



REGULAR MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE ON RECONCILIATION, SOCIAL INCLUSION, AND ENGAGEMENT

February 3, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.
Committee Room 2
City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Councillor Chinu Das
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr
Councillor Nadine Nakagawa

REGRETS:

Mayor Jonathan Cote

STAFF:

Emilie Adin	- Director of Development Services
Claudia Freire	- Housing/Social Planner
Blair Fryer	- Manager, Communications and Economic Development
Steve Kellock	- Senior Manager, Recreation
Jacque Killawee	- City Clerk
Rob McCullough	- Manager, Museums and Heritage Services
Jennifer Miller	- Manager, Public Engagement
Lisa Spitale	- Chief Administrative Officer
John Stark	- Supervisor, Community Planning
Denise Tambellini	- Manager, Intergovernmental Relations
Heather Corbett	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m. Councillor Puchmayr assumed the Chair.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Urgent/time sensitive matters only

1. MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following item be added to the Agenda:

7.1 Appointment of Alternate Chair

CARRIED.

All members of the Task Force present voted in favour of the motion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. No Items

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3. No Items

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS FOR ACTION

4. Terms of Reference – Task Force

Rob McCullough, Manager of Museums and Heritage Services, John Stark, Supervisor of Community Planning, and Jennifer Miller, Manager of Public Engagement, provided a PowerPoint presentation including the following information:

- Review of Reconciliation, Social Inclusion and Engagement (RSIE) Priority Area strategic statement, key directions and priority actions;
- Reconciliation-specific motions or staff work underway;
- Inclusion initiatives underway in the City; and,
- Engagement workplan initiatives.

Task Force members noted the following in discussion:

- It would be helpful for the Task Force (TF) to discuss the desired mandate and aims for the Task Force overall;
- It would be helpful to develop a critical path and timeline on the steps that are being followed in the reconciliation work and bring it back to the TF;
- The development of a tracking system for the motions would be beneficial and could be reviewed at every meeting to monitor progress and continued relevance; and,

- Standardization of demographic questions asked in engagement surveys would be an important discussion for the Task Force to engage in.

The Task Force reviewed the Strategic Plan Priority Area Statement in depth and made the following comments about the wording:

- “Indigenous members of our community” could be changed to reflect the wider Indigenous community, as the City is reaching out farther than the community in its work;
- The term “Community” can mean many things and does not need to be seen as solely within the City’s borders; and,
- Any changes to the wording would need to be a revision to the formal Strategic Plan.

The Task Force decided on the following wording for the second sentence of the Priority Area Statement: *“We value, foster, and maintain strong relations with Indigenous people and Nations, and embrace reconciliation as a path forward”*

The Task Force discussed the membership of the Task Force, as noted in the draft Terms of Reference, noting the following comments:

- It may be worthwhile to reduce the amount of regularly attending staff down to those who are the staff leads on the subject area;
- Other members of staff could attend meetings depending on agenda items;
- It may be useful to structure the agenda under the three portfolios to maximize contributions;
- Membership from Parks & Recreation and Arts may be essential at some meetings because they are public facing departments;
- It may be relevant to have a member who represents the Indigenous voice, however this may also be difficult; and,
- It may be worthwhile to have Police representation on this Task Force.

Action Items:

Summary of Action	Ask Police if they would like representation on the RSIE Task Force
Who is responsible	Rob McCullough
When	For April meeting
Summary of Action	Bring Reconciliation critical path to be discussed
Who is responsible	Rob McCullough
When	For April meeting

5. Terms of Reference – Advisory Committee

In response to questions from the Task Force, Rob McCullough, Manager of Museums and Heritage Services and Jacque Killawee, City Clerk, provided the following information:

- Staff plan to engage with the Youth, Seniors and Multiculturalism Advisory Committees on how best to merge the Committees together into a RSIE Advisory Committee in time to recruit for the newly formed Committee;
- Recruitment for the RSIE Committee would occur in the fall, at the same time as the other advisory committees, other than the Youth Advisory Committee, which has a term end date of June 30;
- In terms of a timeline, it would be best to begin policy discussions on the composition of the new Committee in April so there is time to engage with the YAC, SAC and MAC, and advise Council.

6. Council Motion: A Welcoming and Inclusive City

Task Force members discussed the recently passed Council motion on becoming a Welcoming and Inclusive City, and Lisa Spitale, Chief Administrative Officer, noted that the list of items in the motion had been broken down in terms of categories and how they fit with existing work plans. Ms. Spitale noted that policy questions and information in relation to the items would be addressed by the RSIE Task Force.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Appointment of Alternate Chair

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Nadine Nakagawa be appointed as the Alternate Chair for the 2020 term of the Reconciliation, Social Inclusion and Engagement Task Force.

CARRIED.

All members of the Task Force present voted in favour of the motion.

NEXT MEETING

The Task Force discussed priority items to address at the next meeting:

1. Review of Public Engagement Strategy; and,
2. Critical Path of Reconciliation work.

The next meeting of the Task Force on Reconciliation, Social Inclusion and Engagement will occur on:

Date:	April 20, 2020
Time:	9:00 a.m.
Location:	Meeting to be held electronically under Ministerial Order M192

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Original Signed

MAYOR JONATHAN COTE
CHAIR

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HEATHER CORBETT
COMMITTEE CLERK