment to engagement and an intent to roll out engagement in stages;
- The first stage will be on how people can come together around the big vision of where we want to be;
- There have been a large number of reports and motions on housing and homelessness;
- The homelessness count is high, especially among Indigenous people
- Council has regular government to government meetings with the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh;
- Council has endorsed a motion recognizing the United Nations Year of Indigenous Languages;
- There is a vacancy on the Food Policy Council for an Indigenous person; that position will be advertised shortly.

Trustee Janet Fraser, Vancouver School Board, noted:

- Totems were raised at the School Board Offices and will be unveiled between 10 am and 12 pm on June 21, 2019;
- There is additional teaching staff for Indigenous and Reconciliation work;
- New curriculum has a learner-centred focus;
- Indigenous student graduation celebrations for grade 7 and 12 students took place.

Steven Eastman summarized the past work of the Committee, noting a list of suggestions for the new Committee had been brainstormed and that the list is available in the [October 25, 2018](#), Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee meeting minutes.

7. New Business

a. Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Report

MOVED by Penny Kerrigan
SECONDED by Alexander Dirksen

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee request staff review the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls report and the Red Women Rising report, and identify which areas the City would be involved in, and provide a preliminary report at the Committee's September meeting;

FURTHER THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee strike a working group to meet with and advise City staff on this preliminary report

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

The Committee discussed potential Sub-committees and working groups including:

- A group to deal with the outcome of Bill C-92, which recently passed third reading in the Senate;
- A group to work on the implementation of federal policy writ large;
- A group to work with community centres on Indigenous arts and culture programming

It was also noted that it would be a good idea to work with other advisory committees on shared interests.

MOVED by Steven Eastman
SECONDED by Annie Danilko

THAT the Co-Chairs contact the Chairs of other advisory committees in order to establish relationships and allow the Committees to work on shared interests.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

MOVED by Steven Eastman
SECONDED by Penny Kerrigan

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Regular Meeting:

DATE: Monday, September 16, 2019
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:55 pm.

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