



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

**MINUTES**

**Monday, September 20, 2021, 1:00 p.m.**

**Meeting held Electronically Under Ministerial Order No. M192/2020**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Chinu Das  
Councillor Nadine Nakagawa

**REGRETS:** Councillor Chuck Puchmayr

**STAFF PRESENT:** Ms. Lisa Spitale, Chief Administrative Officer  
Ms. Emilie Adin, Director of Development Services  
Mr. Dean Gibson, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Ms. Jacque Killawee, City Clerk  
Mr. Blair Fryer, Manager, Communications and Economic Development  
Mr. Chris Koth, Acting Deputy Chief Librarian  
Mr. Robert McCullough, Manager, Museums and Heritage Services  
Ms. Diana McDaniel, Inspector, New Westminster Police Department  
Ms. Jennifer Miller, Manager of Public Engagement  
Ms. Rebeca Salas, Heritage Coordinator  
Ms. Nicole Ludwig, Assistant City Clerk

**GUESTS** Stephen Bruyneel, Director, External Relations and Development, Fraser River Discovery Centre  
Nolan Charles, Council member, x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm  
Karen Lee, Director of Operations, Fraser River Discovery Centre  
Mark Rizzo, Chair, Fraser River Discovery Centre  
Lyle Viereck, Vice-Chair, Indigenous Relations Committee, Fraser River Discovery Centre

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m.

Councillor Nakagawa acknowledged that the City of New Westminster is on the unceded territories of the Halq'eméylem speaking peoples.

2. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

3.1 **July 5, 2021**

MOVED and SECONDED

*THAT the minutes of the July 5, 2021, Reconciliation, Social Inclusion and Engagement Task Force meeting be adopted.*

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

**Procedural Note:** At this point in the meeting, members and guests introduced themselves.

4. **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

4.1 **xwtatələm, A Place of Learning about the Indigenous Heritage and Teachings of the Fraser River**

Stephen Bruyneel, Director, External Relations and Development, Fraser River Discovery Centre, Nolan Charles, Council member, xʷməθkʷəy̓əm, Karen Lee, Director of Operations, Fraser River Discovery Centre, Mark Rizzo, Chair, Fraser River Discovery Centre, and Lyle Viereck, Vice-Chair, Indigenous Relations Committee, Fraser River Discovery Centre, provided a presentation on **xwtatələm** (a place of learning) located at the Discovery Centre.

In discussion, members noted:

- Appreciation for the FRDC to take this on and the program will help build awareness through education that will help draw different groups together;
- Suggestion of a full presentation to Council on the program to brainstorm how the City can support the project;

In response to questions, the representatives from the FRDC advised that Musqueam staff are working with School District 40 and the School Board.

Lisa Spitale, Chief Administrative Officer, advised staff had met with the FRDC on this matter, and suggested a discussion on how a relationship might work, and that staff will move to a full Council discussion with the centre, noting that an early discussion will allow the City to ascertain how the City's goals on reconciliation and *xwtatələm* can align.

In discussion, Task Force members and FRDC representatives noted:

- Early involvement by the City will help ensure there is alignment between the two programs;
- Suggested a conversation about language and land and the relationship between them; and,
- The educational aspect proposed by FRDC is a good add-on for the City's work.

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

### 5.1 **Engagement Updates**

Jennifer Miller, Manager of Public Engagement, provided a presentation on the following:

#### a. **Staff Resource Guide for Language and Translation**

Ms. Miller noted that the community of practice established for this has workshops every two months, and that the current guide is a starting place.

#### b. **BeHeard Promotional Campaign and Current Engagement Opportunities**

Ms. Miller provided an overview of the BeHeard site noting there are 2000 subscribers on the platform so far, and that it will be promoted through specific events. She also provided an overview of current projects available for comment on BeHeard, and requested the task force's support in spreading the word on engagement opportunities.

In response to questions and comments, Ms. Miller, along with Jacque Killawee, City Clerk, provided the following information:

- Staff have reached out to Century House to send them specific items for their newsletter and blog in order to reach seniors;
- Staff will be submitting ads to foreign-language papers and reaching out to businesses on Twelfth Street to promote recruitment for advisory committees; and,

- It does not make sense to advertise in multiple languages if we do not have the resources for interpretation or translation.

In discussion, members noted:

- Diversity in recruitment for Committees could be assisted by WINS and faith-based organizations;
- The quality of engagement has been exemplary; and,
- Public comments have indicated that the budget workshop was very successful.

## **5.2 New Advisory Committee Update**

Jacque Killawee, City Clerk, advised that she had talked to members of the Multicultural (MAC), Seniors (SAC), and Youth (YAC) Advisory Committees, that there was some concern at MAC and SAC, but they understood the need for more representation and less siloing of voices. She advised that several organizations would be represented on the new Committee and that the Terms of Reference will leave membership very open to ensure all the diverse groups are represented.

In discussion, members noted:

- There was resistance from SAC over the fear that seniors issues will be subsumed under all the committees;
- Requested a report back to the committees before the new Terms of Reference are adopted to respond to committee concerns and questions;
- Hope that this structure will bring in a larger group to focus on how to reach multicultural, senior and youth communities.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **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 in accordance with Section 90 of the Community Charter, on the basis that the subject matter of all agenda items relate to matters listed under Section 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.

**8. END OF MEETING**

On MOTION, the meeting ended at 2:18 p.m.

**9. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

The following meetings are scheduled for the remainder of 2021:

- October 15 at 9:00 a.m.
- November 15 at 1:00 p.m.

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Councillor Nadine Nakagawa

CHAIR

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Nicole Ludwig

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK