

**Reconciliation, Social Inclusion and Engagement Task Force**

**MINUTES**

**Monday, January 17, 2022**

**Meeting held electronically**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Nadine Nakagawa    Chair  
Councillor Chinu Das

**ABSENT:**

Councillor Chuck Puchmayr

**STAFF MEMBERS:**

Ms. Lisa Spitale	Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Emilie Adin	Director of Climate Action, Planning and Development
Ms. Jacque Killawee	City Clerk
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. Phoebe Cheung	TI Corporation
Ms. Sue Clarke	Fraser Crossing Partners
Ms. Roshan Nelson	TI Corporation
Mr. Max von Kleist	Fraser Crossing Partners

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Councillor Nakagawa opened the meeting at 1:30 p.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 November 22, 2021**

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** the minutes of the Reconciliation, Social Inclusion and Engagement Task force meeting of November 22, 2021, be adopted.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

**4. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**4.1 Indigenous Participation Overview: Patullo Bridge Replacement Project**

Britney Dack, Senior Heritage Planner, advised this presentation is a follow-up from the discussion held at the Task Force's November 2021, meeting, regarding Reconciliation and Indigenous engagement in the Patullo Bridge Replacement Project.

Phoebe Cheung, TI Corp, introduced Roshan Nelson, Indigenous Lead, TI Corp, Sue Clarke, Indigenous Relations Lead, Fraser Crossing Partners, and Max Von Kleist, Communications and Engagement Manager, Fraser Crossing Partners, who provided a presentation on Indigenous participation in the Patullo Bridge Replacement Project.

Members noted the following:

- Concerns that Qayqay't may not identify as a subset of q'wa:ḥ'ḥ'əḥ (Kwantlen);
- Concerns regarding possible tensions between nations as overlapping stories are told;

- Would like a better understanding of the larger picture of recognition and commemoration, which may help avoid other issues in the future;
- Some Nations may be short-resourced and unable to participate as effectively as larger and better-resourced Nations; and,
- City staff may be able to help in reaching out to Qayqay't.

In response to questions from members, the presenters provided the following information:

- The Indigenous arts and culture aspect started with strong engagement from q'wa:ńł'əń and xʷməθkʷəyəm (Musqueam);
- Since 2019, the project team has not heard from Qayqay't and q'wa:ńł'əń indicates the two groups are working together on this project;
- The art program will be sensitive to potential tensions between different nations and every Nation will be able to tell their story;
- All the Nations identified in the presentation were invited and provided feedback and the team is investigating ways to integrate and increase participation; and,
- The First Nations being consulted will have input on the naming of the bridge as part of the arts and culture program.

## 5. **STANDING REPORTS AND UPDATES**

### Social Inclusion

John Stark, Supervisor of Community Planning, provided an update on the Welcome Centre and the Community Action Network, noting:

- The Welcome Centre has been operating since October and there will be an outreach campaign to let the larger community know it exists;
- The Community Action Network looking at a second training component in the spring to increase the cohort of people who can assist in providing lived and living experience.

### Reconciliation

Rob McCullough, Manager, Museums and Heritage Services, provided several updates, noting:

- Advised that interviews for the Indigenous Advisor position are proceeding;
- James Harry, an artist from Swxwú7meshk (Squamish) has been engaged for the təməsewtxw Aquatic and Community Centre.
- “Reconciling” is an upcoming exhibit which will include shoes from the memorials held last year, artwork from Nisga'a-Haida artist Luke Parnell, and

display of the Judge Begbie statue until later this year, along with a variety of activities; and

- Staff are working on connecting with the community for Black History Month. Additionally, the museum is exhibiting a project completed by New Westminster Secondary School (NWSS) art students, who researched prominent figures from Black History in Canada and created pieces honouring them.

### Engagement

Jennifer Miller, Manager of Public Engagement, reminded members there is a plain language workshop at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday for staff, and requested staff email her for meeting information.

Renee Chadwick, Manager, Special Projects and Community Partnerships, noted events would be taking place for Lunar New Year, and Jacque Killawee, City Clerk, advised that City buildings will be decorated for the celebrations.

### 6. **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### 7. **END OF MEETING**

The meeting ended at 2:14 p.m.

### 8. **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Remaining scheduled meetings, which take place at 1:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted:

- February 14
- March 7
- April 11
- May 13
- June 20
- July 15
- December 2

Certified correct,

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Councillor Nadine Nakagawa

CHAIR

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COMMITTEE CLERK