



URBAN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 19, 2026

A meeting of the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on Monday, January 19, 2026, at 5:45 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

PRESENT: Troy Abromaitis*
Leona Brown
Nicole Cardinal
Synder Cuddahy*
Mathew Fleury
Tasha Tanya Jacko
Anna Ratzlaff
Taylor Scott
Drew Stewart
Robyn Vermette

ABSENT: Annita Mcphee
Teresa Nieman
Anna Ratzlaff

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Pete Fry, Council Liaison
Councillor Sean Orr, Council Liaison
Trustee Janet Fraser, Vancouver School Board Liaison
Steven Eastman, Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive
Council Liaison
Rachel Wuttunee, Senior Manager, Urban Indigenous
Relations; Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Sonia Lotay, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

The Meeting Coordinator provided a land acknowledgement and members participated in a roundtable check-in.

Modified Procedures

MOVED by Mathew Fleury
SECONDED by Nicole Cardinal

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee suspend the rule of section

15.13 of the *Procedure By-law* in order to allow modified decision-making methods during the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
AND BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

Leave of Absence Requests

None.

Approval of Minutes

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Monday, November 17, 2025, as circulated.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS
(Troy Abromaitis and Synder Cuddahy absent for the vote)

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VARY AGENDA

THAT the Committee vary the order of the agenda in order to deal with Item 1 at the end of the agenda.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS
(Troy Abromaitis and Synder Cuddahy absent for the vote)

Note: For clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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2. Annual Report

The Staff Liaison presented the draft Annual Report and the Committee participated in discussion.

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee approve the [Annual Report](#) as presented.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS
(Troy Abromaitis absent for the vote)

3. Liaison Updates

All liaisons present provided updates or comments, in addition to previously circulated updates.

4. New Business

Committee members discussed the following topics:

- [2026 JANT Fest](#), taking place March 15–20, 2026 (event is seeking volunteers);
- Committee input on the MVAEC Liaison's upcoming presentation to the BC government on the [distinction-based approach](#);
- Indigenous Relations and Social Policy are coordinating to develop a grant based on a \$100,000 donation to support the Missing Person Alert Protocol.

1. Committee Appointments

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee appoint Synder Cuddahy and Robyn Vermette as Committee Co-Chairs for a period ending November 1, 2026.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

ADJOURNMENT

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, March 30, 2026
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room, 2nd Floor,
City Hall
Microsoft Teams

The Committee adjourned at 6:50 pm.

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