



URBAN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MARCH 1, 2021

A Special meeting of the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on Monday, March 1, 2021, at 5:36 pm, via electronic means.

PRESENT: Alexander Dirksen (Co-Vice-Chair)
Nicole Cardinal
Annie Danilko
Patty Hambler
Lillian Howard (Co-Vice-Chair)
Neesha Pooni
Yvette Stephenson

ABSENT: Eric Anderson (Co-Chair)
Steven Eastman
Penny Kerrigan
Ellena Neel
Jeane Riley

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Christine Boyle, Council Liaison
Councillor Adriane Carr, Council Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Kevin Burris, Committee Clerk

Leave of Absence Requests

None.

Approval of Minutes

Deferred until next meeting.

1. Roundtable introductions and check-in

Committee members, liaisons, and staff checked in with each other.

2. UNDRIP Motion

Co-Vice-Chair Dirksen acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations, and acknowledged the Elders of those Nations.

Co-Vice-Chair Howard gave introductory remarks on the Committee's work around the endorsement and implementation of UNDRIP.

Councillor Boyle informed the Committee that the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations have supported the motion.

The Committee discussed the meaning and implementation of the Council motion endorsing UNDRIP.

MOVED by Lillian Howard

SECONDED by Annie Danilko

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

1. THAT the City of Vancouver recognize the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples through the support of the motion "Implementation of UNDRIP in the City of Vancouver";
2. THAT Mayor and Council prioritize the establishment and resourcing of a Task Force on Implementing UNDRIP in recognition of UNDRIP as foundational to the meaningful pursuit of becoming a City of Reconciliation;

FURTHER THAT the Committee approve the release of a statement of support for the motion "Implementing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the City of Vancouver", in recognition of its foundational role to reconciliation and decolonization efforts within the City of Vancouver.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Nicole Cardinal

SECONDED by Yvette Stephenson

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee confirm Lillian Howard and Alexander Dirksen as the designated spokespeople for the Committee, to respond to media inquiries surrounding the release of the Committee's statement of support for the motion "Implementing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the City of Vancouver".

FURTHER THAT the Committee request that the Communications Media Manager discharge the press release on Monday, March 8, 2021, at 9 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Alexander Dirksen

SECONDED by Annie Danilko

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, April 12, 2021
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 6:39 pm.

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