



WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

June 16, 2020

A meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at 5:51 pm, by electronic means.

PRESENT: Stephanie Ameyaw, Vice-Chair
Erin Arnold
Krysta Coyle
Kate Gibson
Chavisa Horemans
Pooja Khandelwal
Essya Nabbali
Priti Shah
Andrea Thompson
Selina Tribe

ABSENT: Catherine Jenkins
Missy Johnson
Orissa Meyrink (Leave of Absence)
Parmis Mohaghegh
Savanah Norman (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Bligh, Council Liaison
Councillor De Genova, Council Liaison
Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht, Park Board Liaison
Trustee Lois Chan-Pedley, School Board Liaison
Mary Clare Zak, Managing Director, Social Policy and
Projects Division

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

WELCOME

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

Approval of Minutes – January 14, 2020

MOVED by Pooja Khandelwal
SECONDED by Selina Tribe

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of January 14, 2020, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Krysta Coyle abstained from the vote)

1. Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Kate Gibson
SECONDED by Essya Nabbali

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Orissa Meyrink and Savannah Norman, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Presentation – City Work on COVID-19 Women's issues

Staff from the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Office provided a presentation on "City Work on COVID-19 Women's issues", including equity in emergency response, community resilience, accessibility, language barriers and childcare, and responded to questions.

3. Women's Equity Strategy Update

Staff from the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Office noted there were no new updates.

4. Menstrual Mobility in the City Update

Selina Tribe provided an update and responded to questions.

MOVED by Priti Shah
SECONDED by Erin Arnold

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee retroactively approve the letter, that was previously sent, from the Women's Advisory Committee to the Vancouver Park Board, regarding menstrual equity.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Erin Arnold
SECONDED by Andrea Thompson

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee retroactively approve the letter, that was previously sent, from the Women's Advisory Committee to the Vancouver City Council, regarding menstrual equity.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Krista Coyle abstained from the vote)

MOVED by Chavisa Horemans
SECONDED by Priti Shah

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve the inclusion of the "Menstrual Mobility in the City Action Plan" into the Women's Advisory Committee work plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Women's Advisory Committee Updates and Actions

a) Granville Bridge Connector Phase 3

Chavisa Horemans provided an update and noted she had drafted a letter in support that would need to be reviewed by the Committee and approved. The Committee agreed to hold a Special meeting in July to approve the letter.

b) Strengthening Advisory Groups

Chavisa Horemans provided an update on this matter and noted that a document had been circulated to members recently for their review. The Committee agreed to postpone this item to the next meeting to enable members to read over the document and provide edits.

c) Creating a Strong Advisory Committee

This was dealt with in "b" above.

d) Letter of Support for Wet'suwet'en Peoples

The Committee agreed to discuss this item at their next working session.

e) Committee Work Going Forward

Chavisa Horemans led the discussion on this matter, noting there were five meetings left in the Committee's term and asking members what they wanted to achieve in that time. The Committee agreed to hold an all member working group to discuss this item. The Chair agreed to schedule the additional meeting.

6. Liaison Updates

Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht, Park Board Liaison, noted the following, and responded to questions:

- Staff management of parks during COVID-19;
- Currently in Phase 2 opening;
- Phase 3 to include indoor activities;
- Creating new ways to more safely use parks;
- Park Champion Program; and
- Traffic restrictions in Stanley Park.

Councillor Bligh, Council Liaison, discussed an initiative with UBC students and WISH regarding menstrual products.

Councillor De Genova discussed the Council COVID-19 Recovery Committee meetings currently underway, and also noted that staff are looking into using 3-1-1 as a resource for women.

7. New Business

None.

The Committee adjourned at 7:44 pm.

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