



URBAN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

A meeting of the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee was held on Monday, September 14, 2020, at 5:36 pm, by electronic means.

PRESENT:

Alexander Dirksen, Co-Vice-Chair
Nicole Cardinal
Michelle Cyca
Annie Danilko
Steven Eastman
Patty Hamblar
Ellena Neel
Neesha Pooni
Yvette Stephenson
Teyem Thomas, Co-Chair

ABSENT:

Eric Anderson, Chair (Leave of Absence)
Lillian Howard, Co-Vice-Chair (Leave of Absence)
Margaret-ann Joseph
Penny Kerrigan
Jean Riley (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor Adriane Carr, Council Liaison
Trustee Janet Fraser, Vancouver School Board
Sergeant Valerie Spicer, Vancouver Police Department
Megan Langley, Manager, Neighborhood Services,
Vancouver Public Library
Jessica Carson, Reconciliation Analyst, Vancouver Parks
and Recreation
Katelyn Crabtree, Manager, Indigenous Relations
Rachel Wuttunee, Social Policy & Projects Planner
Lindsay Grant, Indigenous Engagement Specialist
Sandra Singh, General Manager of Arts, Culture and
Community Services
Mary-Clare Zak, Managing Director of Social Policy and
Projects Division
Rena Soutar, Reconciliation Planner, Arts, Culture and
Engagement

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Kathy Bengston, Committee Clerk

WELCOME

The Co-Vice-Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Michelle Cyca
SECONDED by Nicole Cardinal

THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Eric Anderson, Lillian Howard, and Jean Riley for today's meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Patty Hambler
SECONDED by Annie Danilko

THAT the Urban Aboriginal Peoples Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meetings of June 1, and July 1, 2020, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Introductions and Roundtable Check-ins

The Co-Vice-Chair welcomed members, and Committee Liaisons introduced themselves. Sandra Singh, General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services, Mary Clare Zak, Managing Director of Social Policy and Projects Division, and Sergeant Valerie Spicer, Vancouver Police Department were also present and introduced themselves.

2. Anti-Racism and Reconciliation Efforts Updates

The Committee provided an update on their anti-racism and reconciliation efforts, which included media responses, discussions with liaisons, a conversation with the Mayor's Office, and their three action goals. Further feedback from Committee members to the Staff Liaisons followed. Patty Hambler provided a link to the [UBC Indigenous Strategic Plan 2020](#).

The Staff Liaisons shared their responses to the letter, and thanked the Committee for it. The General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services provided comments on the Committee's letter requests. They will also provide feedback to City staff on the Urban Indigenous Training program. The Managing Director of Social Policy and Projects Division, acknowledged further discussions with the Committee and local First Nations is needed.

3. Liaison Updates

Sergeant Valerie Spicer, Vancouver Police Department (VPD), provided comments on the Anti-Racism and Reconciliation Efforts by the City of Vancouver letter, the Vancouver Police Department's commitment to reconciliation, and the VPD's ongoing Indigenous awareness training.

Megan Langley, Vancouver Public Library (VPL), shared the following public library updates:

- Vancouver Public Library branches are continually re-opening, with most locations accessing computers, borrowing and returning materials, and picking up holds. Takeout service is being offered at select locations as well. Services are being broadened across the city;
- The Carnegie Community Centre is working to re-open;
- Connection to Kith and Kin: Indigenous Ancestry Search will soon restart in an online version;
- Virtual service for Indigenous elders is being reviewed; and
- VPL has received Federal funding for eight "digital initiatives" internships that prioritize Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) youth. Each internship will be four months. VPL is currently writing job descriptions for these positions and will be welcoming the interns in December 2020.

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Absence of Quorum

At 7:29 pm, during the liaison updates, the committee lost quorum. The Committee Clerk referred to Section 15.7 of the Procedure By-law as follows:

A majority of the persons appointed to an advisory committee are to constitute a quorum.

The Committee Clerk declared the meeting was adjourned due to the absence of a quorum.

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Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, November 23, 2020
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: WebEx Online

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