



## WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

July 14, 2015

A meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, at 5:30 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Miranda Mandarino, Chair  
Erin Arnold  
Terran Bell  
Cleta Brown  
Andrea Canales Figueroa  
Lindsay Clark  
Anastasia Gaisenok  
Sharon Lau  
Fiona McFarlane  
Miriam Palacios  
Erica Pinsky  
Niki Sharma\*  
Rhonda Sherwood, Vice-Chair

**ABSENT:** Desaraigh Byers  
Julie Wong (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Andrea Reimer, Council Liaison  
Commissioner Catherine Evans, Park Board Liaison  
Trustee Joy Alexander, School Board Liaison  
Deb Gale, Manager, HR Business Partnerships, Staff Liaison

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

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*The Chair welcomed members to the Committee and recognized the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish Nations.*

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### Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Erica Pinsky  
SECONDED by Rhonda Sherwood

THAT Julie Wong be granted a leave of absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Rhonda Sherwood  
SECONDED by Niki Sharma

THAT the Minutes of November 4, 2014, and April 7, 2015, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **1. Presentation from Living Wage for Families**

Deanna Ogle, Living Wage for Families, provided a verbal presentation on the Living Wage for Families Campaign, including why a living wage is important, what is included in a living wage, the recent motion passed by Vancouver City Council, and the role the Women's Advisory Committee can take in promoting a living wage. Ms. Ogle responded to questions.

MOVED by Niki Sharma  
SECONDED by Erica Pinsky

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee supports the motion entitled "Make the City of Vancouver a Living Wage Employer", that was passed by Vancouver City Council at the July 8, 2015, Regular Council meeting following the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting;

FURTHER THAT the Committee would like to be kept abreast on the development and implementation of the policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **2. Presentation on City Budget**

Patrice Impey, General Manager of Finance, Risk and Business Planning, provided a presentation on the 2015 Budget, including public consultation and feedback, priorities, the operating budget, the capital plan and capital budget, and differences in opinions for females and males regarding local issues. Ms. Impey responded to questions.

### **3. Introduction - Miss Teen Vancouver 2015**

Shirley Lei, Miss Teen Vancouver 2015, introduced herself and noted her platform is to imbue confidence in women and girls.

#### 4. Follow up from June 2, 2015, Working Session

Miranda Mandarino, Chair, requested the Chair of each subcommittee to upload their work to basecamp and for the membership lists of each subcommittee to be finalized on basecamp by Friday, July 17, 2015. Subcommittees were also asked to formalize their structure and focus by July 24, 2015.

#### 5. Appointed Representatives

MOVED by Erica Pinsky  
SECONDED by Miriam Palacios

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee appoints the following as representatives for the Committee:

- Rhonda Sherwood - Active Transportation Branch Temporary Focus Group
- Niki Sharma - Transportation Stakeholder Group

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 6. Endorsing the "Blueprint for Canada's National Action Plan on Violence Against Women"

The Committee discussed the "Blueprint for Canada's National Action Plan on Violence Against Women".

MOVED by Anastasia Gaisenok  
SECONDED by Erin Arnold

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee endorses the "Blueprint for Canada's National Action Plan on Violence Against Women".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Miriam Palacios  
SECONDED by Rhonda Sherwood

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee appoint Erica Pinsky as the Committee's representative for the "Up for Debate National Alliance".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7. Potential Screening of "The Mask You Live In"**

Erica Pinsky led the discussion on the potential screening of "The Mask You Live In". Anastasia Gaisenok provided background information on the former Women's Advisory Committee's screening of "Miss Representation". It was agreed the Ending Violence Against Women subcommittee would consider the screening as part of their work.

**8. Discussion: Public Awareness of Civic Agencies**

The Committee discussed increasing public awareness of the Committee. The Chair agreed to lead this initiative and asked other members to contact her if they would like to participate.

**9. New Business**

**a) Active Transportation Branch Temporary Focus Group**

Rhonda Sherwood provided an overview of the three meetings she attended as a representative for the Committee regarding active transportation. She noted the conversations centred around the seawall.

**b) Young Women Subcommittee**

Anastasia Gaisenok noted there will be a recruitment process for finding members for the subcommittee.

MOVED by Miriam Palacios  
SECONDED by Rhonda Sherwood

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee endorses and supports the Terms of Reference for the Young Women Subcommittee as distributed (*on file*) at the July 14, 2015, meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Niki Sharma absent for the vote)

**c) Liaison from the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee**

The Chair informed the Committee that Lillian Howard will be the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee's liaison to the Women's Advisory Committee.

**d) Women's History Month**

Commissioner Evans provided an update on the Women's History Month event planned for October 15, 2015, in the Council Chamber.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Erica Pinski  
SECONDED by Rhonda Sherwood

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Niki Sharma absent for the vote)

The Committee adjourned at 7:38 pm.

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