



WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 14, 2020

A meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at 5:32 pm, in Cascadia Room, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Chavisa Horemans, Chair
Stephanie Ameyaw, Vice-Chair
Kate Gibson
Catherine Jenkins*
Missy Johnson*
Pooja Khandelwal
Orissa Meyrink
Megan Miller
Parmis Mohaghegh
Essya Nabbali
Savanah Norman
Rhonda Sherwood (up to 5:45 pm)
Selina Tribe*

ABSENT: Paola Quiros
Priti Shah (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor De Genova, Council Liaison
Bronwen McRae-Smith, Social Planner, Staff Liaison
April Sumter-Freitag, Social Planner, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

The 2019 Chair opened the meeting and acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

Approval of Minutes – November 19, 2019

MOVED by Kate Gibson
SECONDED by Essya Nabbali

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of November 19, 2019, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Catherine Jenkins and Missy Johnson absent for the vote)

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair (2020)

Following due process, the Committee elected Chavisa Horemans as Chair, and Stephanie Ameyaw as Vice-Chair, both by acclamation, for the term ending December 31, 2020.

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At 5:45 pm, Chavisa Horemans assumed the role of Chair.

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2. Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Kate Gibson
SECONDED by Pooja Khandelwal

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve a leave of absence for Priti Shah, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Catherine Jenkins and Missy Johnson absent for the vote)

3. Monthly Women's Equity Strategy Update

a) Recommendations to Accommodate Children During Meetings at City Hall

Tina Penney, Director, Legislative Operations, City Clerk's Office, provided a presentation on the City's options for providing childcare for parents attending meetings at City Hall. The following was noted:

- What currently exists in terms of childcare at City Hall meetings;
- Direction from the Women's Equity Strategy;
- Childcare options being considered;
- Childcare at Council meetings in two municipalities in BC;
- Staff recommendations.

Ms. Penney responded to questions and received feedback. Committee members were asked to provide any additional comments to the Meeting Coordinator by February 3, 2020, so she could circulate them to the presenter.

b) Ensuring Women's Safety and Needs in Neighbourhood Planning

Staff from Engineering Services, and Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability, provided a presentation on ensuring women's safety in planning and development processes. The following was noted:

- Policies that guide development;
- Development projects, programming and amenities designed for women and children;
- Employment lands and economy review;
- Using a gender lens;
- Design, services and infrastructure;
- Gender inclusive design principles;
- Public space and transportation equity approaches.

The staff presenters also responded to questions and requested Committee representatives to contribute to the Plan. The Meeting Coordinator agreed to provide staff with the names of those interested in participating.

4. Women's Advisory Committee Updates

a) International Women's Day 2020

The Committee discussed International Women's Day.

MOVED by Essya Nabbali
SECONDED by Catherine Jenkins

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee forms a subcommittee to work with the City of Vancouver for International Women's Day 2020, to consist of the following members:

- Stephanie Ameyaw;
- Megan Miller.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Council of Councils Meeting

The Chair provided an overview of the Council of Councils meeting which took place on January 13, 2020. She noted the Women's Advisory Committee representatives presented on Intersectionality and safety and housing.

c) Request for Mentorship National Democratic Institute – Iraq

The Committee spoke briefly on this initiative and requested further information.

d) Intersectionality Framework

The Chair provided an update, noting visual aids were created from the work done at the previous meeting. It was agreed a subcommittee on this matter would be formed at a future date.

e) Work Plan

It was noted that the work plan has been completed by the 2019 Chair. Committee members were asked to review it prior to Council receiving the final plan.

5. Liaison Updates

Councillor De Genova noted the following updates:

- 2020 Budget was approved in Decemember 2019;
- Council approved childcare in Gastown parkades;
- Fighting fines increased and are subject to collections.

6. New Business

a) Menstrual Mobility in the City

Selina Tribe requested and received the Committee's support in working on the Menstrual Mobility in the City initiative to get accessible menstrual products into restrooms. She noted the past Women's Advisory Committee passed a motion regarding this issue. Ms. Tribe agreed to draft a letter to representatives of the BC and National Building Codes, and to work in collaboration on the creation of a motion for all municipalities to endorse the plan.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Kate Gibson
SECONDED by Essya Nabbali

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: March 17, 2020
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Cascadia Meeting Room
Third Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:35 pm.

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