

**MINUTES OF THE
RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018, AT 4:30 PM
AT PORT ALBERNI CITY HALL**

Committee: Cynthia Dick (Co-Chair), Sharie Minions (Co-Chair), Jim Tatoosh, Brandy Lauder, Ann Robinson, Ian Benoit, Sheena Falconer
Regrets: Wally Samuel

City Staff: Alicia Puusepp, Manager of Communications
Tim Pley, CAO

Sharie Minions welcomed guests to Port Alberni City Hall and acknowledged the meeting was taking place on the unceded territories of the Hupacasath and Tseshaht First Nations. Dinner was provided.

1. Approval of Agenda

It was moved and seconded:

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

It was moved and seconded:

That the minutes of the March 21, 2018 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Event Roundtable Discussion

Event review

Committee members went around the table and expressed their views on the March 27th Community Forum to Advance Reconciliation in Port Alberni.

Each member expressed appreciation for the event planning and noted that the conversations at the event were respectful and constructive. Very few negative comments were made; however, it was noted that some Forum attendees expressed a desire to learn more about the Reconciliation Committee and wanted to know what the next steps are in the process.

Committee members requested that Keith Hunter receives an invitation to the next Reconciliation Committee meeting. Alicia will lead this.

Two community members were present at the meeting and were looking to get informed as to what the Committee does and how they conducted their meetings. One community member, Rachelle Warman, reflected on her experience at the Forum and noted that she learned so much and was impressed with the event.

The second community member did not attend the event but is eager to get engaged in local government matters learn more about Port Alberni's reconciliation efforts.

Summary of input

Alicia indicated that the input received was substantial and would take time to compile into a summary. Once the summary document is compiled, she will provide it to the two Chairs for approval and circulate the final document. The summary will be provided to Committee members, those that attended the Forum and left their emails addresses, as well as posted on the City's website.

Committee members requested that Alicia provide an update to attendees via email on the status of the summary. It was also requested that the graphic recording be used as the banner on the 'thank you' email. If timing permits, Alicia will incorporate the graphic (needs to be converted into a digital format).

Graphic recording

Committee members expressed their gratitude to Kelly Foxcroft Poirier for leading the graphic recording piece and requested that Alicia send Kelly a thank you card for her services.

Alicia is to get the graphic converted into digital format for future use and share it with Committee members.

4. UBCM Community-to-Community Forum Grant

Alicia noted that to receive the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) grant funding a final report will need to be submitted by April 30th, 2018. This report is currently in draft and will be provided to the two Chairs for approval and circulated to Committee members upon completion.

5. Next Steps

Committee members began discussions on the future of Reconciliation Committee and its structure. Cynthia stated that rather than being a City committee they need to develop a different approach noting that a tripartite structure may work best. If this structural change is agreed too, it should happen soon. This topic is to be included on the next agenda for discussion.

Members also discussed if membership should be expanded to include agencies and other interested parties.

Committee members are to look at various models of reconciliation in Canada and see what has worked well in other jurisdictions.

Committee members then began discussing next steps for Reconciliation within the community. Cynthia recommended the Committee plan a Blanket Exercise and noted that Mini from Trinity Church is willing to host it.

It was also recommended that the Committee looks at creating an educational series where citizens can pick and choose the topic(s) of Reconciliation that interests them most.

Next steps will be explored in more detail at the next Reconciliation Committee meeting.

Cynthia noted a conflict for the April 18th meeting and requested a date change. Alicia will work with the two Chairs to determine the next meeting date and provide details to Committee members. This information will also be posted on the City's website.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be hosted by the Tseshah First Nation on **May 2, 2018, at 4:30 pm.**

7. Adjournment

It was moved and seconded:

That the meeting adjourn at 6:05 pm

CARRIED

Sharie Minions, Chair

Davina Hartwell, City Clerk

Cynthia Dick, Chair