



## URBAN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

**May 9, 2022**

A meeting of the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on Monday, May 09, 2022, at 5:35 pm in Cascadia Room, City Hall and via electronic means.

**PRESENT:** Robbie Knott (Chair)  
Cinnamon Bhayani  
Nicole Cardinal  
Shadae Johnson  
Brandon Macleod  
Cheryl Marion  
Yvette Stephenson

**ABSENT:** Claudette Abraham  
Suzette Amaya (Leave of Absence)  
Lorraine Jack (Leave of Absence)  
Alana Obey

**ALSO PRESENT:** 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:** Kevin Burris, Manager, Civic Agencies  
Brian Fukushima, Committee Clerk

### WELCOME

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

### Alternate Meeting Procedures

Following an introduction by the Manager, Civic Agencies, it was

MOVED by Nicole Cardinal

SECONDED by Yvette Stephenson

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee suspend the rule of section 15.13 of the Procedure By-law in order to allow alternate decision-making methods during the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

### **Leave of Absence Requests**

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee approve Leaves of Absence for Suzette Amaya and Lorraine Jack.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

### **Approval of Minutes**

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of March 7, 2022, as circulated.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

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*At this point in the meeting, the Committee decided by consensus to vary the agenda to replace item 1, "Alternate meeting procedures discussion," with a discussion of the death of Chelsea Poorman; and to insert as item 3 the staff presentation on Skeena Terrace. Agenda numbering has been adjusted to reflect the addition.*

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### **1. Death of Chelsea Poorman Discussion**

The Committee held a moment of silence for Chelsea Poorman.

Following discussion, The Chair and Rachel Wuttunee agreed to meet to discuss drafting a letter of support to the Poorman family. The Committee also discussed possible recommendations to Council around the topics of prevention, Citywide response, after care for survivors, accountability, and stigma.

### **2. West End Waterfront Plan Consultation**

Staff:

Brittany Morris, Planning and Park Development

Brittany Morris agreed to forgo the presentation to accommodate Committee priorities. The Committee Clerk will distribute the materials to the Committee and questions will be taken via email.

### **3. Skeena Terrace Presentation**

Staff:

Sarah Crowley, Planning, Urban Design & Sustainability

Sarah Crowley agreed to forgo the presentation to accommodate Committee priorities. The Committee Clerk will distribute the materials to the Committee and questions will be taken via email.

#### **4. Liaison Updates**

None.

#### **5. Committee Feedback on UNDRIP Engagement and Approach**

Committee members offered feedback on the following:

- Concern that meetings take place during work hours;
- Which groups are missing from the engagement process;
- In-person relationship building through events, organizations and one-on-one meetings;
- Adequate resources to compensate Indigenous volunteers;
- Using social media and incentivised surveys.

The Committee agreed to the creation of a UIPAC UNDRIP Subcommittee to engage with the UNDRIP Task Force.

#### **6. Letter to Council Regarding Unsafe Ride Sharing**

The Committee agreed to revisit their draft letter to Council in light of the Chelsea Poorman discussion.

Committee members suggested the following topics be addressed:

- Policies in place to protect minors, especially Indigenous girls and Two-Spirit folks;
- Human trafficking;
- Training and requirements to be a driver, and the extent of criminal record checks;
- Resources for safe spaces for children and youth.

After discussion, it was proposed

THAT the Urban Indigenous People's Advisory Committee update the previously approved letter to Mayor and City Council to reflect our concerns around the investigation of the death of Chelsea Poorman.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

#### **7. Artist Permits for Indigenous Artists**

Shadae Johnson suggested the Committee support the waiving of permit fees for Indigenous artists, which include:

- \$60 Application fee;
- \$955.03 annual permit fee;
- Valid liability insurance (\$500 - \$1000 /year).

Shabna Ali noted the policy could be changed, in line with the work of the Community Economic Development Strategy. Liability is still important but perhaps a group insurance blanket policy could work.

The Committee discussed the following:

- Engaging Indigenous artists;
- Setting up vending spaces for Indigenous artists across the City;
- Access to booking free vending spaces, with spaces rotated for equity;
- Safety issues.

## **8. Subcommittee Updates**

Rachel Wuttunee noted the importance of prioritizing Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, incorporating principles into actions, and called for more action from other City departments.

The UNDRIP Subcommittee will develop a detailed list of Indigenous organizations for the UNDRIP Task Force to contact. Councillor Boyle agreed to provide a list of organizations currently held by staff, for reference.

## **9. New Business**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

### **Next Meeting:**

DATE: Monday, July 04, 2022  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Cascadia Room, City Hall / Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 7:31 pm.

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