



URBAN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 7, 2022

A meeting of the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on Monday, March 07, 2022, at 5:37 pm via electronic means.

PRESENT: Robbie Knott (Chair)
Claudette Abraham*
Suzette Amaya
Cinnamon Bhayani
Nicole Cardinal
Brandon Macleod
Cheryl Marion
Alana Obey
Yvette Stephenson

ABSENT: Shadae Johnson (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
Inspector Terry Yung, VPD Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: 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 were any amendments to the agenda.

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 Shadae Johnston for this meeting; and

FURTHER THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee approve a leave of absence for Claudette Abraham, retroactive to the January 24, 2022, regular meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Claudette Abraham absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Brandon Macleod
SECONDED by Nicole Cardinal

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of January 24, 2022, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Claudette Abraham absent for the vote)

Liaison Updates

Councillor Carr provided updates on the following:

- Capital Plan presented to Council before the Municipal Election in October 2022. One of the arising discussions is around ways to reduce waste of cups and plastic in the City of Vancouver.
- Public feedback regarding the Vancouver Plan will be requested in the upcoming month.

Councillor Boyle provided updates on the following:

- Request from the Host Nations to discuss issues among themselves together prior to coming to Council.
- Grants approved by Council last month included affordable housing, social policy, Indigenous-run and Indigenous-centered community groups.

Trustee Fraser submitted VSB updates in written form prior to the meeting.

1. Election Presentation

Presenters:

Danielle Johnston, Manager, Democratic Outreach

Rosemary Hagiwara, Director, Business and Election Services

Staff presented a recap of the 2018 City of Vancouver municipal election, strategies implemented after consulting with Advisory Committees prior to the 2018 election, and goals and strategies for the 2022 City of Vancouver municipal election, and subsequently responded to questions and comments.

Suggestions from Committee members included:

- Engage with Indigenous Peoples by attending Indigenous events

- Indigenous Peoples Day
- Westcoast Nights
- Community champions
- Grandview Park
- DTES (Providing info on simplified voting process and candidates)
- Urban Native Youth Association
- Creating relationships that run longer than election cycle
- Utilize social media for different age groups – Facebook and TikTok in particular
- Focus on visual graphics in marketing materials – less words more imagery
- Engage with Indigenous Non-Profit Organizations (Partnering/Providing resources for them to inform their respective communities)
- Provide incentives (food and water)
- Make engagement less corporate and more community-based
- Make voting accessible to people who do not have ID or address
- Indigenous Ambassadors to promote election – use peers and pay them
- Utilize Vancouver Public Library – many Indigenous people use libraries for access to internet and free shelter

2. Commemoration Framework Presentation

Presenters:

Metha Brown, Cultural Planner

Julia Hulbert, Planner, Park Board

Julia Hulbert and Metha Brown presented on development of the Commemoration Policy, including the following, and subsequently responded to questions and comments:

- Outline of 2-year plan for the project;
- Project priorities;
- Interest in consulting with the Committee throughout the process

3. Committee Discussion of the Current Issues and Motion Deliberation

The Chair updated the Committee on the Saa-ust presentation from the last working session and suggested that the presenters return to update the Committee when the project is in the deliberation stage.

4. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Brandon Macleod

SECONDED by Alana Obey

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, May 09, 2022
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: TBD

The Committee adjourned at 7:33 pm.

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