

**MINUTES OF THE
RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2018, AT 4:30 PM
AT HUPACASATH ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**

Committee: Sharie Minions (Co-Chair); Brandy Lauder; Ann Robinson; Wally Samuel; and Sheena Falconer

Regrets: Cynthia Dick (Co-Chair); Ian Benoit and Jim Tatoosh

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

Committee Guest: Keith Hunter

Public: Two members of the public were in attendance

Sharie welcomed guests to Hupacasath 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

It was moved and seconded:

That the agenda be approved with the addition of a late item.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

It was moved and seconded:

That the minutes of the May 30, 2018 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Community Forum Summary of Input – continued review

The Committee continued the summary review. Keith Hunter, subject matter expert and facilitator at the March 27th Community Forum attended the meeting at the Committee's request and discussed question three of the Community Forum Summary.

Question 3: What do you know about the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and how could we better educate people on the two documents?

Keith introduced himself to the group and provided insight into the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action (TRC).

Keith noted that people's knowledge of the UNDRIP document was minimal and that some foundational work is needed to increase people's understanding of the document's purpose.

People at the event did have an increased awareness of the TRC Calls to Action document, but there was little understanding of how the Calls to Action could be applied in the community.

The Committee then discussed how local Reconciliation efforts seem to focus on the social aspect of healing but that more work is required at the local government level.

Recommendations for Report

- That the City review its policies and committees' Terms of Reference and seek opportunities to amend documents to include intent and specific actions of the TRC Calls to Action and UNDRIP.
- That the City, when next amending their Strategic Plan, seek opportunities to include the intent of the TRC Calls to Action and UNDRIP.
- That the City create a policy that establishes a government-to-government engagement process for major projects.

Keith asked the Committee what their process was for choosing educational resources to promote. The Committee indicated that there is no process in place at this time.

Action

- That the Committee create criteria for selecting and promoting various educational resources.

The discussion around question three concluded with statements about raising the profile of the two documents and finding ways to present the information so it is easily understood and digested.

Action

- The Committee bring the two documents (UNDRIP and TRC) to public events and look for ways to present the information so that it is understood and acted upon.

Questions eight, nine and ten of the Summary will be reviewed and discussed at future meetings.

Wally noted that urban First Nations see Reconciliation through a different lens and that this must be taken into consideration as the Committee moves toward compiling their final report.

The Committee discussed how they would make joint recommendations (the City, Hupacasath, Tseshahat and Friendship Centre) to ensure urban First Nations are included. The Committee recognizes the need to reach out to the Friendship Centre and establish ties to ensure recommendations are supported by all parties.

Sharie reminded the Committee of their mandate to submit a final report to City Council and made note that the Committee is looking at changing the governance structure to include other key agencies.

Action

- That the Committee approach the Board of the Friendship Centre to gain support for their recommendations.

4. Preliminary Event Planning

Willa Thorpe, Director of Parks, Recreation and Heritage attended the meeting to support event planning efforts.

The Committee discussed the date and location of the event. While a number of dates and locations were flagged, the Committee elected to look at Canal Waterfront Park as the primary location, due in part to the on-site fire pits.

July 29th was initially proposed as the event date; however, there is a conflicting cultural event that week and some First Nations members are expected to be out of town. August 8, 9 or 10, 2018, were offered up as alternate dates. These dates coincide with the Nuu-chah-nulth Tlu-Piich Games.

It was noted that Tseshahat First Nation has an existing claim for the Canal Waterfront Park land and that Tseshahat would have to grant permission to the committee to use the land for the event.

Action

- Sharie to approach Tseshahat with request following confirmation of the event date and venue availability.

The proposed timing for the event is 5 – 9 p.m.

Committee members then discussed what they would like to see at the event. Ideas included:

- Fire to cook fish
- Dinner
- Dancers and signers

An event sub-committee was struck. Members are to meet with Willa to build the event plan. The event would follow the City's 'Our Town' format.

5. Late Item – Let's Connect Online Engagement Platform

Alicia asked the Committee what they would like to consult on for the Reconciliation online engagement piece. The Committee recommended Alicia review the 94 Calls to Action and build the consultation program around how people would like to be educated on them. The engagement program would then move through the document systematically bringing forward only those Calls to Action that apply to our community.

Alicia agreed to the approach and committed to bringing the information back to the Committee for review before sending the platform live.

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 **June 27, 2018, at 4:30 pm at the Tseshaht Administration Office.**

8. Adjournment

It was moved and seconded:

That the meeting adjourn at 6:45 pm

CARRIED

Sharie Minions, Chair

Davina Hartwell, City Clerk

Cynthia Dick, Chair