

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
ABORIGINAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Aboriginal Relations Committee held at 1:04 p.m. on Thursday, May 3, 2018 in the 28th Floor Committee Room, 4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair, Councillor Barbara Steele, Surrey
Mayor John Becker, Pitt Meadows
Councillor Mary-Ann Booth, West Vancouver
Councillor Adriane Carr, Vancouver (arrived at 1:04 p.m.)
Councillor Heather Deal, Vancouver
Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Burnaby
Mayor Ralph Drew, Belcarra (arrived at 1:04 p.m.)
Mayor Lois Jackson, Delta (arrived at 1:08 p.m.)
Councillor Gayle Martin, Langley City
Councillor Bonita Zarrillo, Coquitlam (arrived at 1:04 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Vice Chair, Chief Bryce Williams, Tsawwassen
Councillor Charlie Fox, Langley Township
Councillor Jim Hanson, North Vancouver District

OTHERS PRESENT:

Director Lorne Lewis, Sunshine Coast Regional District*

STAFF PRESENT:

Ralph Hildebrand, General Manager, Legal and Legislative Services/Corporate Counsel
Janis Knaupp, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1 May 3, 2018 Regular Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Aboriginal Relations Committee adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for May 3, 2018 as circulated.

CARRIED

1:04 p.m. Councillor Carr arrived at the meeting.

* Non-voting members from Fraser Valley, Squamish-Lillooet and Sunshine Coast Regional Districts do not constitute quorum.

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2.1 February 1, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Aboriginal Relations Committee adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held February 1, 2018 as circulated.

CARRIED

1:04 p.m. Mayor Drew and Councillor Zarillo arrived at the meeting.

3. DELEGATIONS

No items presented.

4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Councillor Vera LeFranc, City of Surrey

Councillor Vera LeFranc, and Aileen Murphy, Senior Social Planner, City of Surrey, updated members on the establishment of the Surrey Urban Indigenous Leadership Committee (SUILC) and challenges with limited funding available to indigenous populations in the City of Surrey.

1:08 p.m. Mayor Jackson arrived at the meeting.

Members were further updated on Phase 2 of the Surrey Urban Aboriginal Social Innovation Project highlighting SUILC membership, vision, mission, values, strategic objectives and implementation, SUILC Committee of the Whole, the need to increase the SUILC profile in an effective manner, protocol and strategic partnerships, Métis representation on SUILC, awareness building activities, mixed use space, indigenous child poverty, goals and actions summary, outstanding goals, next steps, the City of Surrey's role and efforts to date, and resources.

In response to questions, members were informed about:

- interest in collaborating with local governments and the need to consider how collaboration can affect funding resources
- Surrey's internal efforts to align departmental priorities with the strategy
- community benefits associated with strategic efforts such as indigenous programming and partnerships among immigrant and youth groups
- Surrey's in-kind and federal funding contributions
- Surrey's role in advocating for senior government resources, convening, and providing social policy and research support
- local affordable housing policy identifying indigenous organizations as a priority need

Presentation material titled “All Our Relations A Social Innovation Strategy Executive Summary Progress Report @ May 2018” is retained with the May 3, 2018 Aboriginal Relations Committee agenda.

4.2 Jessica Morrison, Policy Analyst, Fraser Valley Regional District

Jessica Morrison, Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD), provided members with a presentation on the Cedar Network, the FVRD’s web-based, interactive tool providing access to dynamic maps, data, and documents relating to First Nations. Members were informed about the tool’s strategic categories including policy development, resource provision, reporting, strengthening relationships and learning support, and were introduced to website elements, benefits, and mapping, data and document key features. Phase 2 key features, expected to launch in late 2018, were also highlighted.

In response to questions, members were informed about operations and maintenance for the Cedar Network.

Staff informed members that in addition to the *Metro Vancouver Profile of First Nations with Interests in the Region*, staff plan to include the development of an interactive tool as part of the 2019 budget process.

Presentation material titled “Cedar Network” is retained with the May 3, 2018 Aboriginal Relations Committee agenda.

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

5.1 2018 Community to Community Forum Draft Proposal

Report dated April 17, 2018 from Marino Piombini, Supervisor, Aboriginal Relations, Legal and Legislative Services, providing the 2018 *Community-to-Community Forum* draft proposal for information.

Members were informed that staff will report back with further details at the Committee’s meeting of July 5, 2018.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Aboriginal Relations Committee receive for information the report dated April 17, 2018, titled “2018 Community to Community Forum Draft Proposal.”

CARRIED

5.2 Quarterly Report on Reconciliation Activities

Report dated April 17, 2018 from Marino Piombini, Supervisor, Aboriginal Relations, Legal and Legislative Services, providing a quarterly report on reconciliation activities.

In response to questions, members were informed about the:

- staff response to reconciliation events and activities in the last quarter
- presentation and training requests exceeding staff resources
- Municipal Technical Advisory Committee on Aboriginal Relations (MTAC) being a resource available to municipal staff
- the process needed in order to consider the establishment of a regional aboriginal relations service

Members were requested to encourage municipal staff representatives to regularly attend MTAC meetings.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated April 17, 2018, titled “Quarterly Report on Reconciliation Activities.”

CARRIED

5.3 Manager’s Report

Report dated April 17, 2018 from Ralph G. Hildebrand, General Manager, Legal and Legislative Services/Corporate Solicitor, updating the Aboriginal Relations Committee on the Committee’s 2018 Work Plan, proposed changes to the *Fisheries Act*, changes from the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* to a new *Impact Assessment Act*, new federal government framework for indigenous rights, future treaty negotiation funding and loan forgiveness, review of BC’s environmental assessment process, and Katzie First Nation election results.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Aboriginal Relations Committee receive for information the report dated April 17, 2018, titled “Manager’s Report.”

CARRIED

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Aboriginal Relations Committee receive for information the following Information Items:

- 6.1 Metro Vancouver’s *Public Engagement Policy*
- 6.2 Metro Vancouver’s Profile of First Nations with Interests in the Region 2018. Updated March 2018 Edition
- 6.3 Engagement Towards a Recognition and Implementation of Rights Framework. Government of Canada. 2018.

CARRIED

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Deal updated members on the City of Vancouver’s recent Council resolution exploring the potential transfer of the čəsnaʔəm land to the Musqueam Indian Band.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

No items presented.

9. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Aboriginal Relations Committee close its regular meeting scheduled for May 3, 2018 pursuant to the *Community Charter* provisions, Section 90 (1)(i) and (m) as follows:

- “90 (1) A part of the meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and
 - (m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting.”

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT/CONCLUSION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Aboriginal Relations Committee adjourn its regular meeting of May 3, 2018.

CARRIED

(Time: 2:22 p.m.)

Janis Knaupp,
Legislative Services Coordinator

Barbara Steele, Chair