



## WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

September 26, 2017

A meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee (WAC) was held on Tuesday, September 26, 2017, at 5:32 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Miranda Mandarino, Chair  
Erin Arnold  
Terran Bell  
Desaraigh Byers  
Missy Johnson  
Rebecca McNeil  
Christine O'Fallon  
Paola Quiros  
Shirley Ross  
Margot Sangster  
Rhonda Sherwood, Vice-Chair  
Andrea Thompson

**ABSENT:** Andrea Canales Figueroa (Leave of Absence)  
Lindsay Clark (Leave of Absence)  
Najmah Mohamed (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Andrea Reimer, Council Liaison  
Commissioner Catherine Evans, Park Board Liaison  
Deb Gale, Director, HR Business Partnerships, Staff Liaison

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Maria Castro, Meeting Coordinator

#### Acknowledgement

The Chair acknowledged that we are on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tseil-Waututh First Nations.

The Chair also acknowledged the safe space in which the meeting occurs.

#### Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Missy Johnson  
SECONDED by Shirley Ross

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee grant leaves of absence to Andrea Canales Figueroa, Lindsay Clark and Najmah Mohamed, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Rhonda Sherwood  
SECONDED by Erin Arnold

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting held on July 18, 2017, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 1. Gender Equality Strategy Update

Staff from the Equal Employment Opportunity Program and Organizational Development and Strategic Initiatives presented a progress update on the Gender Equality Strategy (GES). It was noted the report is scheduled to go to Council on November 29, 2017, and its overarching theme is "Healthy City Strategy".

The update also included a review of the meetings held with the subcommittees on Leadership/ Representation, Safety/ Violence Against Women, Intersectionality, Childcare and Housing. In addition, the Committee participated in a brainstorm session on potential names for the GES, which staff will be forwarding to the Marketing and Communications team for consideration.

### 2. Subcommittee Updates

The Committee discussed current subcommittees in place and will be focusing on the following areas:

- Leadership and Representation
- Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (EVAWG)
- Outreach, Equity and Inclusion
- Economic Equality and Opportunity for Women and Girls
- Gender Mainstreaming
- Young Women Subcommittee

The Chair noted she will be sending out a listing of each of the subcommittee names and membership to the group.

### 3. Liaison Updates

Councillor Reimer provided an update on the City's Walk for Reconciliation event that took place on September 24, and commented on an amazing experience. She acknowledged the City's commitment to reconciliation has thus far been very transformative. Councillor Reimer also reviewed items that were recently approved by Council and items going forward to Council in the coming months.

Commissioner Evans provided an update on the Park Board's Water Conservation Strategy and noted a huge difference in water savings due to a float valve installed to control potable water additions at Trout Lake. Commissioner Evans also noted the deadline given by the Park Board to Community Centre Associations to sign their Joint Operating Agreements is September 30, 2017. She also mentioned she will be introducing a motion to direct staff to work with Stanley Park's Intergovernmental Working Group to develop a process for re-naming the term "Siwash Rock", which is considered offensive and derogatory.

#### **4. Updates from the Chair**

The Chair provided a brief update on a recent meeting with the Indonesian Federal Minister for Women Empowerment and Children Protection in British Columbia. The Chair also mentioned the Council of Councils meeting will be taking place on October 12. It was noted there are several requests from various City departments and external organizations to present to WAC. The Committee will be preparing questions to the presenters at an upcoming meeting.

In addition, Paola Quiros reminded members to send their biographies and photos to her by the end of the month.

#### **5. Letter to TransLink**

The Committee approved a letter to the TransLink Board regarding the Millennium Line Expansion.

MOVED by Andrea Thompson  
SECONDED by Shirley Ross

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve a letter to the TransLink Board of Directors regarding the Millennium Line Broadway Expansion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **6. New Business**

##### **a) Facebook Page**

The Committee agreed to share, upon approval, their correspondence letters; and to post them to their Facebook page in an effort to create more awareness of WAC.

##### **b) Draft Motion on Public Consultation Process**

It was noted that the Committee will discuss drafting a motion requesting City staff to establish a process to better understand the public consultation process and timelines on planning and reporting, to help increase meaningful consultation with the public and advisory committees.

## Adjournment

MOVED by Shirley Ross  
SECONDED by Missy Johnson

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## Next Meeting:

DATE: November 21, 2017  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Committee Room 1  
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:36 pm.

\* \* \* \* \*