



URBAN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MARCH 9, 2020

A meeting of the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on March 9, 2020, at 5:48 pm in the Cascadia Meeting Room, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT:

Alexander Dirksen, Co-Vice-Chair
Eric Anderson, Co-Chair
Nicole Cardinal
Michelle Cyca
Annie Danilko
Patty Hambler
Penny Kerrigan
Yvette Stephenson

ABSENT:

Steven Eastman (Leave of Absence)
Lillian Howard, Co-Vice-Chair
Margaret-ann Joseph (Leave of Absence)
Ellena Neel (Leave of Absence)
Neesha Pooni (Leave of Absence)
Jeane Riley (Leave of Absence)
Teyem Thomas, Co-Vice-Chair (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor Adriane Carr, Council Liaison
Megan Langley, Manager, Neighborhood Services,
Vancouver Public Library
Jessica Carson, Reconciliation Analyst, Vancouver Park
Board
Rachel Wuttunee, Social Policy and Projects, Social
Planner
Katelyn Crabtree, Manager, Indigenous Relations
Lindsay Grant, Indigenous Engagement Specialist

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Kathy Bengston, Committee Clerk

WELCOME

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

1. Election of Chairs/Vice-Chairs

The Committee Clerk conducted the elections for Co-Chairs and Co-Vice-Chairs, and 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, 2020.

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At this point in the proceedings Alexander Dirksen assumed the Chair.

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2. Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Eric Anderson
SECONDED by Michelle Cyca

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Steven Eastman, Margaret-ann Joseph, Elena Neel, Neesha Pooni, Jean Riley, and Teyem Thomas, for today's meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Annie Danilko
SECONDED by Eric Anderson

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of January 20, 2020, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Liaison Updates

Councillor Carr, Council Liaison, provided the following updates on Council activities:

- Heritage Action Plan, update; and
- Vancouver (City-wide) Plan.

Katelyn Crabtree, Manager, Indigenous Relations, provided the following brief updates:

- Reconciliation Update for 2020; and
- Colonial Audit Scope.

Trustee Fraser, Vancouver School Board Liaison, provided an update via email to the Co-Chairs and Co-Vice-Chairs, on the Vancouver School Board's motion on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), which Co-Vice-Chair Dirksen, shared with the Committee.

Megan Langley, Vancouver Public Library Liaison, provided the following updates:

- Indigenous Storyteller in Residence;
- Indigenous Etymology program;
- Practicums at VPL; and
- VPL Strategic Plan, update.

Jessica Carson, Vancouver Park Board Liaison, provided the following updates:

- Washroom Strategy, update;
- John Hendry Park;
- Trout Lake Master Plan; and
- Queen Elizabeth Master Plan, engagement and listening phase.

Lindsay Grant, Indigenous Engagement Specialist, provided an introduction on her role and upcoming projects.

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The Committee agreed to hear item 6, New Business prior to item 5. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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6. New Business

a) Racism and Discrimination against Indigenous Peoples'

Co-Vice-Chair Dirksen informed the Committee, that the Co-Chairs and Co-Vice-Chairs, have scheduled a meeting with the Mayor's Chief of Staff, Neil Monckton, along with Councillors' Boyle and Carr for March 30, 2020, regarding racism and discrimination against Indigenous Peoples'.

MOVED by Penny Kerrigan
SECONDED by Alexander Dirksen

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee agree to draft a letter directed to Vancouver Mayor and Council, regarding increased levels of racism and discrimination to Urban Indigenous Peoples' in the city of Vancouver and recommend they issue a statement denouncing the increased levels of racism and discrimination.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) The City's Response to Missing Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Final Report

MOVED by Penny Kerrigan
SECONDED by Michelle Cyca

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee request an update from City staff on progress-to-date on reviewing and responding to the Calls to Justice of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls' Final Report at the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee's next regular meeting on May 4, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Committee

MOVED by Nicole Cardinal
SECONDED by Annie Danilko

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee (UIPAC) requests that City Council establish clear accountability measures, such as regular reporting to and attendance at upcoming UIPAC committee meetings, for the Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Committee's leadership role within the Vancouver City Plan consultations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d) Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebrations

MOVED by Nicole Cardinal
SECONDED by Annie Danilko

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee request that the Vancouver Park Board reassess current park allocation for the annual Indigenous Peoples' Day celebrations at Trout Lake in response to community feedback on the unsuitable nature of the gravel grounds for vendors and exhibitors.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

e) Community Centres for All

MOVED by Eric Anderson
SECONDED by Annie Danilko

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee requests that the Vancouver Park Board explore ways with which to incorporate Indigenous design principles, e.g. spaces for cultural practices and ceremony, and smudging policies, into future upgrades and forthcoming additions to the community centres network in the City of Vancouver.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

f) Calls to Justice

MOVED by Penny Kerrigan
SECONDED by Yvette Stephenson

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committees' (UIPAC) Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) subcommittee create and submit a motion to the City of Vancouver Mayor and Council, before the March 3, 2020, Council meeting, to advise that resources be made available to hold a gathering of UIPAC members, City service providers and experts of MMIWG, to review the Inquiry's final report and to identify ways to support the work being done by City staff on responding to the Calls to Justice.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Subcommittee Updates

a. Communication Strategy

b. Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

No reports.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Michelle Cyca
SECONDED by Annie Danilko

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: May 4, 2020
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Cascadia Meeting Room
Third Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:06 pm.

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