



## URBAN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

NOVEMBER 23, 2020

A meeting of the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on Monday, November 23, 2020, at 5:35 pm, via electronic means.

**PRESENT:**

Alexander Dirksen, Co-Vice-Chair  
Eric Anderson, Co-Chair  
Nicole Cardinal  
Michelle Cyca  
Annie Danilko  
Steven Eastman  
Patty Hambler\*  
Lillian Howard, Co-Vice-Chair  
Penny Kerrigan  
Ellena Neel\*  
Jeane Riley  
Yvette Stephenson\*

**ABSENT:**

Margaret-ann Joseph  
Neesha Pooni  
Teyem Thomas, Co-Chair

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Councillor Christine Boyle, Council Liaison  
Councillor Adriane Carr, Council Liaison  
Trustee Janet Fraser, Vancouver School Board Liaison  
Inspector Suzanne Muir, Vancouver Police Department Liaison  
Dianna Day, Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Council Liaison  
Megan Langley, Manager, Neighborhood Services, Vancouver Public Library  
Shabna Ali, Social Policy & Projects, Staff Liaison  
Rachel Wuttunnee, Social Policy & Projects, Staff Liaison  
Katelyn Crabtree, Manager, Indigenous Relations  
Lindsay Grant, Indigenous Engagement Specialist  
Aftab Erfan, Chief Equity Officer

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Kathy Bengston, Committee Clerk

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

## WELCOME

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

## Leave of Absence Requests

None.

## Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Michelle Cyca  
SECONDED by Yvette Stephenson

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Monday, September 14, 2020, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 1. Introductions and Roundtable Check-ins

The Co-Vice-Chair welcomed members and Committee Liaisons introduced themselves. Diana Day, Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Council Liaison, and Aftab Erfan, Chief Equity Officer, were also present and introduced themselves.

## 2. Approval of 2021 Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Eric Anderson  
SECONDED by Annie Danilko

Month	Day	Time	Meeting Type	Location
January	18	5:30 pm	Working Session	Online
February	8	5:30 pm	Regular Meeting	WebEx Event Online
March	8	5:30 pm	Working Session	Online
April	12	5:30 pm	Regular Meeting	WebEx Event Online
May	10	5:30 pm	Regular Meeting	WebEx Event Online
June	7	5:30 pm	Working Session	Online
July	5	5:30 pm	Regular Meeting	WebEx Event Online
<b>AUGUST BREAK</b>				
September	13	5:30 pm	Working Session	Online
October	4	5:30 pm	Regular Meeting	WebEx Event Online

November	1	5:30 pm	Working Session	Online
December	6	5:30 pm	Regular Meeting	WebEx Event Online

All meetings take place on Mondays starting at 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The Regular meetings will be clerked by the Committee Clerk for public record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **3. Vancouver Social Infrastructure Strategy (VSIS) Overview and Draft Directions**

Shabna Ali, Senior Social Planner, Social Policy and Projects, introduced and provided background information on the VSIS Overview and Draft Directions. The Committee received the information and provided feedback on the document.

### **4. Liaison Updates**

Councillor Christine Boyle, Council Liaison, provided brief updates on the following:

- Commemoration Policy is currently being undertaken by Council and City staff;
- Motion entitled, “Work with Senior Governments to Address the Overdose Crisis”, scheduled at Council this week;
- Climate Emergency Action Plan approved; and
- 2021 Budget to include new positions for equity and cultural redress.

Councillor Adriane Carr, Council Liaison, provided a brief update including recent Council decisions in support of the Committee, including a new license agreement for Saa-ust (Lift Up) Centre, 44 East Cordova St. Councillor Carr acknowledged the Committee’s feedback and request for a downtown eastside healing centre.

Trustee Janet Fraser, Vancouver School Board Liaison, provided the following Vancouver School Board (VSB) activities:

- Trustee Fraser thanked the Committee for engaging with VSB trustees in working meetings, which is appreciated for conversation and learning;
- The VSB is working on updating the Long Range Facilities Plan, with an approval timeline of January 2021;
- The initial request for proposal for the review of the role of Police in schools did not align with the Board’s focus on communication and consultation. The revised request for proposal closed November 23, 2020;
- Mandated anti-racism training for all employees and staff will occur in 2021. Reconciliation Canada is one of the organizations developing the training; and
- Motions were passed in support of the construction of an elementary school at Olympic Village, traffic safety at Ƨxʷwəq̓ wəθət Crosstown Elementary, and safe use of school grounds, supporting Strathcona Elementary Parent Advisory Committee.

Inspector Suzanne Muir, Vancouver Police Department (VPD), provided the following updates:

- In 2020, significant Increase of hates crimes, 248 incidents for October, including anti-Asian targeted incidents;
- Indigenous Awareness 101 online training, and Kairos blanket exercise for VPD;
- New recruits also receive additional indigenous training.

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

- Indigenous Storyteller in Residence applications finished;
- Kith and Kin: Indigenous Ancestry search, available online;
- Library catalogue, working to decolonize language;
- Three month, full-time, paid digital internship open to indigenous community. Interns will work alongside experienced library staff, across different departments, delivering digital library services. Closing date: November 29.

Katelynn Crabtree, Manager, Indigenous Relations, provided the following updates:

- Acknowledged Michelle Cyca's resignation and contribution to the Committee;
- Informed the Committee of maternity leave and replacement fill for January 2021; and
- 2021 Colonial Audit will be scoped, submissions evaluated, and dialogues with UIPAC planned, with recommendations to Council.

Rachel Wuttunee, Planner, Social Policy and Projects, acknowledged the Committee's comments and feedback during the term, which have been incorporated into her draft report to Mayor and Council. Rachel is offering one-on-one conversations and small working groups for further dialogue with Committee members.

## **5. Subcommittee Updates**

### **a. Communications Working Group**

No report.

## **6. New Business**

### **(a) Report of Activities 2021**

No report.

### **(b) Acknowledgement of Departing Members**

The Urban Indigenous Advisory Committee acknowledged Michelle Cyca's resignation and her contributions to the Committee during the Spring and Summer of 2020, and over the term.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Eric Anderson  
SECONDED by Alexander Dirksen

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Patty Hambler, Ellena Neel, Yvette Stephenson absent for the vote)

**Next Regular Meeting:**

DATE: Monday, February 08, 2021  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: WebEx Online

**Next Working Session:**

DATE: Monday, December 14, 2020  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: WebEx Online

The Committee adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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