



URBAN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 24, 2022

A meeting of the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on Monday, January 24, 2022, at 5:37 pm via electronic means.

PRESENT: Robbie Knott (Chair)
Suzette Amaya
Cinnamon Bhayani
Nicole Cardinal
Shadae Johnson
Marlee Laval-Collacott*
Brandon Macleod
Cheryl Marion
Yvette Stephenson*

ABSENT: Claudette Abraham
Alana Obey (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
Megan Langley, VPL Liaison
Inspector Terry Yung, VPD Liaison
Spencer Lindsay, Park Board Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Kevin Burris, Manager, Civic Agencies
Ana Denissenko, Committee Clerk

*Denotes absence from a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

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

Review of the agenda

The Chair provided the overview of the agenda and asked if there are any amendments.

Members and Liaisons Check-in

Members and Liaisons checked in and shared brief personal updates.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Cinnamon Bhayani
SECONDED by Suzette Amaya

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee approve a leave of absence for Alana Obey for this meeting; and

FURTHER THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee approve a leave of absence for Nicole Cardinal, retroactive to the December 6, 2021 regular meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

The Committee agreed to amend the minutes of December 6, 2021, to reflect the retroactive leave of absence for Nicole Cardinal.

MOVED by Marlee Laval-Collacott
SECONDED by Nicole Cardinal

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of December 6, 2021, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. UNDRIP Task Force Discussion

Presenters:

Khelsilem, Council Chairperson, Nexwsxwníw ntm ta Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation Council)
Councillor Christine Boyle

Council Chairperson Khelsilem and Councillor Christine Boyle provided a presentation on the mandate and scope of work of the UNDRIP Task Force, suggested avenues for future joint work with the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee, and subsequently responded to questions and comments.

Cinnamon Bhayani, Nicole Cardinal, Shadae Johnson, and Marlee Laval-Collacott expressed interest in joining the Technical Committee of the UNDRIP Task Force.

The Chair suggested holding a working session to continue discussion of Committee members' involvement with the UNDRIP Task Force.

2. Liaison Updates

Councillor Boyle provided updates on the following:

- Council included MMIWG2S+ and hiring a Director of Indigenous Relations in 2022 budget

Councillor Carr provided updates on the following:

- Council decided to move up the general tax rate
- 2022 is election year for the Council; the capital budget will be voted on October 15, 2022
- Motions that went to Council this week, including motions “Making Home: Housing For All Of Us” and “The Year of the Salish Sea”

Shabna Ali, Staff Liaison, provided updates on the following:

- Vancouver Plan is in its final stage and ready to go to the Council
- Introducing an accessibility strategy within the City of Vancouver
- Working together with various departments of the City of Vancouver on decriminalizing poverty

Spencer Lindsay responded to questions and comments on Park Board Liaison Updates, which were submitted in advance.

Trustee Fraser, Terry Yung, Megan Langley and Lindsay Grant provided Liaison updates in written form prior to the meeting.

3. Co-Chair Elections & Committee Process – Discussion & Approach

The Chair acknowledged the work of the Committee members who have recently resigned (Eryn Braley, Patrick Caraher, and Neesha Pooni) and opened the floor for discussion of new member recruitment.

The Manager, Civic Agencies agreed to work toward appointing new members, and Committee members agreed to reach out to personal networks.

4. 2022 schedule approval

MOVED by Cinnamon Bhayani
SECONDED by Nicole Cardinal

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee approve the 2022 schedule below.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Month	Day	Time	Meeting Type	Webex/Hybrid
January	24	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting	TBD
February	TBD	5:30 PM	Working Session	Webex
March	7	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting	TBD
April	4	5:30 PM	Working Session	Webex
May	9	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting	TBD
June	6	5:30 PM	Working Session	Webex
July	4	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting	TBD
September	19	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting	TBD

Regular meetings will be clerked by the Committee Clerk for the public record.

5. Developing UIPAC Social Media Subcommittee

The Chair acknowledged the need for the Committee to engage with the community via social media, and opened the floor for discussion of a potential Social Media Subcommittee.

Suzette Amaya and Shadae Johnson expressed interest in joining the Social Media Subcommittee.

Rachel Wuttunee, Staff Liaison, agreed to assist with the Subcommittee.

6. Discussion of motions for deliberation

MOVED by Nicole Cardinal
SECONDED by Suzette Amaya

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee recommend that City Council explore and determine the current programming, prevalence, and disproportionate effects of Human Trafficking on Indigenous and BIPOC communities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Yvette Stephenson absent for the vote)

MOVED by Nicole Cardinal
SECONDED by Shadae Johnson

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples Advisory Committee send a letter to Mayor and City Council regarding the prevalence and incidence of Human Trafficking, assault, and exploitation of Indigenous and BIPOC peoples in the City of Vancouver.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Yvette Stephenson absent for the vote)

7. New Business

The Chair introduced a presentation request for the Saa-ust Centre, and Committee members agreed that the presentation is a priority for the February Working Session.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Suzette Amaya
SECONDED by Nicole Cardinal

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Yvette Stephenson and Marlee Laval-Collacott absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, March 07, 2022
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: TBD

The Committee adjourned at 7:42 pm.

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