



URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

APRIL 9, 2014

A meeting of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, at 5:40 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Mason Ducharme
Steven Eastman
Verdann Evans
Lillian Howard
Penny Kerrigan
Sheldon Martin
Winona Stevens*
Susan Tatoosh
Kim Washburn*

ABSENT: Linda Mattson (Leave of Absence)
Naomi Williams
Mona Woodward

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Andrea Reimer, Vancouver City Council
Commissioner Niki Sharma, Vancouver Park Board
Trustee Patti Bacchus, Vancouver School Board
Wendy Au, Assistant City Manager
Ginger Gosnell-Myers, City Manager's Office
Baldwin Wong, Social Policy

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

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The Meeting Coordinator called the meeting to order under section 4.1(c) of the Procedure By-Law

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1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair or Co-Chairs for the 2014 Term

Following due process Steven Eastman and Lillian Howard were elected Co-Chairs for the 2014 term, by acclamation.

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At this point in the proceedings, the Co-Chairs chaired the rest of the meeting in tandem.

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In discussion, it was noted Winona Stevens, who was not present, had previously voiced interest in the Chair position. Co-Chair Howard agreed to follow up with her.

2. Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Penny Kerrigan
SECONDED by Susan Tatoosh

THAT the Committee approve a leave of absence for Linda Mattson for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Winona Stevens and Kim Washburn absent for the vote)

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Quorum was briefly lost at 5:43 pm when a member left the room. Remaining members agreed to hear the Liaison reports next as there are no Committee decisions required.

Quorum was regained at 5:45 pm. The Committee agreed to finish hearing the Liaison Reports prior to item 3.

NOTE: For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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3. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by Mason Ducharme
SECONDED by Verdann Evans

THAT the minutes of the January 29, 2014, Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee Meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Kim Washburn absent for the vote)

4. Liaison Updates

a. Council Update - Councillor Andrea Reimer

Councillor Reimer provided an update on other Canadian cities' proclamations of a Year of Reconciliation and reviewed an action plan developed in partnership with the Women's Advisory Committee and the Missing Women's Coalition (*on file*).

b. Park Board Update - Commissioner Niki Sharma

Commissioner Sharma provided an update on the Artist in Residence program and songs for reconciliation. She also noted the One Card program is quite successful and promotes inclusivity by having one card for everyone regardless of economic status.

c. School Board Update - Trustee Patti Bacchus

Trustee Bacchus provided an updated on the Aboriginal Education Enhancement agreement, noting that 2013 was the first year all schools had an Aboriginal goal and that since the agreement is near the end of its lifespan, the Board is looking at achievements, challenges and renewal. She also noted that the Board continues to look at graduation for Aboriginal students, and explained additional supports now available to grade 12 Aboriginal students to help them graduate.

d. Staff Liaison Update - Wendy Au/Ginger Gosnell-Myers/Baldwin Wong/Jessica Wood/Diana Day

Staff provided updates on the Year of Reconciliation, the Welcoming Communities Summit Event, and introduced Jessica Wood, Social Planner, whose work will focus on the health and safety of Aboriginal sex workers and communities impacted by sex work.

Co-chair Howard welcomed Ms. Wood and noted she and Mona Woodward are interested in assisting with continuing work on the Missing Women's Task Force recommendations.

Diana Day, Vancouver Coastal Health, reminded the Committee that the meeting with Vancouver Coastal Health will take place April 23, 2014, at City Hall.

5. Revision to 2014 Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Penny Kerrigan

SECONDED by Kim Washburn

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee amend the dates of the regular meetings currently scheduled for 2014 as follows:

Current Schedule	Proposed Schedule
Wednesday, September 10, 2014	Monday, September 22, 2014
Wednesday, November 19, 2014	Monday, November 17, 2014

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. City of Reconciliation Discussion

The Assistant City Manager noted she met with Councillor Reimer who will work with the Mayor's Office to proclaim Vancouver a City of Reconciliation and anticipates the motion to be done in June prior to the Year of Reconciliation celebration. She asked the Committee to assist with research in what it might mean to be a City of Reconciliation. Co-Chair Howard, Mason Ducharme and Kim Washburn agreed to assist.

MOVED by Kim Washburn
SECONDED by Penny Kerrigan

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee support Councillor Reimer's efforts to proclaim Vancouver a City of Reconciliation

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Year of Reconciliation Discussion

Staff noted the Year of Reconciliation celebration will be at VanDusen Gardens and that the working group has been discussing the program.

In discussion, the Committee agreed that an art project all attendees could help create would be a good addition to the event.

Staff also circulated prints of the Year of Reconciliation bus stop posters and noted they would be creating postcards of the posters to hand out at the Year of Reconciliation celebration.

The Committee agreed to have a working session on April 28, 2014, to continue planning for the Year of Reconciliation celebration.

8. New Business

a. Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee

Nancy Bell, Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee, provided an overview of the Committee, and requested assistance from the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee on how to better involve Aboriginal youth and the proper way to open their meetings by acknowledging traditional Aboriginal territory.

The Co-Chairs, Verdann Evans and Kim Washburn agreed to meet with the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee prior to their next meeting in May in order to continue the dialogue.

b. Practice Space for Cultural Groups

Co-Chair Howard noted there is often difficulty for cultural groups to find free space to practice in and requested assistance in this matter. Susan Tatoosh noted MacDonald School will provide free dance space for groups and Commissioner Sharma invited the Committee to

follow up with her on this matter, since there are a number of community centres and outdoor spaces available at Park Board facilities.

c. Healthy City Strategy

Staff noted there will be a series of Public Engagement events for the Healthy City Strategy and advisory committees will be invited to one on May 13, 2014, from 6:30 pm to 9 pm at City Hall.

d. Members' Updates

Kim Washburn noted the Tu'wusht program now has funding and is running again at the UBC Farm. He requested the Committee write a letter in support of the program and its goals. The Committee agreed and Mr. Washburn offered to draft the letter and circulate it via e-mail.

Mr. Washburn also noted that he is arranging a Men's Honour March in support for the Missing Women's Coalition with the tentative date of Father's Day in June. He requested members spread this information through their networks and encourage men to participate.

e. Election of Vice-Chair

Following due process, Winona Stevens was elected Vice-Chair of the Committee for the 2014 term, by acclamation.

f. "IN CAMERA" Meeting

MOVED by Mason Ducharme
SECONDED by Sheldon Martin

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee will go into a meeting later this day, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the Vancouver Charter, to discuss matters related to paragraphs:

(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Kim Washburn
SECONDED by Penny Kerrigan

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, September 22, 2014
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:36 pm

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