



URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 22, 2018

A meeting of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on Monday, January 22, 2018, at 5:32 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Steven Eastman, Co-Chair
Eric Anderson
Penny Kerrigan
Rennie Nahanee
Jeane Riley
Winona Stevens
Teyem Thomas
David Wells
Cameron Zubko

ABSENT: Michelle Casavant (Leave of Absence)
Cody Kenney (Leave of Absence)
Shauna Johnson (Leave of Absence)
Lillian Howard, Co-Chair (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Adriane Carr, Council Liaison
Councillor Andrea Reimer, Council Liaison
Leslie Campbell, Social Policy & Projects, Staff Liaison
Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Aboriginal Relations Manager, Staff Liaison
Inspector Suzanne Muir, Vancouver Police Department Liaison
Megan Langley, Vancouver Public Library Liaison
Kevin Barlow, MVAEC

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Eric Anderson
SECONDED by David Wells

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Michelle Casavant and Shauna Johnson for this meeting, and for Lillian Howard for this meeting and the meeting to be held March 12, 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Penny Kerrigan
SECONDED by Jeane Riley

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of November 9, 2017, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Missing & Murdered Women and Girls Inquiry Update

Lillian Howard, Social Policy and Projects, provided an update on the support for families who participate in the National Inquiry including:

- Update on a safe space for families and individuals participating in the inquiry;
- A recent meeting with the inquiry;
- Involvement of elders and traditional ceremonies and supports for family members;
- The need for comfortable surroundings for elders and families;
- The need to get the space ready;

She also noted supports will be based around best practices and the report created in 2016 when the matter of supports for families was first brought to the Committee. Ms. Howard also invited members to submit names for the safe space by email, and agreed to keep the Committee updated through email.

Note: the report will be available online shortly.

The Committee agreed to use the working session in February to continue work on this matter.

Penny Irons, BC Community Relations Liaison, and Breen Oullette, Counsel, both from the National Inquiry on Missing and Murdered Women and Girls, provided updates on the hearing to be held in Vancouver within the next few months, staffing issues reported in the media and the individual constraint on hearings in BC relating to a Provincial Order in Council issued regarding the Inquiry.

MOVED by David Wells
SECONDED by Winona Stevens

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee request City staff reach out to the Provincial Government to Request clarification on the order in Council regarding the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Howard, Ms. Irons, Mr. Ouellette, and Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Aboriginal Relations Manager, responded to questions.

2. Gastown Complete Streets

Justine Clift and Rachel Magnusson, both from Engineering Services, provided an overview of the Gastown Complete Streets project, responded to questions, and received initial feedback on how to incorporate recognition of Indigenous culture in the plan. Co-Chair Eastman suggested staff touch base with the Arbutus Greenway team as they have done a lot of work incorporating Indigenous heritage recognition into that project.

3. Millennium Line Broadway Extension Principles & Strategies

Ian MacPhee, Rapid Transit Office, provided an update on the Millennium Line Broadway Extension Principles and Strategies, including opportunities for Indigenous art, the chance encounter procedure and general feedback including public bathrooms, elevators, and access to and from Vancouver General Hospital during construction.

Mr. MacPhee along with Steve Brown, Manager, Rapid Transit Office, responded to questions.

4. New Committee Name

MOVED by Penny Kerrigan
SECONDED by Eric Anderson

- A. THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee recommend that Council change the name of the Committee to the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee.
- B. THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee recommend that Council to direct staff to replace the word "Aboriginal" with "Indigenous" in City documents and publications in order to recognize the language used in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Liaison Updates

Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Council

Kevin Barlow, Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Council (MVAEC), circulated an information pamphlet about the MVAEC, and provided updates regarding efforts pursued to address Mental Health. He also noted the MVAEC Policy Engagement conference will be taking place on February 13, 2018, with a theme of "Reversing the Psychology of Poverty". He noted the conference is free however registration is required.

Note: information on the conference is available on the [MVAEC website](#).

Vancouver City Council

Councillors Carr and Reimer reviewed recent reports at Council including:

- Canada 150+
- City of Reconciliation
- Opioid Update
- Northeast False Creek

Vancouver City Staff

Mary Clare Zak, Managing Director of Social Policy and Projects, provided a brief overview of the last opioid update to Council.

Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Manager of Aboriginal Relations, introduced Lesley Campbell, Social Policy and Projects, as the new staff liaison, and provided an update on the City of Reconciliation process, particularly as it pertains to staff in various City departments and City projects.

Vancouver Police Department (VPD)

Inspector Suzanne Muir, Diversity and Indigenous Relations, VPD, introduced herself and noted that the House Pole project is well underway at VPD. She also agreed to provide a general VPD update at an upcoming working session.

Vancouver Public Library (VPL)

Megan Langley, Manager, Neighbourhood Services, noted the 2018 Aboriginal Storyteller in Residence will be announced shortly, and that VPL is partnering with UNESCO and the National Film Board for four events which will showcase films by Indigenous artists. She also noted that the collection profiles have been updated and there will be indigenous collections in every branch.

6. New Business

None.

Adjournment

MOVED by David Wells
SECONDED by Winona Stevens

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, March 12, 2018
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:46 pm .

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