



WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

June 18, 2019

A meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at 5:36 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Rhonda Sherwood, Chair
Stephanie Ameyaw, Co-Vice-Chair
Kate Gibson
Missy Johnson
Pooja Khandelwal
Orissa Meyrink
Parmis Mohaghegh, Co-Vice-Chair
Essya Nabbali
Savanah Norman
Paola Quiros
Priti Shah
Selina Tribe

ABSENT: Chavisa Horemans (Leave of Absence)
Catherine Jenkins (Leave of Absence)
Megan Miller (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Bligh, Council Liaison
Councillor De Genova, Council Liaison
Bronwen McRae-Smith, Social Planner, Staff Liaison
Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht, Park Board Liaison
Trustee Lois Chan-Pedley, School Board Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

WELCOME

The Meeting Coordinator acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting began with Committee members, liaisons, and guests introducing themselves.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Essya Nabbali
SECONDED by Rhonda Sherwood

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Chavisa Horemans, Catherine Jenkins, and Megan Miller for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair (2019)

Following due process, the Committee elected Rhonda Sherwood as Chair, and Parmis Mohaghegh and Stephanie Ameyaw as Co-Vice-Chairs, both by acclamation, for the term ending December 31, 2019.

2. Approval of Meeting Schedule

The Committee discussed their 2019 meeting schedule.

MOVED by Essya Nabbali
SECONDED by Missy Johnson

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve the following meeting dates for 2019:

Month	Day	Time	Meeting Type	Room
June	18	5:30 pm	Regular Meeting	Committee Room 1, 3 rd Floor
July	30	5:30 pm	Working Session	Committee Room 1, 3 rd Floor
September	24	5:30 pm	Regular Meeting	Committee Room 1, 3 rd Floor
October	29	5:30 pm	Working Session	Business Centre, 2 nd Floor
November	19	5:30 pm	Regular Meeting	Committee Room 1, 3 rd Floor
December	17	5:30 pm	Working Session	Committee Room 1, 3 rd Floor

All meetings take place on Tuesdays at 5:30 pm. The Regular meetings will be clerked by the Meeting Coordinator for public record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Committee Orientation

The Meeting Coordinator provided a brief overview of member requirements and the meeting structure, and responded to questions regarding the role of the Committee, media requests, and speaking at Council meetings.

Following the overview and question period provided by the Meeting Coordinator, Committee members who were re-elected from the last term provided information on the previous work of the Committee, including, an anti-oppression workshop and the Women's Equity Strategy.

4. Liaison Update

Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht, Park Board Liaison, noted that at the 2019 City Service Awards, Parks and Recreation staff, known as the Access and Inclusion Team, won the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion award.

Trustee Lois Chan-Pedley, School Board Liaison, noted the Board did approve the budget proposal for menstrual products in Vancouver schools, and are the third school in BC to provide freely accessible menstrual products.

Councillor De Genova provided information on the Women Deliver Legacy Project that will consist of housing geared towards women and their families with services necessary for women-led families to thrive. She also noted the importance of childcare and discussed the Women's Equity Strategy.

5. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Savannah Norman
SECONDED by Kate Gibson

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Working Session:

DATE: July 30, 2019
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, City Hall

Next Meeting:

DATE: September 24, 2019
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:08 pm.

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