



**URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES'
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

September 12, 2012

A meeting of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, September 12, 2012, at 5:34 pm, in the Alma VanDusen Room, Central Library, 350 West Georgia Street, Vancouver.

PRESENT: Steven Eastman, Co-Chair
Lillian Howard, Co-Chair
Mason Ducharme*
Verdann Evans
Penelope Irons*
Sheldon Robinson
Mark Stevens
Winona Stevens
Kim Washburn

ABSENT: Lesley Campbell
David Dennis (Leave of Absence)
Genoa Point

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Andrea Reimer, Vancouver City Council
Commissioner Nikki Sharma, Vancouver Park Board
Sandra Singh, Vancouver Public Library
Marilyn Ota, Vancouver Coastal Health Authority

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting

Roll Call

Lillian Howard, Co-Chair, reminded members of the importance of attending meetings and being on time as much as possible.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Kim Washburn
SECONDED by Mark Stevens

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of June 13, 2012, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mason Ducharme and Penelope Irons absent for the vote)

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Kim Washburn
SECONDED by Verdann Evans

THAT a leave of absence be approved for David Dennis for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mason Ducharme and Penelope Irons absent for the vote)

1. Business Arising from the Minutes of June 13, 2012

- a. Sandra Singh, Vancouver Public Library, provided an update on Liaisons from the Vancouver School Board, Vancouver Coastal Health Authority and Vancouver Police Department. She noted there are two liaisons from the Vancouver School Board and that she will follow-up with the Vancouver Police Department liaison upon his return next week.
- b. The Meeting Coordinator provided clarification regarding regular meetings and working sessions.

2. Staff Liaison Update

Sandra Singh, Vancouver Public Library, provided an update on her work towards a presentation regarding partnerships with the Aboriginal community, and noted she will work with the Vancouver Police Department liaison to schedule an orientation on Police services for Aboriginal peoples and communities.

3. Outcome of June 7, 2012, Working Session and Workplan

a. Community Engagement

Steven Eastman, Co-Chair, provided an overview of the June 7, 2012, working session and led a discussion on short- and long-term workplans. He presented a proposal for the Committee to host a series of community forums over the next nine months to identify and understand issues facing Aboriginal communities, solutions and the role of the Committee. The Community forums would culminate in a City-wide forum in June 2013.

Winona Stevens provided an update on community events.

MOVED by Kim Washburn
SECONDED by Mark Stevens

- A. THAT, over the next nine months, the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee develop and hold a series of community forums to introduce the committee to aboriginal communities, identify and understand issues Aboriginal peoples are dealing with, solutions that are working and their replication, and how the Committee can help, culminating in a city-wide forum for Aboriginal organizations in June 2013, either alone or in conjunction with other Council Civic Agencies and Committees, or community groups.

- B. THAT in order to accomplish A above, the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee establish a Community Engagement subcommittee to coordinate the forums, with the following members:

- Mason Ducharme
- Steven Eastman
- Verdann Evans
- Lillian Howard
- Penny Irons
- Sheldon Robinson
- Mark Stevens
- Winona Stevens.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In discussion, it was noted other members are more than welcome to assist as there is a substantial amount of work to do.

b. Social Networking

Steven Eastman, Co-Chair, noted Twitter and Facebook accounts have been established for the Committee and would like for one person to be in charge of updating them, to ensure consistency of messaging.

MOVED by Verdann Evans

SECONDED by Penny Irons

THAT Mason Ducharme be the contact person for the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee Twitter and Facebook accounts, to the end of the term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Co-Chairs requested that members forward any posts for the Twitter and Facebook accounts to Mason Ducharme, and copy the Co-Chairs.

4. Committee Mandate

The Co-Chairs noted this will be dealt with in terms of the work plan.

5. Other Business

a. Upcoming Events

The following events were noted:

- Downtown Eastside Pow-wow: this will become an annual event and there is discussion about a Mother's day Pow-wow;
- Red Foxx Society AGM, September 20, 2012, at Strathcona Elementary School. Dinner at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm;

- Urban Aboriginal/Bright New Day Reconciliation Circle, Musqueam Centre, October 13 and 14, 2012. One spot available; please contact the Council liaison if you wish to attend;
- W2 Inner City Economic Strategy, September 22, 2012;
- Capilano University, 1st Annual Pow-wow, September 13, 2012;
- UBC Aboriginal Farm, end of September.

The Council Liaison noted there is an Aboriginal relations board at Metro Vancouver and issues come up from time to time, which she will share with the Committee.

b. Future Agendas

In discussion it was agreed that on future agendas there will be two new standing sections: "Liaisons Reports" and "Emerging Issues".

c. Follow up from Session with David Eby

MOVED by Penny Irons
SECONDED by Mark Stevens

THAT the recommendations coming from the Frank Paul enquiry be brought back to the Urban Aboriginal People's Advisory Committee for discussion and to propose additional and/or alternate recommendations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Kim Washburn
SECONDED by Verdann Evans

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Working Session:

DATE: October 10, 2012
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room
Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:10 pm.

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