

Reconciliation, Social Inclusion and Engagement Task Force

MINUTES

Monday, November 22, 2021

**Meeting held electronically and in Committee Room 2
City Hall**

PRESENT:

Councillor Nadine Nakagawa Chair
Councillor Chinu Das
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr

STAFF MEMBERS:

Ms. Emilie Adin	Director of Climate Action, Planning and Development
Ms. Jacque Killawee	City Clerk
Mr. Chris Koth	Manager of Programs and Community Development, New Westminster Public Library
Mr. Blair Fryer	Manager, Communications and Economic Development
Ms. Corrinne Garrett	Senior Manager Recreation Facilities and Programs
Mr. Robert McCullough	Manager, Museums and Heritage Services,
Ms. Diana McDaniel	Inspector, 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

OTHER STAFF:

Ms. Renee Chadwick,	Manager, Recreation Programs and Facilities
Ms. Britney Dack	Senior Heritage Planner
Mr. Dean Gibson	Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Nicole Ludwig	Assistant City Clerk

GUESTS:

Ms. Jasmindra Jawanda	Consultant
Mr. Max von Kleist	Fraser Crossing Partners

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillor Nakagawa opened the meeting at 9 a.m., and recognized with respect that New Westminster is on the unceded and unsurrendered land of the Halkomelem speaking peoples. She acknowledged that colonialism has made invisible their histories and connections to the land. She recognized that, as a City, we are learning and building relationships with the people whose lands we are on.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 September 20, 2021

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Reconciliation, Social Inclusion and Engagement Task Force meeting of September 20, 2021, be adopted

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

3.2 October 15, 2021 (Meeting Notes)

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the meeting notes of the Reconciliation, Social Inclusion and Engagement Task Force gathering of October 15, 2021, be adopted

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

4. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Checking the Pulse: Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Anti-Racism Update

John Stark, Supervisor of Community Planning, introduced Jasmindra Jawanda, Urban/Social/Cultural Planner, noting that this plan is more outward facing than the Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Anti-Racism (DEIAR) framework that the City is pursuing internally.

Ms. Jawanda provided a presentation on the New Westminster Spokes Committee Anti-Racism project and detailed the steps of Phase II of the project.

In discussion, members noted this is important work, and that more development of opportunities and motions needs to occur. In response, Mr. Stark advised that staff and consultants can investigate collaboration and sharing best practices in the form of anti-racism.

4.2 Woodlands Wall: Interpretation Panels and Heritage Plaque

Britney Dack, Senior Heritage Planner, introduced the proposal for interpretive panels and a heritage plaque for the heritage wall alteration at McBride Boulevard and East Columbia Street.

Max von Kleist, Fraser Crossing Partners, and Phoebe Cheung, TI Corp, provided a presentation on the proposal.

In discussion, members provided the following comments:

- The Task Force's role should be minimal, and the focus should be on the lived experiences of Woodlands survivors;
- Suggested reaching out to participants from previous engagement sessions and Kinsight Community Society which may be able to help with connections;
- Support for the separation of the panels from the plaque; this differentiates lived experiences from the architectural importance of the wall and buildings; and,
- The longer term history and Indigenous peoples' piece is important as well, and should be considered for inclusion;

- Working groups should be empowered to be the leaders in creation and doing the content development;
- This could be bridged over to the Indigenous consultation for the overall bridge replacement project;
- Suggested to investigate Michael de Courcy's website which may help determine any graves on the site;

In response, Mr. Von Kleist, Ms. Cheung, and Steve Line, VIA Architecture provided the following information:

- They will circle back to the groups mentioned for more engagement;
- They are working with Inclusion BC and Community Living, and taking cues from these groups and individuals to ensure the process is fair and respectful; and,
- Designers are thinking about going beyond panels to tell stories with art and elements integrated with pavements and furnishings onsite.

The Task Force requested an update on engagement to ensure that the right people and groups are involved in engagement related to the Pattullo Bridge Replacement.

Procedural Note: Councillor Puchmayr left the meeting at 10:03 a.m. and did not return.

4.3 Heritage Revitalization Agreement Policy Refresh: Diversity and Inclusion Principles

Britney Dack, Senior Heritage Planner, provided a presentation on the Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) refresh program for small-scale residential heritage developments, and requested feedback regarding diversity and inclusion principles.

In discussion, members provided the following information:

- Some of the pushback on HRA applications are because the housing being proposed is not affordable, which often seems like a red herring because infill housing is not generally considered affordable housing;
- Heritage is often interpreted in a narrow context and should include more intangible elements; and,
- There is a need to manage expectations.

In response, Ms. Dack provided the following information:

- Integrating more intangible heritage aspects is an important of the refresh program and she will be presenting to various committees and task forces, as well as community groups, for feedback and review;
- Any changes made through the refresh would not be applied to projects currently in the process; and,
- This program will not lead to deep discount affordability, but rather contribute to the housing continuum by providing more diversity in housing form options.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5.1 Motions for Approval from the October 15, 2021, Meeting

a. New Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the Reconciliation, Social Inclusion and Engagement Task Force recommend Council approve the proposed Terms of Reference for the Social Inclusion, Engagement and Reconciliation Advisory Committee, as presented at the meeting on October 15, 2021.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.
(Councillor Puchmayr absent for the vote)

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Introduction of Senior Manager Recreation Facilities and Programs

Dean Gibson, Director of Recreation, introduced Corrinne Garrett as the new Senior Manager, Recreation Facilities and Programs.

7. MOTION TO MOVE THE MEETING INTO THE CLOSED MEETING

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the Task Force will now go into a meeting which is closed to the public, pursuant to section 90(1)(k) of the Community Charter:

(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

task force, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

8. END OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 10:29 a.m.

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS

TBD.

Certified correct,

Original Signed

Councillor Nadine Nakagawa

CHAIR

Original Signed

Carilyn Cook

COMMITTEE CLERK