



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

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Meeting Held Electronically under Ministerial Order No. M192/2020 and
the current Order of the Public Health Officer – *Gatherings and Events*

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Councillor Nadine Nakagawa, Chair
Councillor Chinu Das
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr

STAFF:

Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Emilie Adin	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Blair Fryer	- Manager of Communications and Economic Development
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Mr. Rob McCullough	- Manager, Museum and Heritage Services
Insp. Diana McDaniel	- New Westminster Police Department
Ms. Jennifer Miller	- Manager of Public Engagement
Mr. John Stark	- Supervisor of Community Planning
Ms. Denise Tambellini	- Manager, Intergovernmental and Community Relations
Ms. Nicole Ludwig	- Assistant City Clerk

ADDITIONAL STAFF:

Ms. Lorraine Lyle	- Manager of Finance
Ms. Harji Varn	- Chief Financial Officer/Director of Finance
Mr. Tim Armstrong	- Fire Chief
Ms. Zaria Alibhai	- Public Engagement Coordinator
Mr. Rod Carle	- General Manager Electric Utility
Ms. Julie Spurrell	- Chief Librarian

GUESTS:

Dorfam Farno - Intern Student

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

Councillor Nakagawa recognized that the meeting was taking place on unceded Indigenous lands, and that the recent findings at the Kamloops Indian Residential School make this a time for reflection.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Special Regular Meeting – May 28, 2021

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Special Regular Task Force on Reconciliation, Social Inclusion and Engagement meeting of May 28, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

2. 2022 Budget Engagement for Advisory Committees

Jennifer Miller, Manager of Public Engagement, introduced Zaria Alibhai, Public Engagement Coordinator, and then provided a presentation on the proposed 2022 Budget Engagement for Advisory Committees and requested feedback from the task force.

In response to members questions and concerns, Ms. Miller, and Harji Varn, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance, provided the following information:

- The intent of the session is to do a deeper dive into the budget with people who are connected to the City;
- Participants will be advised as to what aspects are open for influence;
- The workshops start with quite wide questions so people can provide thoughts about various aspects of City work;
- Participatory budgeting might be appropriate for projects in the future;
- The first priority is asset management work on the condition of assets; participatory budgeting on projects can take place after the regulatory requirements are locked in; and,
- The conversation about tax splits has been started at the committee level.

In discussion, members noted:

- Feedback on social issues will be quite different from businesses vs. citizens; and,
- Would like to see a robust and mature public engagement process with as many people participating as possible; this will help with participatory budgeting in the future.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

3. **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT pursuant to Section 90 of the Community Charter, members of the public be excluded from the Closed Meeting of the Task Force immediately following the Regular Meeting of the Task Force on the basis that the subject matter of all agenda items to be considered relate to matters listed under Sections 90(1)(k) and 90(2)(b) of the Community Charter:

90(1)(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;

90(2)(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party;

CARRIED.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

Purpose of the meeting: Negotiations matters

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm

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**COUNCILLOR NADINE NAKAGAWA
CHAIR**

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**NICOLE LUDWIG
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK**

NEXT MEETING

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

Date: July 5, 2021
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Electronic