



## URBAN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

**December 6, 2021**

A meeting of the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on Monday, December 06, 2021, at 5:45 pm in Joe Wai Meeting Room, City Hall, and via Webex.

- PRESENT:** Robbie Knott (Chair)  
Suzette Amaya  
Cinnamon Bhayani  
Patrick Caraher  
Marlee Laval-Collacott  
Brandon Macleod  
Alana Obey  
Yvette Stephenson
- ABSENT:** Claudette Abraham (Leave of Absence)  
Eryn Braley (Leave of Absence)  
Nicole Cardinal  
Shadae Johnson  
Cheryl Marion  
Neesha Pooni (Leave of Absence)
- ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Adriane Carr, Council Liaison  
Councillor Christine Boyle, Council Liaison  
Shabna Ali, Senior Social Planner, Staff Liaison  
Rachel Wuttunee, Social Planner, Staff Liaison  
Lindsay Grant, VPL Indigenous Planner  
Inspector Terry Yung, VPD Liaison  
Caitlin Harrison, Park Board Staff Liaison
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Kevin Burris, Manager, Civic Agencies  
Ana Denissenko, Committee Clerk

### WELCOME

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

### Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Cinnamon Bhayani  
SECONDED by Brandon Macleod

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Eryn Braley, Neesha Pooni, and Claudette Abraham.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Brandon Macleod  
SECONDED by Marlee Laval-Collacott

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of October 25, 2021, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **1. Lillian Howard Memorial**

Committee members, liaisons, and staff shared their memories of Lillian Howard.

Councillor Boyle suggested that the Committee put forward a recommendation for a civic asset to be named after Lillian Howard.

### **2. MMIWG2S+ (Standing Agenda Item)**

Rachel Wuttunee shared updates on the City's MMIWG2S+ work and outlined next steps for Phase II of the project.

Shabna Ali suggested holding a separate working session on MMIWG2S+, and proposed Monday, January 17, 2022, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

Shabna Ali informed the Committee that MMIWG2S+ funding ends in June 2022; further funding is included in the supplementary budget for 2022, but it will be up to Council to decide whether to continue fund the project.

Following discussion, it was

MOVED by Marlee Laval-Collacott  
SECONDED by Suzette Amaya

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee recommend Mayor and Council fulfill the obligations as the City of Reconciliation by funding in the 2022 operating budget the following:

- Continued funding support in advancing MMIWG2S+ in implementing recommendations within the City of Vancouver
- Funding a Director of Indigenous Relations position within the City Manager's Office, to be filled by an Indigenous person

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Suzette Amaya

SECONDED by Alana Obey

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee designate Cinnamon Bhayani to speak on their behalf at the Council meeting on December 8, 2021. Specifically regarding the Spaces to Thrive Report, and the urgent need for development of spaces for ceremony, healing, language, cultural practices, and dance for Indigenous Peoples.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **3. Liaison Updates**

Cinnamon Bhayani provided updates from the Civic Asset Naming Committee on the following:

- Plaza of Nations site to be renamed with an Indigenous name
- Civic Asset Naming Committee would like to consult Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee prior to renaming the Plaza of Nations site

### **4. Work Plan Continued Discussion**

None.

### **5. New Business**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Suzette Amaya  
SECONDED by Brandon Macleod

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Next Meeting:**

DATE: Monday, January 24, 2022  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: TBD

The Committee adjourned at 7:35 pm.

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