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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see attached memo from Katrina Leckovic, Director, Legislative Operations & Deputy City Clerk, providing an Annual Report on Type A advisory committees.

This memo summarizes general advisory committee member events held in 2016 and highlights the accomplishments of each committee over the past year.

If you require additional information, please contact Katrina Leckovic at 604.873.7998.

Best  
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**MEMORANDUM**

December 23, 2016

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**FROM:** Katrina Leckovic, Director, Legislative Operations & Deputy City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** Annual Report to Council - Advisory Committees

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide City Council with a comprehensive report of the activities undertaken by Type A advisory committees in 2016. Type A advisory committees are those committees established by Council, and which are advisory to Council. As set out in the December 16, 2014, Council resolution, each committee is required to provide an annual report to Council which describes its annual accomplishments.

**Annual Events for Advisory Committee Members**

There were three advisory committee member events held in 2016, organized by City Clerk's Office, which facilitated discussion amongst committee members and liaisons and provided training opportunities. These events were:

**1. Advisory Committee Chairs' Meeting - March 30, 2016**

This meeting provided an opportunity for discussion amongst advisory committee Chairs and Co-Chairs regarding planning for 2016. Discussion topics included resourcing for advisory committees, roles and scope of advisory committee activities, 2016 Council of Councils planning, and the 2017 advisory committee appointment process.

## 2. Advisory Committee Member Training - July 6, 2016

At this comprehensive training session, over 35 committee members received presentations from and asked questions of:

- Corporate Communications on media protocol, social media and the City's website;
- Access to Information on privacy, confidentiality and information sharing; and
- City Clerk's Office on civic agency roles and responsibilities, meeting procedures and the Code of Conduct policy.

All committee members were provided with updated Guidelines for Civic Agencies which explains committee/member roles and responsibilities, code of conduct, meeting procedures and media protocol.

## 3. Council of Councils - November 9, 2016

Over 80 participants received presentations from Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Aboriginal Relations Manager, and Lynda Gray, author of First Nations 101, engaged in networking activities, participated in a focused group activity on Vancouver as a City of Reconciliation and viewed advisory committee posters displaying annual accomplishments and future objective of each committee. These posters are available on each committee's webpage at Vancouver.ca. Participants were provided with a feedback survey following the event.

### Advisory Committee Annual Reports

This section of the memorandum provides an overview of each committee's mandate and accomplishments for 2016 (in alphabetical order).

Type A advisory committees each have their own specific mandate (provided with each committee's report below) and also follow the following common terms of reference:

- provide input to City Council and city staff about issues of concern;
- consider any matters which may be referred to the committee by Council or staff;
- may take positions on policy initiatives from other levels of government within the mandate of the committee;
- work cooperatively with other agencies whose activities affect constituent communities, including initiating and developing relevant projects;
- act as a resource for staff doing public involvement process and/or civic events;
- exchange information with the constituent communities and the general public about relevant programs and issues of interest; and
- engage in outreach to disseminate information and encourage participation from constituent communities.

### ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (ATPC)

#### Mandate

The mandate of the Active Transportation Policy Council is to advise City Council on strategic priorities relating to walking, cycling, public transit, skateboarding, and all active transportation modes in Vancouver.

## 2016 Policy Council Accomplishments

### **1. Provided Input into Concrete Projects**

The Active Transportation Policy Council, through its Projects Sub-Committee, provided detailed and ongoing feedback on dozens of projects this year including a development at Little Mountain, a spot improvement at Oak and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, a Park Board project at Balsam & Cornwall and a major project along West 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

### **2. Robson Square**

ATPC's first motion ever in 2012 was about making 800 Robson Street car-free. This year, ATPC provided feedback and participated where possible, helping to keep the block of 800 Robson Street open to bicycling and skateboarding at pedestrian speeds, while mostly focussing on encouraging the space to flourish for gathering - all year 'round. ATPC also encouraged changes to the 700 and 900 blocks of Robson Street to make Robson Square and the surrounding area safer and more fun for gathering in public spaces, and for active transportation.

### **3. Intersection Safety**

ATPC passed a motion on Intersection Safety. Since then there have been plans for recommended improvements in projects such as the 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project.

### **4. Arbutus Greenway**

ATPC, together with other civic agencies and organizations, provided feedback which is being used to make the greenway inclusive, even at the initial, temporary phase.

### **5. Complete Streets Recommended Policies**

ATPC's Policies Sub-Committee researched Complete Streets policies from municipalities in various global cities and recommended Complete Streets policies and guidelines to the City (including more car-free spaces) that showcase three North American cities with in-depth and encouraging policies that are ahead of Vancouver on this front. Now, the City has hired a staff person to review and develop Complete Streets policy recommendations.

### **6. Task Group on Criteria for New Active Transportation Routes**

A task group of the ATPC is in the final stages of preparing a preliminary prioritization tool for recommending the next new active transportation routes within the City of Vancouver.

### **7. Presented at the 2016 Pro Walk Pro Bike Pro Place Conference**

Represented skateboarding interests through a presentation at the 2016 Pro Walk Pro Bike Pro Place Conference in Vancouver, BC called *Other Wheels: Integrating Skateboarding into Communities*.

## **ARTS AND CULTURE POLICY COUNCIL (ACPC)**

### Mandate

The mandate of the Arts and Culture Policy Council is to advise Council and staff on all civic programs that relate to arts and culture, and ensure that arts and culture is appropriately represented in City Plans and policy initiatives. The ACPC also advises Council and staff on the Culture Plan for Vancouver 2008-2018 as it is developed, implemented and updated.

### 2016 Policy Council Accomplishments

#### **1. Established Community Focus Group**

Established a community focus group to identify priorities for the arts and culture community.

#### **2. Established Sub-Committees to Further Arts and Culture Initiatives**

Established three Sub-Committees including Community Engagement/Outreach Sub-Committee, Spaces Sub-Committee, and Strategic Liaison Sub-Committee, developing terms of reference for each.

#### **3. Culture as Fourth Pillar of Sustainability**

Conducted research and engaged in discussion of Culture as the Fourth Pillar of Sustainability within urban centres.

## **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CYFA)**

### Mandate

The mandate of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee is to advise Council and staff on matters that relate to children, youth and families. If requested by the Court, the CYFAC is also mandated as a family court committee under the British Columbia *Provincial Court Act* and as a youth justice committee under the federal *Youth Justice Act*.

### 2016 Committee Accomplishments

#### **1. Consulted with Housing Staff on the Housing Mix Policy for Rezoning Projects**

Committee members, including members in the under 14, and 15 to 21 age categories shared their lived experience with housing staff. In order to help inform staff, members discussed the new policy and spoke about the experiences of their families and others that they knew in relation to their housing situation.

#### **2. Researched Best Practices for Youth Engagement**

The Youth Engagement/Empowerment Working Group researched best practices for youth engagement and produced a report for the Committee. At the meeting in

November, committee members used the Dotmocracy online tool to determine priorities for further investigation.

### **3. Education Advocacy**

The Committee has done extensive advocacy around public education given the current situation at the Vancouver School Board. Multiple letters have been written to MLAs, Trustees, the Minister of Education, and Council in response to potential school closures, the Long Range Facilities Plan, the Restoration Budget, and calling for the re-establishment of a democratically elected Board of Education.

### **4. Meetings with Students and MLAs to Discuss Education**

Committee members, in partnership with local students met with multiple MLAs to discuss budget issues related to public education and seismic upgrades. Students shared their experiences with their local MLAs and spoke about the need for more funding for their school programs.

### **5. Launched a Committee Facebook Social Media Page**

With assistance from Kendra Taylor, Social Media Strategist, the Committee launched its Facebook page. The Social Media Sub-committee shares articles related to children, youth and families, and our agendas.

(<https://www.facebook.com/ChildrenYouthFamilyCommittee/>)

## **CIVIC ASSET NAMING COMMITTEE (CIAN)**

### **Mandate**

The mandate of the Civic Asset Naming Committee is to recommend names for streets and roads, development areas, pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, City-owned assets and facilities (excluding Parks and Library assets).

### **2016 Committee Accomplishments**

#### **1. Jack Uppal Street**

Named a new road in the River District honouring Sikh pioneer, leader, and businessman Jack Uppal. The first South Asian name for a street in Vancouver.

#### **2. Lahb Avenue**

A new right of way in the redevelopment of the Arbutus Shopping Mall is the first Chinook word used for a Vancouver Street, recognizing the trading and working language of the Pacific Coast and First Nations loggers.

#### **3. Reorganized and refined the Reserve List**

The Reserve List was reorganized and refined to bring clarity and a focus to the list which is now sorted into names the committee has approved and assigned and those names which have been submitted but require further research.

#### **4. Names added to the Reserve List**

Leon Bibb, noted singer and activist; Naomi Frankenberg, four decades of service to the Jewish community; Thelma Ginsberg, for her leadership and work in the Jewish community; Otto Landauer, Jewish-German immigrant who became a noted Canadian photographer; Milton Wong, noted Chinese Canadian businessman and arts patron.

#### **5. Diversity and Meaning**

Strives for and respects diversity and inclusiveness in naming, the committee works to honour historical context in all its complexity and looks for sound connections to place.

### **CULTURAL COMMUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CCAC)**

#### **Mandate**

The mandate of the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee is to provide citizen input on issues of diversity and inclusion that affect the City of Vancouver.

#### **2016 Committee Accomplishments**

##### **1. Met with community residents to learn about local engagement practices and processes in regard to reaching out to underrepresented cultural groups**

Met with diverse Vancouver residents and compiled feedback and analysed it. Drafted recommendations on how best to engage with underrepresented cultural groups especially for civic consultation and planning processes.

##### **2. Created a framework to assess use/need of cultural spaces within the city**

Created a survey to be distributed to ethnocultural groups that will assess their use/need of various spaces for their organization. This has been incorporated under the VIP as action item. Survey to be distributed in early 2017.

##### **3. Provided feedback and advised on civic planning and development**

How to engage Chinese-speaking seniors in the DTES/Chinatown area during development processes; provided feedback for the establishment of a local Citizen Assembly in the Grandview Woodland Local Area Plan; provided feedback for the Vancouver Immigration Partnership (in which one of CCAC's recommendations was adopted as an Action Item); provided feedback on the draft of Access Without Fear, provided advice for Downtown BIA future goals, and; advised planners on the North East False Creek development.

##### **4. Outreach and Liaison, promotional/awareness work**

Outreach to and/or advised other committees and City initiatives, etc., including Arts & Culture Committee, Vancouver Food Policy Council, St. Paul's Community Consultation, Diversity on Board, Pride Parade, and created a framework for Social Media outreach.

## 5. Meeting protocol and member agreement

Incorporated an Aboriginal acknowledgement at the beginning of all CCAC regular meetings and developed a CCAC Members/Community Agreement regarding meeting protocol and acknowledgement of members' rights and responsibilities.

## LGBTQ2+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LGBTQ2+)

### Mandate

The mandate of the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee is to:

- exchange information with the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, two-spirit and queer communities and the general public about relevant programs and issues of interest;
- work co-operatively with other civic agencies whose activities affect LGBTQ2+ communities, including initiating and developing relevant projects;
- provide input to City Council and city staff about issues of concern, including matters that require action by the City; and
- act as a resource for city staff doing public involvement processes.

### 2016 Committee Accomplishments

#### 1. Supported City Council's Trans Equality and Inclusive Vancouver Resolution

The Trans Inclusion Sub-Committee worked with the City to determine the necessity for the City to contract a study to determine its next steps for implementing Council's Trans Equality and Inclusive Vancouver resolution concerning transgender issues. The Trans Inclusion Sub-Committee also worked with the Policing Sub-Committee to provide constructive comments to the Vancouver Police Department about its training video and policy concerning transgender persons. The Trans Inclusion Sub-Committee will continue to review materials and provide advice to City Staff as well as to advise Council as requested.

#### 2. Supported the City's Launch of Jim Deva Plaza

The Davie Village Revitalization Sub-Committee participated in all stakeholder meetings concerning the launch of Jim Deva Plaza. The Sub-Committee connected the City and the Davie Street Business Improvement Association with concerned LGBTQ2+ organizations and worked to ensure the success of the Jim Deva Plaza. The Davie Village Revitalization Sub-Committee are members of the Jim Deva Plaza Steering Committee established to manage the Plaza on an ongoing basis. The Plaza has been booked for more than 50 events from its July 2016 launch through the end of 2016.

#### 3. Assisted City Staff with Developing Questionnaire for Homeless Count and Participated in Homeless Count Training and Homeless Count

The Youth Homelessness & Social Service Sub-Committee worked with City staff so the Homeless Count would be more LGBTQ2+ inclusive, participated in training others for the Homeless Count, particularly addressing training around LGBTQ2+ questions and members of the Sub-Committee participated in the Homeless Count. The Sub-Committee



also met with City staff for a debrief on the matter and responds to staff's questions on an ongoing basis. This Sub-Committee is being retired as it has accomplished its goals.

#### **4. Addressed Policing & Accountability**

The Policing and Accountability Sub-Committee provided input to the Vancouver Police Department on a training video for police officers with respect to addressing transgender persons. The Sub-Committee also provided policy advice to the VPD concerning its transgender policies.

#### **5. Raising Awareness of LGBTQ2+ Elder Issues**

The Seniors Sub-Committee established quarterly meetings with stakeholders including senior coordinators at City Community Centres and non-governmental organizations. The Sub-Committee worked with the Park Board Staff Liaison to place posters of LGBTQ2+ elders at Community Centres for the 2016 International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia. Members of the Seniors Sub-Committee attended programming concerning LGBTQ2+ Elder Abuse. They also attended the Senior's Advisory Committee's Housing Sub-Committee meetings and will continue to collaborate with that group concerning common goals.

### **PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PDAD)**

#### **Mandate**

The mandate of the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee is to advise Council and staff on enhancing access for persons with disabilities to enable them to fully participate in City services and civic life.

#### **2016 Committee Accomplishments**

##### **1. Worked to Increase Access to Affordable and Suitable Housing for People with Disabilities**

PDAD provided input to City staff and actively participated with key stakeholders in the Pearson/Dogwood Redevelopment to support a successful transition for Pearson residents and ensure an inclusive and accessible community on the Pearson/Dogwood lands. PDAD also participated with community partners to develop a comprehensive grant application and successfully obtain funding for a three-year project to fast-track matching wheelchair users to suitable housing units.

##### **2. Advocated for Safe and Effective Transportation for People with Disabilities**

PDAD gave input to the Provincial Government, the Passenger Transportation Board and Council concerning taxi and other vehicle for hire services, urging that safe and accessible services be required for all publicly-licensed transportation systems.

PDAD also participated in extensive consultations with City staff related to the proposed separated bike lanes on the West 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue medical corridor, with the goal of

protecting the safety of vulnerable pedestrians and ensuring adequate accessible parking within the precinct.

### **3. Addressed Barriers to Inclusion within the City's Infrastructure**

PDAD members were a strong and vocal presence at workshops and public consultations including those related to the South Creek Seawall, the Burrard Street renewal, Jim Deva Plaza and the new St. Paul's Hospital site, to name a few. PDAD members also worked with City staff to identify accessibility shortcomings in civic buildings and to ensure accessibility upgrades are incorporated when those buildings are renovated.

### **4. Began to Address Access and Inclusion of People with Disabilities in Civic Processes and Policies**

Working with staff, the committee finalized comprehensive Events Guidelines for use by City staff at all City-run venues.

Recognizing that accessibility and inclusion issues are too-often overlooked or an afterthought, PDAD has begun the process of assisting the City to develop a comprehensive Persons with Disabilities strategy. This strategy will be designed to ensure that the City takes into account the equality rights of persons with disabilities when planning and delivering services, and to provide a road map to achieve the full respect of these rights.

## **RENTERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RADV)**

### **Mandate**

The mandate of the Renters Advisory Committee is to advocate for renters and renters issues to the City of Vancouver and other levels of government, advise Council on strategic City priorities relating to renters, monitor and respond to the impacts of provincial and federal legislation affecting tenants, and advise Council on enhancing access and inclusion for renters in developing City policy and civic life.

### **2016 Committee Accomplishments**

#### **1. Residential Tenancy Act Reform**

At the request of Mayor and Council, the committee completed a comprehensive review of the *Residential Tenancy Act (RTA)* and consulted with stakeholders on proposed changes. RADV proposed a suite of recommended changes to the *RTA* and forwarded those changes to Council whom in turn forwarded them to the Provincial Government. These reforms were common sense changes that would make the lives of renters of all kinds more secure.

#### **2. A Voice on Renters Issues**

The committee successfully established the committee as a credible voice for renters to the media. RADV was able to represent renters on a variety of issues including fixed-term leases, rental bidding apps and short-term rental companies (Airbnb).

### 3. A Community of Renters

Members of the committee were regularly asked to participate in community events and discussions. This has helped to start build an community of renters and people who support renters to help raise awareness of renters issues in Vancouver. The committee's online presence on Facebook is becoming a place for renters to share stories and hear from people facing similar challenges. The committee expect this community to play a key role in expanding renter advocacy in the coming years.  
(<https://www.facebook.com/VancouverRenters/>)

## SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SADV)

### Mandate

The mandate of the Seniors Advisory Committee is to:

- provide input to City Council and staff about issues related to aging and seniors;
- provide input to Council and staff on enhancing accessing access and inclusion for seniors to fully participate in City services and civic life;
- monitor City programs to ensure that needs of seniors and their families are considered.

### 2016 Committee Accomplishments

#### 1. Social Housing Definition

SADV gave a presentation to Council to help clarify the definition of "social housing." This resulted in a significant amendment to the motion that Council was to approve.

#### 2. Accessible Public Toilets

Passed by Council, the committee's motion called on staff to consider including accessible public toilets in all current and future planning projects.

#### 3. 10th Avenue Corridor (Medical Precinct) Design

The committee worked with staff and the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee to help ensure that the corridor is safe and accessible for all the pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.

#### 4. Arbutus Corridor Design Recommendations

SADV worked with staff to help ensure that this project meets the goals of the City's Age-Friendly Action Plan.

#### 5. 49th Avenue Bus Route Changes

Although unsuccessful, SADV strongly championed the needs of seniors and young families in Killarney who were disadvantaged by changes to this route.

## 6. Social Isolation & Loneliness Project

The committee started a project to consult with community agencies to determine best practices for reducing social isolation and loneliness among older adults in Vancouver. This project, commencing next year, has received joint funding from Vancouver Coastal Health and the City's Social Policy Group.

## 7. National Seniors Day Events

In concert with the Vancouver Public Library, SADV hosted a Seniors Day celebration which included a well-attended debate between federal candidates on aging-related issues. This event has encouraged other agencies, library branches, and community centres to host their own Seniors Day events.

### Presentations to the Seniors Advisory Committee

DATE	PRESENTATION
July 17, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Age-Friendly City Update - Carol Ann Young, Social Policy</li> <li>– Seaside Greenway Sidewalk Update - Dale Bracewell, Active Transportation</li> </ul>
August 21, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Arbutus Mall Development - Wendy Le Breton, Development Services</li> <li>– Accessible Building Code - Patrick Ryan, Chief Building Official; Anita Molaro, Planning</li> </ul>
September 18, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Update on Jim Deva Plaza - John Grottenberg, Engineering</li> <li>– Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons - Liliana Quintero, Engineering</li> </ul>
October 16, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Balaclava Development - Wendy LeBreton, Development Services</li> <li>– South False Creek Seawall - Dale Rawsthorne, Active Transportation</li> </ul>
November 20, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– St. Paul's Hospital Relocation - Erick Nguyen, Providence Health Care</li> <li>– Passenger Pick-up/drop-off Zones at SkyTrain Stations - Christopher Darwent, Engineering</li> </ul>
December 18, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Vancouver Coastal Health Community Engagement - Belinda Boyd, VCH</li> <li>– Community Engagement Research - Dr. Atiya Mahmood and Heather Cowie, SFU Gerontology</li> </ul>
February 19, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Elder Financial Abuse Awareness Program - Jessie Sutherland, Worldview Strategies</li> <li>– "Serving Our Seniors" Motion - Park Board Commissioner Erin Shum</li> </ul>
March 11, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Transportation 2040 Plan &amp; 2016 Downtown Bike Network Expansion - Lon LaClaire, Engineering</li> <li>– Robson Street Public Plaza - Neal Peacock, Engineering</li> </ul>

DATE	PRESENTATION
April 15, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– West 10th Corridor Review - Dylan Passmore, Active Transportation</li> <li>– British Columbians with Disabilities Act - Rob Sleath, Barrier-Free BC</li> </ul>
May 20, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Killarney Seniors Centre - Sandra Korpan, Project Manager, City Real Estate</li> </ul>
June 17, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Knight St/Marine Drive Redesign - Don Klimchuk, Engineering</li> <li>– Chinatown Development Projects - Chanel Ly, Youth for Chinese Seniors</li> </ul>
July 8, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Accessible Municipal Elections - City Clerk's Office</li> <li>– West 10th Corridor Review - Dylan Passmore, Engineering; Christine Edward, Transportation Planning</li> </ul>
August 19, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Street Use Issues - Jennifer Sheel, Manager of Street Activities; Margaret Wittgens, Director of Public Space &amp; Street Use Management</li> <li>– Beyond the Conversation: Social Engagement Program for Older Immigrants with Language Barriers - Amie Peacock, Director</li> </ul>
September 23, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 49th Avenue and Vivian Street Redevelopment - Zoe Boal, Fair Haven United Church Homes Society</li> </ul>
October 21, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Robson Public Plaza - Krisztina Kassay, VIVA Vancouver</li> <li>– Empty Home Tax Update - Matt Bourke, Planning</li> <li>– Update from ASK Friendship Society - Kara Turner, Executive Director</li> </ul>
November 18, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Downtown Bus Service Review - Ian MacPhee, Planning; Joanna Clark, TransLink</li> <li>– Moving Towards Zero - Steve Brown, Engineering</li> <li>– Aquatic Services Strategy - Michelle Larigakis, Vancouver Park Board</li> </ul>

## **URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (UAPC)**

### **Mandate**

The mandate of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples Advisory Committee is to:

- ensure that effective communication and consultation of Vancouver's Urban Aboriginal communities play a major role in the efforts of the committee to fulfill its mandate;
- strive to develop and maintain a positive relationship with other individuals, groups, agencies, and others, who are addressing issues of concern to Vancouver Urban Aboriginal Peoples;
- advise Council and staff on the City of Reconciliation Framework as it is developed, implemented and updated.

## 2016 COMMITTEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### **1. Canada 150+ Program**

Contributed to the overall vision and concept behind Vancouver's Canada 150+ program. To mark Canada 150+, Vancouverites will celebrate, learn, and connect through an array of cultural activities, the large-scale events and activities, including:

- A Gathering of Canoes in a Vancouver park in July 2017
- A 10-day festival in downtown Vancouver in July 2017
- A Walk for Reconciliation in September 2017

### **2. City of Reconciliation**

Continued development and enhancement of the City of Reconciliation efforts, including cultural competency training, integration of a reconciliation lens into City initiatives, and implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions Calls to Action.

### **3. West Coast Family Night Organization for National Aboriginal Day**

Organized the City of Vancouver as a host of West Coast Family Night at the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre for National Aboriginal Day. Over 600 members of the Aboriginal community came out to enjoy a meal together, to celebrate First Nations and Metis culture, and to have fun with a bannock competition featuring notable Aboriginal bannock makers.

## VANCOUVER FOOD POLICY COUNCIL (VFPC)

### Mandate

The mandate of the Vancouver Food Policy Council is to advance just and sustainable food systems in Vancouver and the region by:

- making recommendations to City Council and staff on implementation of the Vancouver Food Strategy; and raising attention on new and emerging food issues to City Council, staff and the public;
- embedding food considerations into City policy and operations across all departments; and
- being the City's Food Think Tank by catalysing stakeholders around food system priorities and promoting practical solutions to City staff, other Advisory Committees and food policy councils.

### 2016 Committee Accomplishments

#### **1. Developed Internal Governance Tools**

Developed internal governance tools and established strategic processes for members and citizen engagement.

**2. Formed Active Working Groups Advancing Food Issues**

Formed active working groups and convened meetings advancing policy recommendations on important food issues including: City Development, Right to Food, Urban Farming, School Food, Waste and Biotechnology. Celebrated local food champions with a Golden Carrot Award.

**3. Provided Direct Policy Advice to Elected Officials and Staff**

Provided direct policy advice to City staff and elected officials on urban farming policy, development issues, soil policy, waste, school food, community kitchens and the Right to Food.

**WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WADV)**

Mandate

The mandate of the Women's Advisory Committee is to advise Council and staff on enhancing access and inclusion for women and girls to fully participate in City services and civic life. The terms of reference for the Women's Advisory Committee include: Policy Advice, Collaboration and Awareness & Outreach.

2016 Committee Accomplishments

**1. Created 4 Sub-Committees comprised of committee members and volunteers from the general public:**

- Leadership;
- Gender Wage Gap
- Violence Against Women; and
- Young Women.

**Category:** Policy Advice | Collaboration | Awareness & Outreach

**2. Each Sub-Committee collected best practice research from around the world to create best practice documents to be shared publicly, with the City and integrated into the updated Gender Equality Strategy document.**

**Category:** Policy Advice | Collaboration | Awareness & Outreach

**3. Co-wrote and were presented the 2016 International Women's Day Proclamation at City Hall.**

**Category:** Awareness & Outreach

**4. Consulted with various stakeholders & partners to address the safety issues of women and girls, such as:**

- Translink;
- Transit Police;
- The False Creek Seawall project; and

- The Institute for Research and Development on Inclusion and Society's workshop on Working Together: Combating Violence against Indigenous, Refugee Women and Women with Intellectual and Mental Health Disabilities.

**Category:** Policy Advice | Collaboration | Awareness & Outreach

**5. Actively found ways to represent WAC and regularly attended community meetings and events to represent WAC and engage with the public. Some included:**

- City of Vancouver Budget Workshops;
- Re:address Summit - Discussions on Global Housing Solutions;
- National Aboriginal Day at Trout Lake;
- Discussions with the City of Edmonton regarding Women Advisory Committees; and
- Discussions with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) regarding Women Advisory Committees.

**Category:** Awareness & Outreach

**6. Active social media presence and engagement on Facebook through the Women's Advisory Committee's Facebook page. Highlights include:**

- Post 2 times/day 7 days/week on relevant and current topics; and
- Current total of 1,266 people following the page with regular comments, reactions from, and engagement with followers.

**Category:** Awareness & Outreach

**7. Asked by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to work with them to create a best practices toolkit for municipalities and Women's Advisory Committees.**

**Category:** Policy Advice | Collaboration | Awareness & Outreach

**8. Actively participated on working groups, such as:**

- Transportation 2040 Stakeholder Group; and
- Active Transportation Branch Representative Temporary Focus Group.

**Category:** Policy Advice | Collaboration | Awareness & Outreach

**9. Attended community events to raise awareness of WADV and engage with the public, some of which were:**

- Leadership & Protection of Women Conference hosted by the Mexican Consulate of Vancouver;
- The Institute for Research and Development on Inclusion and Society's workshop on Working Together: Combating Violence against Indigenous, Refugee Women and Women with Intellectual and Mental Health Disabilities; and
- 2016 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women event hosted by the Battered Women's Support Services.

**Category:** Policy Advice | Collaboration | Awareness & Outreach

**10. Wrote letters to:**

- Minister of Education, Premier and Minister of Finance re: space use at VSB regarding childcare spaces (sent);



- MP Sven Spengemann regarding his Private Member's Bill on "National Women's Week" (drafting stage); and
- Minister of Education and Trustee Diane Turner regarding VSB liaisons to WADV (drafting stage).

**Category:** Policy Advice | Collaboration | Awareness & Outreach

**11. Engaged with other City of Vancouver Advisory Committees, such as:**

- Urban Aboriginal People's Advisory Committee;
- Urban Aboriginal People's Advisory Committee's Murdered and Missing Women's Inquiry Working Group;
- Cultural Communities Advisory Committee; and
- Civic Asset Naming Advisory Committee.

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**12. Consulted with various city staff and partners on multiple topics to ensure a gender lens was considered. Some of which included:**

- City of Vancouver Budget,
- Seaside Greenway,
- 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor,
- Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services,
- South False Creek Seawall Improvement Project,
- Healthy City Strategy,
- Civic Asset Naming Committee,
- Gender Equality Strategy,
- Northeast False Creek Project,
- 2011 COV Action Plan Framework on safety of sex workers,
- Translink,
- Transit Police, and
- Social Planning department regarding and overview of what the COV is doing around VAW internally and externally.

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**13. Had presentations from, and discussions with, community partners and stakeholders, some of which included:**

- Living Wage for Families;
- Miss Teen Vancouver 2015;
- Women Transforming Cities;
- Former City Councillor, Ellen Woodsworth,
- Fertility Matters, and
- Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women Transportation (CRIAOW) on current transportation research project.

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**14. Hosted a Women's History Month public event at City Hall Celebrating Women in Sport, with attendance from members from the general public and government officials.**

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15. Contributed to having the City of Vancouver revisit their 2005 Gender Equality Strategy.

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16. Met with the City of Vancouver staff to discuss process and plan to update the Gender Equality Strategy report.

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17. Passed the following motions:

- Supported The Active Transportation Policy Council motion re: The South False Creek Seawall;
- Supported the “Make the City of Vancouver a Living Wage Employer” motion passed on July 8, 2015; and
- Supported Commissioner Evans’ Parks Board Open Doors Vancouver motion.

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18. Endorsed the “Blueprint for Canada’s National Action Plan on Violence Against Women”.

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19. Provided feedback, and attended the workshop, on the “Access to City Services Without Fear” Policy.

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Please contact me (8-7998) with any questions pertaining to this memo.

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