



## URBAN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

FEBRUARY 8, 2021

A meeting of the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on Monday, February 08, 2021, at 5:44 PM, via electronic means.

**PRESENT:** Alexander Dirksen, Co-Vice-Chair  
Lillian Howard, Co-Vice-Chair  
Annie Danilko  
Ellena Neel  
Neesha Pooni  
Jeane Riley  
Yvette Stephenson

**ABSENT:** Eric Anderson  
Nicole Cardinal (Leave of Absence)  
Steven Eastman (Leave of Absence)  
Patty Hambler (Leave of Absence)  
Penny Kerrigan

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Christine Boyle, Council Liaison  
Councillor Adriane Carr, Council Liaison  
Trustee Janet Fraser, Vancouver School Board Liaison  
Diana Day, Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Council Liaison  
Insp. Suzanne Muir, Diversity, Inclusion & Indigenous Relations, Vancouver Police Department  
Megan Langley, Vancouver Public Library Liaison  
Shabna Ali, Social Planner, Staff Liaison  
Rachel Wuttunee, Social Planner, Staff Liaison

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Kevin Burris, Committee Clerk

### WELCOME

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

The Chair acknowledged the leadership and work of Lillian Howard.

### Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Annie Danilko  
SECONDED by Neesha Pooni

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Steven Eastman, Nicole Cardinal, and Patty Hambler.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Alexander Dirksen  
SECONDED by Neesha Pooni

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Monday, November 23, 2020, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **1. Council motion in support of UNDRIP**

Councillor Christine Boyle provided context upon a draft motion on the endorsement and implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and expressed gratitude for the committee for its longstanding advocacy around UNDRIP implementation. Subsequently, Councillor Boyle responded to questions and comments. The committee deferred decisions around any next steps until the draft motion has been formally reviewed by the Host Nations.

### **2. Committee Appointment**

Chair Alexander Dirksen informed the Committee that Co-Chair Teyem Thomas resigned, and acknowledged Teyem's role and work on the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee. The committee decided to work to identify a new co-Chair for the remainder of this term (April 2021).

### **3. Liaison Updates**

Rachel Wuttunee, Staff Liaison, provided updates on the following, and subsequently, responded to questions and comments:

- Annual Women's Memorial March;
- Developing a cross-departmental internal steering committee;
- Applications for Healthy City Scholars Program; and
- Moccasin Mafia funding ending in February.

Councillor Adriane Carr, Council Liaison, provided updates on the following, and subsequently, responded to questions and comments:

- Continued conversations at council regarding the Saa'ust Centre space and its lease at 44 East Cordova Street, Vancouver;
- The allocation of budgeting to Indigenous language revitalization and Indigenous relations; and

- The Civic Asset Naming Committee's process to develop protocol on naming streets with words or names pertinent to Indigenous history.

Trustee Janet Fraser, Vancouver School Board Liaison, provided updates on the following, and subsequently, responded to questions and comments:

- Development of a five-year Strategic Plan centered on the Board's endorsement of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
- School Liaison Officer Program review;
- Approval of updated Policy 21—Anti-racism and Non-discrimination;
- Elementary School renaming pilot; consultation with local First Nations leadership;
- Engagement with local First Nations on draft Land and Assets Strategy; and
- Approval of Long-Range Facility Plan.

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### **Absence of Quorum**

At 7:16 pm, during the liaison updates, the committee lost quorum. The Committee Clerk referred to Section 15.7 of the Procedure By-law as follows:

A majority of the persons appointed to an advisory committee are to constitute a quorum.

The Committee Clerk declared the meeting was adjourned due to the absence of a quorum.

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### **Next Meeting:**

DATE: Monday, April 12, 2021  
TIME: 5:30 PM  
PLACE: WebEx Online

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