



URBAN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

September 16, 2019

A meeting of the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on Monday, September 16, 2019, at 5:35 pm, in Cascadia Room, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Eric Anderson, Co-Chair
Nicole Cardinal
Michelle Cyca
Annie Danilko
Alexander Dirksen, Co-Vice-Chair
Patty Hambler
Shauna Johnson
Margaret-ann Joseph
Penny Kerrigan
Ellena Neel
Neesha Pooni
Jeane Riley
Teyem Thomas, Co-Chair

ABSENT: Steven Eastman (Leave of Absence)
Lillian Howard (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Adriane Carr, Council Liaison
Jessica Carson, Vancouver Park Board Analyst

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Kathy Bengston, Committee Clerk

WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Eric Anderson
SECONDED by Jeane Riley

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Steve Eastman and Lillian Howard for today's meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Annie Danilko
SECONDED by Jeane Riley

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of June 17, 2019, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. VPL Strategic Plan 2020-23 Consultation

Randy Gatley, Branch Head, Carnegie Reading Room Library, engaged with the Committee in a workshop format, seeking feedback.

2. Liaison Updates

(a) Vancouver City Council

Councillor Adriane Carr, Council Liaison, shared updates on the following:

- Vancouver City Hall Upper Deck Parking Changes
- Oppenheimer Park Campers
 - i) Council engaged with Parks Board and the community regarding ongoing concerns
- Vancouver Global Climate Strike and support for city staff to attend event
- The New St. Paul's Hospital
- False Creek Flats Arterial
- Ride Hailing Services
- National Inquiry Report into Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Children
 - i) Inquiry from member on funding, with Councillor Carr to provide update at next regular meeting
- City-wide Plan

(b) Vancouver Park Board

Jessica Carson, Vancouver Park Board Analyst, shared updates on the following and responded to questions:

- Colonial Audit Phase 1 report issued
- Cultural expression in park spaces
- Reconciliation in work space
- Park Names Reconciliation

(c) Vancouver School Board

Trustee Janet Fraser, Vancouver Park Board Liaison, provided a written update as follows:

- The VSB is working to implement the three goals in the 2016-2021 Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement (AEEA)
- Belonging - To increase Aboriginal students' sense of pride, self-esteem, belonging, place, acceptance and caring in their schools
- Mastery - To ensure Aboriginal students achieve increased academic success in Vancouver schools and that they participate fully and successfully from kindergarten through the completion of Grade 12
- Culture and Community - To increase knowledge, awareness, appreciation of, and respect for Aboriginal histories, traditions, cultures and contributions by all students through eliminating institutional, cultural and individual racism within the Vancouver school district learning communities
- The recent installment of the Reconciliation Pole and two Welcome figures at the VSB board offices represents the VSB's commitment to increasing the sense of Belonging. Students participated in the curriculum created for the Reconciliation Pole, contributing to Mastery. Culture and Community were enhanced through the carving of the Reconciliation Pole on the VSB grounds and the celebration of the raising of the poles
- See https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Learning/Indigenous_Education/Pages/default.aspx for more information on the AEEA

The Committee enquired about indigenous youth in special education classes, which will be brought forward to the next Regular Meeting of the Vancouver School Board.

3. Departmental Updates

Spencer Lindsay, Social Policy and Projects, Staff Liaison, provided a written update as follows:

- Funding has been approved to hire a consultant to review the MMIWG Inquiry report. Updates will be shared when that work is underway
- Last week Council approved *Culture|Shift: Blanketing the City in Arts and Culture*, a new, overarching 10-year cultural plan that increases support for the sector, champions creators, builds on the City's commitments to Reconciliation and equity, introduces bold moves to advance community-led cultural infrastructure, and positions Vancouver as a thriving hub for music
 - *Culture|Shift: Blanketing the City in Arts and Culture* can be viewed [here](#)
 - *Cultural Infrastructure Plan* can be viewed [here](#)
 - *Vancouver Music Strategy* can be viewed [here](#)
- There is an engagement/update/celebration event on Thursday about the Indigenous Social Enterprise in the 1 and Clark Development
 - Thursday, Sept 19
 - 5:30pm-7:30pm
 - Community Space at 312 Main
 - 312 Main Street
 - Register & details [here](#)

- UIPAC is invited to the Islamic History Month Celebration on Saturday October 5 featuring Muslim and Indigenous artists and performers sharing in building relationships through a day of celebrating stories, art and culture.

Saturday October 5
12:00pm-5:00PM
Vancouver Public Library, Central
350 West Georgia Street
Register & details [here](#)

4. New Business

a. Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

MOVED by Penny Kerrigan
SECONDED by Jeane Riley

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee form a subcommittee for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls inquiry report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Communication Strategy Subcommittee

MOVED by Eric Anderson
SECONDED by Michelle Cyca

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee form a subcommittee for communication strategy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Federal Policy Subcommittee

MOVED by Patty Hambler
SECONDED by Penny Kerrigan

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee form a subcommittee for federal policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d. Vancouver Indigenous Fashion Week

MOVED by Penny Kerrigan
SECONDED by Jeane Riley

THAT the Urban Indigenous People's Advisory Committee request City staff to identify opportunities to support and promote Vancouver Indigenous Fashion Week as a tangible act of reconciliation in the City of Vancouver.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

e. Islamic History Month Celebration

MOVED by Michelle Cyca
SECONDED by Eric Anderson

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee support the hosting of Vancouver Islamic History Month by sharing the opportunity within its networks and through volunteer support where possible.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

f. Councillor Hardwick Press Release

MOVED by Jeane Riley
SECONDED by Annie Danilko

THAT the committee approve the release of the statement in response to Councillor Hardwick's statements to the Vancouver Sun, as a means of facilitating continued dialogue on the role of municipalities in the advancement of reconciliation.

THAT the committee determine, Alexander Dirksen, and Michelle Cyca as the designated spokespeople for the committee, to respond to media inquiries surrounding the release of this statement.

THAT the committee request that the Communications Media Manager to discharge the press release tomorrow, September 17 at 12 noon.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Penny Kerrigan
SECONDED by Michelle Cyca

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Regular Meeting:

DATE: Monday, November 18, 2019
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:33 pm

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