AGENDA

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1 February 6, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda
   That the Indigenous Relations Committee adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for February 6, 2020 as circulated.

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2.1 October 10, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
   That the Indigenous Relations Committee adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held October 10, 2019 as circulated.

3. DELEGATIONS

4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

5.1 2020 Indigenous Relations Committee Priorities and Work Plan
    Designated Speaker: Jessica Beverley, Corporate Solicitor/Director, Legal Services and Indigenous Relations
    That the Indigenous Relations Committee endorse the work plan as presented in the report dated January 23, 2020, titled “2020 Indigenous Relations Committee Priorities and Work Plan.”

5.2 Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy – Proposed Amendments
    Designated Speaker: Jamie Vala, Division Manager, Planning and Engineering Services, Regional Parks
    That the Indigenous Relations Committee endorse the Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy as presented in the report dated January 17, 2020, titled “Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy – Proposed Amendments.”

Note: Recommendation is shown under each item, where applicable.
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Indigenous Relations Committee
Amendments” and forward comments to an upcoming meeting of the Regional Parks Committee for consideration.

5.3 Manager’s Report
Designated Speaker: Jessica Beverley, Corporate Solicitor/Director, Legal Services and Indigenous Relations
That the Indigenous Relations Committee receive for information the report dated January 23, 2020, titled “Manager’s Report.”

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Metro Vancouver’s Guide to First Nation Communities with Interests in the Region 2020

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

9. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING
Note: The Committee must state by resolution the basis under section 90 of the Community Charter on which the meeting is being closed. If a member wishes to add an item, the basis must be included below.

That the Indigenous Relations Committee close its regular meeting scheduled for February 6, 2020 pursuant to the Community Charter provisions, Section 90 (1) (a) and (m) as follows:

“90 (1) A part of the meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:
(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;
(m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting.”

10. ADJOURNMENT/CONCLUSION
That the Indigenous Relations Committee adjourn/conclude its regular meeting of February 6, 2020.

Membership:
Booth, Mary-Ann (C) - West Vancouver
Baird, Ken (VC) - Tsawwassen First Nation
Annis, Linda - Surrey
Boyle, Christine - Vancouver
Ferguson, Steve - Langley Township
Hanson, Jim - North Vancouver District
Hocking, David - Bowen Island
Kanakos, Jeannie - Delta
McLaughlin, Ron - Lions Bay
Meadus, Chelsa - Maple Ridge
Zarrillo, Bonita - Coquitlam

Non-Voting Members:
TBD - Fraser Valley Regional District
Rainbow, Tony - Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
Tize, Andreas - Sunshine Coast Regional District
METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
INDIGENOUS RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Indigenous Relations Committee held at 1:02 p.m. on Thursday, October 10, 2019 in the 28th Floor Committee Room, 4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Chair, Mayor Mary-Ann Booth, West Vancouver
Vice Chair, Chief Ken Baird, Tsawwassen
Councillor Christine Boyle, Vancouver (arrived at 1:09 p.m.)
Councillor Steve Ferguson, Langley Township
Councillor Jim Hanson, North Vancouver District
Councillor David Hocking, Bowen Island
Councillor Lois Jackson, Delta
Councillor Brenda Locke, Surrey
Mayor Ron McLaughlin, Lions Bay
Councillor Chelsa Meadus, Maple Ridge

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Councillor David Chesney, White Rock
Councillor Tracy Miyashita, Pitt Meadows
Councillor Bonita Zarrillo, Coquitlam

STAFF PRESENT:
Jessica Beverley, Corporate Solicitor/Director, Legal Services and Indigenous Relations
Carol Mason, Chief Administrative Officer
Janis Knaupp, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1 October 10, 2019 Regular Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Indigenous Relations Committee adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for October 10, 2019 as circulated.
CARRIED
2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2.1 May 2, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Indigenous Relations Committee adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held May 2, 2019 as circulated.
CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS
No items presented.

4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

1:09 p.m. Councillor Boyle arrived at the meeting.

4.1 Tom Isaac, Partner, Cassels Brock Lawyers
Tom Isaac, Cassels Brock Lawyers, provided members with a presentation on the Impact Assessment Act highlighting federal environmental assessment reforms and potential impacts, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) including provincial and federal government context and key considerations for businesses and projects in Canada.

In response to questions, members were informed that current federal regulations and laws may not meet Bill C.62 requirements to adhere to UNDRIP, and that impacts from requirements to consult with Indigenous Peoples under Bill C.69 are currently unknown.

Request of Staff
Staff was requested to:

a) obtain from Tom Isaac, Cassels Brock Lawyers, a copy of the federal Impact Assessment Act highlighting Section 22 recommendations as discussed in his related October 10, 2019 presentation to the Indigenous Relations Committee; and

b) email the information to Indigenous Relations Committee members.

Presentation material titled “Federal Environmental Assessment Reforms & UNDRIP” is retained with the October 10, 2019 agenda.

4.2 Susan Tatoosh, Executive Director, and Cameron McBeth, Project Manager, Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society
Susan Tatoosh and Cameron McBeth, Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society (VAFCS), provided members with a presentation on the VAFCS highlighting service model, need among Indigenous populations, Board governance, volunteers, programs, community, social enterprises, efforts to develop an Aboriginal shelter and various housing units, efforts to redevelop the VAFCS’
existing building, partners, and networks. Members were informed about the importance of friendship centres to Indigenous populations including how centres connect individuals with culture and provide unique cultural services not offered elsewhere.

In response to questions, members were informed about the VAFCS budget and strategic planning efforts, how social enterprises is providing training for Indigenous peoples, how friendship centres operate autonomously from each other, and about activities related to National Indigenous Peoples Day.

Request of Staff
Staff was requested to contact the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society to explore the potential opportunity for members of the Indigenous Relations Committee to participate in the Society’s 2020 activities related to National Indigenous Peoples Day.

Presentation material titled “Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Organizational Background” and additional information titled “Organizational Background” and “Welcome!” are retained with the October 10, 2019 agenda.

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

5.1 2020 – 2024 Financial Plan – Indigenous Relations
Report dated October 2, 2019 from Jessica Beverley, Director, Legal Services and Indigenous Relations/Corporate Solicitor, presenting the 2020-2024 Financial Plan for Indigenous Relations for consideration by the Committee.

Members were provided with a presentation on the 2020-2024 Financial Plan for Indigenous Relations highlighting an overview of the Indigenous Relations Program, 2020 key actions and budget, and 2020-2024 budget summary.

Presentation material titled “2020-2024 Financial Plan Indigenous Relations” is retained with the October 10, 2019 agenda.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

CARRIED

5.2 A Review of Red Women Rising: Indigenous Women Survivors in Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside
Report dated October 1, 2019 from Agnes Rosicki, Senior Policy Analyst, Indigenous Relations, Legal Services and Indigenous Relations, providing the
Indigenous Relations Committee with a brief summary of the report *Red Women Rising: Indigenous Women Survivors in Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside* and identifying which of the report’s 35 key recommendations are relevant to Metro Vancouver’s operations.

In response to questions, members were informed about provincial and federal government jurisdiction over social justice matters arising from the report, and Metro Vancouver’s role in engaging First Nations communities in decision making and informed them about regional policies and projects.

**Request of Staff**
Staff was requested to share the October 1, 2019 report titled “A Review of Red Women Rising: Indigenous Women Survivors in Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside” with the Municipal Technical Advisory Committee on Aboriginal Relations (MTAC) and request MTAC members share the report with municipal staff and council, and municipal police departments where applicable.

*It was MOVED and SECONDED*
That the Indigenous Relations Committee receive for information the report, dated October 1, 2019, titled “A Review of Red Women Rising: Indigenous Women Survivors in Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside.”

**CARRIED**

5.3 **Manager’s Report**
Report dated October 1, 2019 from Jessica Beverley, Director, Legal Services and Indigenous Relations/Corporate Solicitor, updating the Indigenous Relations Committee on the Committee’s 2019 Work Plan, Metro Vancouver reconciliation activities, the Federal *Impact Assessment Act* and related cooperation agreement between the federal government and Province of BC, a new treaty-making approach developed by negotiating partners, and the Union of BC Municipalities’ study session on financing reconciliation.

Members were provided with two video presentations related to Metro Vancouver’s reconciliation activities including the 2019 National Indigenous Peoples Day event at Metro Vancouver Head Office and the 2019 Community-to-Community Forum co-hosted between Metro Vancouver and Musqueam Indian Band, which are not retained with the agenda.

*It was MOVED and SECONDED*
That the Indigenous Relations Committee receive for information the report, dated October 1, 2019, titled “Manager’s Report.”

**CARRIED**

6. **INFORMATION ITEMS**
No items presented.
7. OTHER BUSINESS
No items presented.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS
No items presented.

9. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Indigenous Relations Committee close its regular meeting scheduled for October 10, 2019 pursuant to the Community Charter provisions, Section 90 (1)(m) as follows:

“90 (1) A part of the meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

(m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting.”

CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT/CONCLUSION

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Indigenous Relations Committee adjourn its regular meeting of October 10, 2019.

CARRIED

(Time: 3:15 p.m.)

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Janis Knaupp,                        Mary-Ann Booth, Chair
Legislative Services Coordinator      

To: Indigenous Relations Committee

From: Jessica Beverley, Corporate Solicitor/Director, Legal Services and Indigenous Relations

Date: January 23, 2020

Meeting Date: February 6, 2020

Subject: 2020 Indigenous Relations Committee Priorities and Work Plan

RECOMMENDATION
That the Indigenous Relations Committee endorse the work plan as presented in the report dated January 23, 2020, titled “2020 Indigenous Relations Committee Priorities and Work Plan”.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
The work plan presented in this report conveys the priorities and terms of reference for the Indigenous Relations Committee in 2020 and aligns with the 2020 Budget for the function, approved by the MVRD Board.

PURPOSE
To provide the Indigenous Relations Committee with the priorities and work plan for the year 2020.

BACKGROUND
At its October 10, 2019 meeting, the Indigenous Relations Committee endorsed the 2020 Budget and Annual Work Plan for the Indigenous Relations function, which served as the basis for the 2020 Budget approved by the MVRD Board on November 1, 2019. The 2020 Annual Work Plan included a list of key actions that has been used to develop the Indigenous Relations Committee’s work plan presented in this report (Attachment 1).

The work plan presented in this report is consistent with the Indigenous Relations Committee’s terms of reference (Attachment 2) and with the Board Strategic Plan and is being brought forward for the Committee’s information, review and endorsement.

2020 WORK PLAN
The Indigenous Relations Committee is the standing committee of the Metro Vancouver Board that provides advice and recommendations on policies, bylaws, plans, programs, budgets and issues related to the Indigenous Relations function.

Key actions in the 2020 Work Plan for the Committee are described below and listed according to the Committee responsibilities in its Terms of Reference:

- Complete an annual review/update of Metro Vancouver’s Guide to First Nation Communities document.
- Host a Regional Gathering involving members of the Indigenous Relations Committee, MVRD Board, and respective First Nation Chiefs and Councils from 10 First Nations in the region.
- Host an annual event (e.g. workshop) involving staff of First Nations and local governments on a topical issue in local government-Indigenous relations.
• Host and/or participate in reconciliation activities (e.g. Orange Shirt Day, National Indigenous Peoples Day events).
• Participate in active treaty meetings in the region as part of the provincial negotiating teams.
• Provide training sessions for Metro Vancouver staff on the corporate policy related to sharing information and engagement with First Nations on construction projects, as well as the Board’s procurement policy that includes economic opportunities for First Nations and more use of their services (e.g. archaeological) on Metro Vancouver projects.

The 2020 Work Plan for the Indigenous Relations Committee is provided in Attachment 1, and includes the expected time frame for reports to this Committee. The Committee will be updated on the status of the actions and projects in this work plan on a quarterly basis per the Committee’s schedule.

ALTERNATIVES
1. That the Indigenous Relations Committee endorse the work plan as presented in the report dated January 23, 2020, titled “2020 Indigenous Relations Committee Priorities and Work Plan.”
2. That the Indigenous Relations Committee endorse the work plan as presented in the report dated January 23, 2020, titled “2020 Indigenous Relations Committee Priorities and Work Plan” with the amendments provided at the Indigenous Relations Committee’s February 6, 2020 meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
The priorities in the 2020 Work Plan of the Indigenous Relations Committee are consistent with the 2020 Budget approved by the MVRD Board on November 1, 2019 and with the actions included in the 2020 Annual Work Plan.

CONCLUSION
The work plan presented in this report conveys the priorities for the Indigenous Relations Committee in 2020 and is consistent with its terms of reference and the 2020 Budget approved by the MVRD Board.

Attachments
1. 2020 Work Plan
2. Indigenous Relations Committee Terms of Reference
## Indigenous Relations Committee 2020 Work Plan

Report Date: January 23, 2020

### Priorities

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The Indigenous Relations Committee is the standing committee of the Metro Vancouver Board that provides advice and recommendations on policies, plans, programs, budgets and issues related to treaty negotiations and the broader Indigenous Relations function.

**Committee Responsibilities**
Within the scope of the Board Strategic Plan, First Nations Strategy, and Metro Vancouver Financial Plan, the Committee provides guidance and oversight to staff on the implementation of the annual work plans and business plans that govern the Indigenous Relations service. Among its responsibilities, the Committee is responsible for:

- Understanding and providing advice on the implications for Metro Vancouver of First Nations’ land claims, interests, and rights and titles, as well as on the implications for Metro Vancouver of decisions taken by the courts, and positions or initiatives taken of other orders of government; and

- Initiating and engaging in programs and activities that strengthen relationships between Metro Vancouver and First Nations within the region, and between member municipalities and First Nations.

Over the course of its work, the Indigenous Relations Committee may, from time to time, convene a pan-municipal discussion to address specific local issues.

**Committee Membership and Meetings**
The Chair, Vice-Chair and members are appointed annually by the Chair of the Metro Vancouver Board. The Committee meets quarterly and holds special meetings as required. A quorum of 50% plus one of the Committee membership is required to conduct Committee business.

**Committee Management**
The Committee Chair, or in the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair, is the chief spokesperson on matters of public interest within the Committee’s purview. For high-profile issues, the role of spokesperson rests with the Metro Vancouver Board Chair or Vice-Chair. On technical matters or in cases where an initiative is still at the staff proposal level, the Chief Administrative Officer or a senior staff member is the appropriate chief spokesperson. Where necessary and practical, the Board Chair, Committee Chair and Chief Administrative Officer confer to determine the most appropriate representative to speak.

The Chief Administrative Officer assigns a Committee Manager for the Committee. The Committee Manager is responsible for coordinating agendas and serves as the principal point of contact for Committee members.
To: Indigenous Relations Committee

From: Jamie Vala, Division Manager, Planning and Engineering Services, Regional Parks

Date: January 17, 2020

Meeting Date: February 6, 2020

Subject: Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy – Proposed Amendments

RECOMMENDATION

That the Indigenous Relations Committee endorse the Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy as presented in the report dated January 17, 2020, titled “Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy – Proposed Amendments” and forward comments to an upcoming meeting of the Regional Parks Committee for consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2019, Metro Vancouver staff reviewed the existing Regional Parks Naming and Dedications Policy and proposed amendments. On October 16, 2019, the Regional Parks Committee referred those amendments to staff to clarify language regarding Indigenous Naming of regional parks and bring the amendments to the Indigenous Relations Committee for endorsement.

PURPOSE

To present the proposed amendments to the Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy (Attachment) for endorsement of the Indigenous Relations Committee prior to being forwarded to the Regional Parks Committee and MVRD Board for approval.

BACKGROUND

A review of the existing Regional Parks Naming and Dedications Policy was identified as a priority action in the Regional Parks Committee 2019 Work Plan. At its October 16, 2019 meeting, the Regional Parks Committee considered proposed amendments to the Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy, and referred the following motion to staff to clarify language regarding Indigenous Naming of regional parks and bring the amendments to the Indigenous Relations Committee for endorsement:

That the Regional Parks Committee refer the following motion and matter of policy amendments to the Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy to staff to clarify language regarding Indigenous Names and bring the amendments to the Indigenous Relations Committee for endorsement:

That the MVRD Board approve the Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy as presented in the report dated September 19, 2019, titled “Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy – Proposed Amendments”.

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Indigenous Relations Committee
Metro Vancouver’s Regional Parks Naming and Dedications Policy (2014)

Metro Vancouver’s Regional Parks Naming and Dedications Policy was approved by the MVRD Board in 2014. It confirms Metro Vancouver’s practice of basing names after geography, local history, or tradition. It also recognizes there are some situations where alternative practices may be desired to honor outstanding contributions to the Regional Parks service. However, it does not permit renaming of existing parks and park sites, and allows renaming of a park’s natural features, or built assets only in “exceptional circumstances.”

An Opportunity to Update the Policy

Metro Vancouver has the opportunity to update this Policy to consider renaming and dual naming. A best practice review was conducted to identify options for the update and the implications of each. The attached draft Policy includes the following recommendations:

- Adding consideration for renaming and dual naming subject to approval of the MVRD Board;
- Adding definitions of corporate sponsorship, dual naming, and renaming;
- Clarifying a process for using personal names, Indigenous language names, or corporate sponsors’ names.

ALTERNATIVES

1. That the Indigenous Relations Committee endorse the Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy as presented in the report dated January 17, 2020, titled “Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy – Proposed Amendments” and forward comments to an upcoming meeting of the Regional Parks Committee for consideration.

2. That the Indigenous Relations Committee receive for information the report dated January 17, 2020, titled “Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy – Proposed Amendments” and provide alternate direction to staff.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If Alternative 1 is approved, there are no financial implications associated with the approval of the policy. The financial implications of any opportunities for naming, renaming, dual-naming or dedication will be brought forward for consideration of the MVRD Board concurrent with the naming request.

If the MVRD Board approves Alternative 2 and provides additional input, staff will report back with the updated financial implications.

CONCLUSION

Metro Vancouver staff has reviewed the existing Regional Parks Naming and Dedications Policy and propose some updates. The revised Policy clarifies definitions and provides the opportunity to consider renaming and dual naming of parks and park features with approval of the MVRD Board. Staff recommend Alternative 1 that the Board approve the proposed changes to the Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy.
Attachment (36650480)
Proposed amendments of the Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedication Policy

References
Minutes from the October 16, 2019 Regional Parks Committee meeting can be found here: http://www.metrovancouver.org/boards/Parks/PAR_2019-Oct-16_MIN.pdf
REGIONAL PARKS NAMING, RENAMING, AND DEDICATIONS

Effective Date:  
Approved By: MVRD Board

Policy No. PK-002

PURPOSE
To provide direction for the naming, renaming, and dedication of regional parks and park features.

DEFINITIONS
“Corporate Sponsorship” means a contractual arrangement for a defined period of time where a third party provides a financial or in-kind contribution in return for recognition, public acknowledgement, or other promotional considerations specific to the sponsored regional park asset;

“Dedication” is on-site recognition on a sign, plaque, suitable monument, or associated exhibit with an inscription recognizing a donor, civic leader, or Indigenous leader;

“Dual Naming” means giving a regional park or park feature two names (for example, an English language name and an Indigenous language name);

“Naming” means giving a regional park or park feature a name;

“Park Features” refers to park sites, natural features, trails, facilities and structures, portions of facilities or structures, or other regional park assets;

“Renaming” means replacing a current name with a new name or a dual name; and

“Support” means, in relation to an individual’s name, a letter of support from that person or their family (if deceased), in relation to an Indigenous language name, a council resolution (or equivalent) in support of the Indigenous language name from the First Nation or First Nations whose traditional territory includes the Regional Park, or in relation to a corporate sponsor’s name, a board resolution in support from that corporation.

POLICY
Naming, renaming, and dedication of regional parks and park features is a way to celebrate the Metro Vancouver region’s unique history and cultural diversity, and to recognize donors and those who have provided services to regional parks. Metro Vancouver’s practice is to name regional parks and park features using geography, local history, or tradition. In appropriate circumstances and in accordance with this Policy, regional parks and park features may be named, renamed, or dedicated after a donor, civic or Indigenous leader, or a corporate sponsor.

All regional parks and park features can be named, renamed, or dedicated.
Where an individual’s name, an Indigenous language name, or a corporate sponsor’s name is proposed for naming, renaming or dedication of a regional park or a park feature, such action must be supported.

Naming, renaming or dedication may be acknowledged with a ceremony.

Any naming, renaming, or dedication, as well as any corporate sponsorship, must be approved by the MVRD Board.

**Names Outside MVRD Authority**

There are park features within or associated with regional parks where MVRD does not have authority for naming. If a renaming or dual naming proposal is brought forward for a regional park feature that falls outside the jurisdiction of MVRD (e.g. a federally or provincially named place), it will be considered by the MVRD Board and if supported, a letter of support will be sent to the appropriate authority.
To: Indigenous Relations Committee

From: Jessica Beverley, Corporate Solicitor/Director, Legal Services and Indigenous Relations

Date: January 23, 2020

Meeting Date: February 6, 2020

Subject: Manager’s Report

RECOMMENDATION
That the Indigenous Relations Committee receive for information the report dated January 23, 2020, titled “Manager’s Report.”

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This report includes a summary of events and activities of interest to the Indigenous Relations Committee since the date of the previous Committee meeting.

Municipal Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) on Indigenous Relations: Terms of Reference
The 2020 Terms of Reference of the Municipal Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) on Indigenous Relations are attached (Attachment 1) for the Indigenous Relations Committee’s information.

Reconciliation Activity: Municipal Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) Workshop on “Decolonizing Practices”
On December 4, 2019, members of the Municipal Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) on Indigenous Relations, as well as Metro Vancouver staff, took part in a “Decolonizing Practices” workshop at Metro Vancouver Head Office conducted by facilitators from Squamish Nation. Decolonizing Practices are actions that can be taken, words that can be said, and ideas that can be unlearned/learned to transform colonial impacts. Workshop participants addressed the challenge of where to start within the enormity of reconciliation by using a giant Snakes and Ladders-like board game and dialoguing various scenarios and mapping out potential future steps that can be taken as individuals, groups and organizations. There were 36 participants attending this 3-hour session.

Update on the Proposed 2020 Regional Gathering with Local Area First Nations
On November 1, 2019, the MVRD Board approved the Indigenous Relations Committee’s recommendation for the Board to host a Regional Gathering involving the respective Chiefs and Council members of 10 First Nations in the region as well as representatives from the federal and provincial governments in order to foster closer and stronger political and working relationships among all parties, and authorized staff to proceed with the planning of the event.

Indigenous Relations staff have made initial contacts with all 10 First Nations and will continue to have discussions over the coming months. It is anticipated that the Regional Gathering will either take place before the summer break at the end of July or sometime in the fall. The Committee will receive an update on this initiative at the next committee meeting.

Indigenous Relations Committee
**Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA) in BC**

On November 26, 2019, the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* (also known as DRIPA, and formerly known as Bill 41) became law in British Columbia. The legislation establishes the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* as the foundational framework for reconciliation in B.C., as called for by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The provincial government developed Bill 41 in collaboration with the First Nations Leadership Council, which was acting on the direction of First Nations leaders across the province. A commitment to adopting the Declaration is a component of the Confidence and Supply Agreement between the BC NDP Government and the BC Green Caucus. Recently, the federal government also committed to introducing legislation to implement the Declaration in the next year.

**Attendance at 2020 Standing Committee Events**

Participation at external events provides important learning and networking opportunities. The following events that fall under the purview of the Indigenous Relations Committee were included in the 2020 Leadership and Engagement budget:

- **2020 Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference**
  Date and Place: April 19-22, 2020 (3 conference days), held at the Vancouver Convention Centre, Vancouver, B.C.
  Number of attendee(s): 2

The Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference is the largest, most comprehensive event of its kind in the region, featuring the latest scientific research and management issues relevant to the health of the Salish Sea ecosystem. The conference, which attracts some 1,500 participants, features plenary sessions, concurrent oral sessions and poster presentations, workshops, field trips and other special events including a film festival. The Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference brings together scientists, First Nations and tribal government representatives, resource managers, community and business leaders, knowledge holders and policy makers. Presentations are expected to cover the most pressing issues and solutions from storm water monitoring and management, to orca protection and impacts of climate change. The conference happens every two years, alternating between Seattle, Washington, and Vancouver, British Columbia.

**Attachment:**
Municipal Technical Advisory Committee on Indigenous Relations – Terms of Reference

**References**

Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act can be found here:
Municipal Technical Advisory Committee on Indigenous Relations
Terms of Reference

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Municipal Technical Advisory Committee on Indigenous Relations (MTAC) is to:

- Provide information-sharing and a forum for dialogue;
- Provide technical and strategic advice on Indigenous relations and treaty negotiations;
- Consider ‘pan-municipal’ matters of significance to Lower Mainland local governments that may require a coordinated municipal approach.

ESTABLISHMENT AND AUTHORITY

The Municipal Technical Advisory Committee on Indigenous Relations (MTAC) is an advisory body of Metro Vancouver established to provide advice and comments on Indigenous relations and treaty negotiations. At the discretion of the Chair, MTAC will refer matters of regional or pan-municipal significance to the Regional Administrators Advisory Committee (RAAC).

The MTAC may form subcommittees to address specific Indigenous Relations issues. The MTAC may also form task forces to address particular issues or projects. Task forces will be struck for a set period of time (e.g., one year). Subcommittees and task forces shall include in their activities:

- the provision of technical advice to the MTAC and Metro Vancouver in the subject area of the subcommittee; and
- the provision of a forum for research and discussion of common interest to member jurisdictions, Metro Vancouver, and other members of the subcommittee.

The Subcommittees/Task Forces:

- shall be composed of representatives of member jurisdictions wishing to participate in the subject area of the subcommittee/task force; and,
- may include representatives drawn from member jurisdiction departments, technical agencies, and professional/academic institutes appropriate to the task for the subcommittee/task force.

COMPOSITION

The MTAC comprises local government and Tsawwassen First Nation staff representatives from the Lower Mainland area, as well as staff representatives from the Fraser Valley Regional District, the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District, Sunshine Coast Regional District, and the Union of BC Municipalities. A member may designate a senior staff person to represent them at MTAC meetings if unable to attend. Only MTAC Members may receive treaty table updates as per the understanding with the provincial negotiation teams.
Associate Members include staff representatives from Translink and Port of Vancouver. Associate Members do not have access to, or receive, treaty table updates or other reports deemed to be confidential.

ORGANIZATION

A Chair and Vice Chair for the MTAC shall be elected from among the members at the beginning of each calendar year.

Meetings are held quarterly according to the schedule determined by MTAC and held at Metro Vancouver offices.

A quorum of the advisory committee is a majority of members. Quorum will be used for the purpose of confirming meeting dates.

The MTAC will establish an annual work plan reflecting priority issues to be considered during the year. The work plan may be amended during the year as other issues and priorities emerge.

The Metro Vancouver Chief Administrative Officer assigns a Committee Manager for the advisory committee. The Committee Manager is responsible for coordinating agendas and serves as the principal point of contact for members.

At the request of a member, and with the consent of the Chair, guests or delegations may be invited to attend and participate in the meeting.

The MTAC may establish other meeting procedures which will be considered as an appendix to these terms of reference. Changes to the main body of the terms of reference must be approved by RAAC.

BUDGET

Funding for general meetings, secretariat and support expenses is provided through the Metro Vancouver annual budget. Additional funding for special projects or studies is subject to Metro Vancouver approval.

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