

Reconciliation, Social Inclusion and Engagement Task Force

NOTES

**Friday, October 15, 2021, 9:00 a.m.
Electronic and in Meeting Room G
Lower Level, City Hall**

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councillor Nadine Nakagawa	Chair
Councillor Chinu Das*	Member
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr*	Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Lisa Spitale*	Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Jacque Killawee,	City Clerk
Mr. Chris Koth*	Manager of Programs and Community Development, New Westminister Public Library
Mr. Blair Fryer*	Manager, Communications and Economic Development
Mr. Robert McCullough,	Manager, Museums and Heritage Services
Mr. John Stark*	Supervisor of Community Planning, Development Services
Ms. Denise Tambellini*	Manager, Intergovernmental and Community Relations
Ms. Jackie Teed*	Acting Director of Development Services
Ms. Nicole Ludwig	Assistant City Clerk

*Denotes Electronic attendance.

1. CALL TO ORDER

There being no quorum, the Task Force discussed items 5.1 to 5.3.

Procedural Note: Any motions will be adopted at the next meeting of the Task Force.

2. MOTION TO MOVE THE MEETING INTO THE CLOSED MEETING

Not applicable.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Not applicable.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 September 20, 2021

These minutes will be placed on the next closed Task Force meeting for adoption.

5. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Anvil Centre Lighting

Councillor Puchmayr and Rob McCullough, Manager of Museums and Heritage Services, provided an overview of this matter, noting that Council had referred the subject of changing the default lighting on the Anvil Centre to orange in recognition of the children's remains found at residential school sites across Canada.

In discussion, members noted:

- Lighting is about recognition of events, people and significant dates;
- A lighting policy would be helpful on how to prioritize which dates, events, etc. should be recognized;
- The Spirit of the Children should be consulted, along with other First Nations;
- The suggestion come from the Restorative Justice Committee, which has two Indigenous members who did not object.

ACTION ITEM: Mr. McCullough will reach out to Spirit of the Children and other Indigenous groups and report back to the task force.

5.2 Repatriation of Indigenous Artifacts in the City's Possession

Councillor Puchmayr introduced this topic noting:

- The City is in possession of a number of Indigenous artefacts in the Museum, and not all of them have been acquired honorably or legally;
- There may be competing communities that would identify the same objects in which case the City should retain the items;
- It may be helpful to engage the UBC Museum of Anthropology to assist.

In response, Rob McCullough, Manager of Museum and Heritage Services, noted

- Some nations have been in to inspect items and have asked the City to continue holding them;

- As relationships are strengthened, we can make nations aware that we have items;
- There are no remains in the collection and burial goods are unlikely;
- The collection can be broken down into two categories: items acquired during the potlatch ban, and post-1951 which are more contemporary art, and items purchased or donated; and,
- This can be included in a policy which will be brought to the task force.

In discussion, members noted:

- There will need to be an education component about repatriation;
- A full policy is a good place to start;
- A number of museums have a repatriation program in response to the Calls to Action;
- Need to know where this fits into the work plan, and possibly develop a list of topics the City wants to address with First Nations;
- The policy should be sent to interested parties to get an idea of where they stand;
- Strong support for including this in the workplan; and,
- Would like to see it done before the 2022 Election.

In response to concerns, Mr. McCullough noted that the Museum is mandated to catalogue artefacts, regardless of provenance.

5.3 New Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

Jacque Killawee, City Clerk, provided an overview of proposed Terms of Reference for the Social Inclusion, Engagement and Reconciliation Advisory Committee.

In discussion, members expressed general support for the Terms of Reference and agreed to consider the following motion for approval at the next meeting:

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.

6. STANDING REPORTS AND UPDATES

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Puchmayr noted he had hosted a delegation from Tsilqot'in Nation who attended the opening of the New West Secondary School, and paid visits to the

Fire Hall and the Anvil Centre. He noted that Chief Jansen had agreed to provide a tour of the police department on their next visit.

8. END OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 2:40 p.m.

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- November 22, 2021, 1:00 p.m.