



WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

July 31, 2018

A meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, July 31, 2018, at 5:35 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Miranda Mandarino, Chair
Rhonda Sherwood, Vice-Chair
Erin Arnold
Lindsay Clark
Missy Johnson
Christine O'Fallon
Shirley Ross*
Margot Sangster
Andrea Thompson

ABSENT: Terran Bell (Leave of Absence)
Desaraigh Byers (Leave of Absence)
Andrea Canales Figueroa
Paola Quiros (Leave of Absence)
Rebecca McNeil
Najmah Mohamed

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Andrea Reimer, Council Liaison
Commissioner Catherine Evans, Park Board Liaison
Deb Gale, Director, HR Business Partnerships, Staff Liaison
Jessica West, Young Women Committee

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Irina Dragnea, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

Rhonda Sherwood acknowledged that we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and we give thanks for their generosity and hospitality on these lands.

The Chair acknowledged the safe space in which the meeting occurs.

The meeting began with an icebreaker roundtable of members sharing facts about the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Shirley Ross
SECONDED by Lindsay Clark

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve Leaves of Absence for Terran Bell, Desaraigh Byers and Paola Quiros for today's meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Shirley Ross
SECONDED by Rhonda Sherwood

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of May 22, 2018, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Presentation: Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC's \$10aDay Campaign

Sharon Gregson, Strategist and Stakeholder Engagement Specialist for the \$10aDay Child Care Campaign (the "Campaign"), Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC, presented an update on the Campaign's status and childcare in Vancouver and in the province of British Columbia. Ms. Gregson noted that the official title of the Campaign is "Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning."

The Committee thanked Ms. Gregson for her tenacity and commitment towards the Campaign's cause. The Chair asked Ms. Gregson how the Committee can support the Campaign; Ms. Gregson noted that the Committee can encourage the continuous support from the City of Vancouver towards childcare, as the role of local governments is very important in order to facilitate childcare in the communities. Ms. Gregson encouraged people to support the Campaign by texting the word "sign" to 604-670-4911, in order to register their signature on the Campaign's petition.

2. Liaison Updates

Deb Gale, Director, HR Business Partnerships, Staff Liaison, notified the Committee that an inquiry was received to have a Women's Advisory Committee established in the City of Santa Fe and asked if the Committee would be willing to share their Work Plan. The Chair offered to send the template of the Work Plan.

Commissioner Catherine Evans, Vancouver Park Board Liaison, provided updates on the following:

- [The Vancouver International Bird Festival](#);
- [Park Board 2019-2022 Capital Plan – Final](#); and
- Park Board approves "colonial audit."

Trustee Joy Alexander, Vancouver School Board Liaison, spoke about recent graduations and the end of the school year.

Councillor Andrea Reimer, Council Liaison, announced that the City of Vancouver hit the goal of 1,000 childcare spaces. Councillor Reimer introduced the City's Affordable Housing Endowment Fund (AHEF) and notified the Committee that there will be an update to Council on the Healthy City – Poverty Reduction Strategy in September 2018.

3. Subcommittee Updates

Christine O'Fallon, Ending Violence Against Women and Girls Subcommittee, provided a brief update on the Subcommittee's recent meeting. Ms. O'Fallon noted that the Vancouver Women's Equity Strategy needs to be integrated in the Subcommittee's work plan.

Rhonda Sherwood announced that the Vancouver Public Library Board will be supporting the City of Vancouver's Women's Equity Strategy 2018-2028.

4. Chair Updates

The Chair noted that the next regular Committee meeting will consist of an anti-oppression workshop.

The Chair pointed out that there are only two regular meetings left and that the Committee will need to plan succession documents.

5. New Business

a) Equal Access to Comfort Stations in Downtown - Motion

MOVED by Christine O'Fallon
SECONDED by Missy Johnson

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee recommend to Councillor Reimer and Councillor Ball to put forward a motion in support of equal access to Comfort Stations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Shirley Ross absent for the vote)

b) Vancouver City Planning Commission (VCPC) Summit

Christine O'Fallon introduced the Vancouver City Planning Commission (VCPC) Summit on "A City of All," taking place on December 4, 2018. Ms. O'Fallon noted that this year's overarching theme of the Summit is "resilience," and it will be addressing intersectionality and Indigenous reconciliation through the lenses of belonging, equity, places and social inclusion. Ms. O'Fallon inquired if the Committee would like to participate in an organized fashion in the Summit.

Adjournment

MOVED by Rhonda Sherwood
SECONDED by Erin Arnold

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Tuesday, September 25, 2018
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:38 pm.

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