

# **A G E N D A**

## **RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2018, AT 4:30 PM  
AT WEST COAST AQUATIC**

### **PRESENT:**

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes – June 13, 2018  
  
Note: Quorum was not achieved for June 27th meeting. Meeting Summary provided.
4. Event planning
  - Location
  - Date
  - Activities
  - Budget
  - Funding
  - Other
5. Complete Review of Community Forum Summary of Input: Questions 8 to 10
6. Next steps
7. Next meeting – Wednesday, July 25, 2018, at City Hall
8. Adjournment at \_\_\_\_\_ pm.

**SUMMARY OF THE  
RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2018, AT 4:30 PM  
AT TSESHAHT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**

**Committee:** Sharie Minions (Co-Chair); Ian Benoit; Ann Robinson; and Sheena Falconer

**Regrets:** Cynthia Dick (Co-Chair); Brandy Lauder, Wally Samuel and Jim Tatoosh

**City Staff:** Tim Pley, CAO; Alicia Puusepp, Communications Manager; and Willa Thorpe, Director of Parks, Recreation and Heritage

**Public:** Two members of City Council: Denis Sauve and Chris Alemany

Sharie welcomed guests to Tseshaht Administration Office and acknowledged the meeting was taking place on the unceded territories of the Hupacasath and Tseshaht First Nations. Dinner was provided to those in attendance.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

*Quorum was not achieved so the agenda was not formally adopted.*

**2. Adoption of Minutes**

*Quorum was not achieved. Approval of June 13 Meeting Minutes will be carried over to July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.*

**3. Event Planning**

**Date and Location**

Willa Thorpe, Director of Parks, Recreation and Heritage attended the meeting to report out on progress made with event plans.

Willa indicated that the event planning sub-committee visited Canal Waterfront Park to see if it met their needs. While the location is suitable for the proposed event, it does come with some issues like wind exposure, a lack of bathroom facilities, no power source, and limited parking. Other venues, like Recreation Park, were again discussed. However, there are issues with each location.

The date of the event is still in question. Canal Waterfront Park is available for both proposed dates (July 29<sup>th</sup> and Aug 8<sup>th</sup>.) Committee members revisited the issue with July 29<sup>th</sup> due to a canoeing event that has many members of the Tseshaht First Nation out of town. The 29<sup>th</sup> is also the Pride Parade in Port Alberni.

The Committee then discussed other date options later in the summer. The Salmon Festival was discussed but was removed from the options list as many people are out fishing during that the festival.

The fall equinox is another option, as is March 27th, 2019.

Tim Pley spoke on the scope of the Committee and noted that they are outside of their mandate. Tim proposed that the Committee make a recommendation as part of their final report to City Council that an event be held.

Committee members then flagged the danger of losing momentum and noted cross-cultural events was a key piece of input heard at the Community Form.

The Committee indicated they wanted to see something happen in the coming months.

### **Activities**

The Committee discussed what they wanted to see at the event. Ideas included:

- Singing, dancing and drumming
- Information on Reconciliation Committee
- Panels on First Nation's history
- Information on Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council
- Map of Nuu-chah-nulth Nations on Vancouver Island
- Comment box
- Map of Valley
- Games: Slahal (or Lahal)
- Woodcarving
- Arts and crafts
- An art collective that everyone can contribute to

### **Action**

- Willa will continue with event research and meeting with event sub-committee on planning and logistics.
- Sharie noted that she reached out to the Tseshaht with a request to hold an event at Canal Waterfront Park. She has not received a response and will follow up before the next meeting.

### **Budget and Funding**

Willa reviewed the budget implications noting projected costs for tent, table and washroom rentals.

The Committee then discussed a budget for the event, landing on \$10,000 as the projected cost.

A past action had Cynthia reaching out to Scott Fraser's office asking for funding; however, that approach has since changed.

### **Action**

- The City will now facilitate a funding request for \$10,000 with Scott Fraser's office on behalf of the Reconciliation Committee.

Tim noted that the Committee should consider the implications of the funding request and that there may be a bigger 'ask' that should be taken into consideration.

The committee responded by saying that cultural exposure is important and that they wanted to move forward with the event and the funding request.

## **5. Complete Review of Community Forum Summary of Input**

Alicia updated the Committee on the distribution of the summary, which went out to the Forum attendee database on National Indigenous Peoples' Day. The summary was also posted on Twitter, Facebook, and the Reconciliation Committee's webpage.

Sharie stated that this review would be pushed to the next meeting when more members are in attendance.

## **6. Next Steps**

The Committee will continue with the summary review and event planning at the next Reconciliation Committee meeting.

## **7. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **July 11, 2018, at 4:30 pm at West Coast Aquatic.**

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting concluded at 6 p.m.