



## **WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES**

**May 21, 2024**

A meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 5:40 pm, in the Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

**PRESENT:** Amy Robichaud, Chair  
Alida Oegema Thomas, Vice-Chair  
Morrell Andrews  
Nazma Lee  
Serena Mohammed  
Felicia Phan

**ABSENT:** Tara Dachek  
Alexandra Gunn (Leave of Absence)  
Tamana Karimi  
Molly Needham  
Avani Patel (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Commissioner Laura Christensen, Vancouver Park Board Liaison  
Stephanie Kripps, Vancouver Public Library Liaison  
Insp. Kelly Risebrough, Vancouver Police Department Liaison  
Carla Suarez, Senior Social Planner, Staff Liaison

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

### **WELCOME**

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Peoples. We thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

### **Leave of Absence Requests**

MOVED by Serena Mohammed  
SECONDED by Alida Oegema Thomas

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Alexandra Gunn and Avani Patel, for this meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Nazma Lee  
SECONDED by Alida Oegema Thomas

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes from the meeting of Tuesday, January 30, 2024, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **1. Childcare Strategy Implementation**

Staff from Social Policy and Projects presented recent developments on *Making Strides: Vancouver's Childcare Strategy* and responded to questions.

### **2. Guest Speaker**

Sharon Gregson, Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC, presented on childcare advocacy and responded to questions.

### **3. Municipal Election Report Back and Future Planning**

Staff from Business and Election Services presented on the 2022 municipal election and 2026 municipal election planning.

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## **VARY AGENDA**

*The Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda to deal with Item 5, prior to Item 4.*

*For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.*

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### **5. Liaison Updates**

The Vancouver Public Library Liaison provided an update on literacy and learning initiatives.

The Vancouver Police Department Liaison advised the Committee of new policing standards for sexual assault investigations, provincially mandated e-learning courses, and work being done with the City of Vancouver to revise Sex Work Response Guidelines.

The Staff Liaison submitted a written update from the gender safety team.

Liaisons responded to questions and comments.

**4. Working Session Updates**

The Chair provided updates on the working session held on April 30, 2024.

**6. Subcommittee Updates**

Committee members received updates from the Gender-based Violence/Women's Safety Subcommittee and the Child Care Strategy subcommittee.

**7. New Business**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Nazma Lee  
SECONDED by Morrell Andrews

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Tuesday, July 30, 2024  
TIME: 5:30 PM  
PLACE: Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall  
/ Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 7:18 pm.

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