



URBAN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 14, 2018

A meeting of the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on Monday, May 14, 2018, at 5:35 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Steven Eastman, Chair
Shauna Johnson
Jeane Riley
Winona Stevens
Teyem Thomas
David Wells
Cameron Zubko

ABSENT: Eric Anderson (Leave of Absence)
Lillian Howard (Leave of Absence)
Cody Kenny
Penny Kerrigan (Leave of Absence)
Rennie Nahanee

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Adriane Carr, Council Liaison
Councillor Andrea Reimer, Council Liaison
Inspector Suzanne Muir, Vancouver Police Department
Lesley Campbell, Social Policy & Projects, Staff Liaison
Megan Langley, Vancouver Public Library
Spencer Lindsay, Public Engagement, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

WELCOME

The Chair 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.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Winona Stevenson
SECONDED by Cameron Zubko

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Eric Anderson, Lillian Howard and Penny Kerrigan for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by David Wells
SECONDED by Jeane Riley

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of January 22, 2018, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Northeast False Creek

Catarina Gomes, Lead Park Planner, Northeast False Creek Project Office and Rena Soutar, Cultural Planner, Vancouver Parks and Recreation, provided a review of past issues, explained the change from the previous timeline, and an overview of potential plans for the area.

In discussion, Committee members thanked staff for their hard work on this project, and noted it will be a huge asset to the community and agreed the proposed development is on the correct path to show strong ties to Indigenous culture and history.

Staff advised they would be returning to ask for the Committee's assistance when the detailed design work occurs.

2. Arbutus Greenway

Maggie Buttle, Project Manager, Arbutus Greenway Project, provided a review of the consultation with the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh, and presented preliminary plans, noting these are subject to change as consultation continues.

In discussion, Committee members expressed appreciation for staff's work on this project, and agreed that it was on the right track. Committee members also noted that opportunities to learn from First Nations along the way as well as more Indigenous names for the various segments would be appropriate.

3. Missing & Murdered Women & Girls Update

Lesley Campbell, Social Policy and Projects, provided a brief update on the Saa-ust Centre, noting services had been extended until September, and would provide a foundation for the proposed Indigenous Healing and Wellness Centre.

4. Liaison Updates

Councillor Carr noted:

- The policy statement on the Heather Lands is going to Council on May 15, 2018;
- Park Board has approved a motion to make an official apology to the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh.

Councillor Reimer noted the Mayor would be sending a letter to the Federal Government expressing support for an extension to the Missing and Murdered Women and Girls Inquiry.

Megan Langley, Vancouver Public Library, noted the following:

- Appreciated the feedback on the Indigenous collection and its identification in the various library branches.
- By June 21, 2018, all Library branches will have an identified Indigenous collection.
- The Indigenous Storyteller in Residence has a number of upcoming events.

Note: Information on the Indigenous Storyteller in Residence and events are available at the following link: <https://www.vpl.ca/storyteller>

Inspector Suzanne Muir, Vancouver Police Department, noted:

- There are five cadets going through the Indigenous Cadet Program;
- VPD is in talks to have a commemorative pole for the missing and murdered women and girls at the main VPD Cambie site;

Spencer Lindsay, Indigenous Engagement Specialist, Public Engagement introduced himself and:

- Introduced the City of Reconciliation Plaza Naming Project.
- Invited the Committee to attend the announcement event on June 18, 2018, at the Vancouver Art Gallery North Plaza.
- Agreed to forward the invitation to the Committee.

Lesley Campbell, Social Policy and Projects, noted there is a report on the Indigenous Healing and Wellness Centre slated for a June Council meeting.

5. New Business

i. Moving Forward

The Chair noted that it would be good to know who Indigenous contacts are in the City since the Manager of Indigenous Relations position is currently vacant. He also noted it would be a good idea to take a look at the longer term with staff in order to ascertain what is needed from the Committee to ensure the changes achieved over the past few years continue to evolve.

Adjournment

MOVED by Teyem Thomas
SECONDED by David Wells

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, July 16, 2018
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:04 pm.

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