METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
INDIGENOUS RELATIONS COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, May 28, 2020
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
28th Floor Boardroom, 4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia
and online via Zoom (log-in details provided)

AGENDA

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1 May 28, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda
That the Indigenous relations committee adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for May 28, 2020 as circulated.

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2.1 February 6, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
That the Indigenous Relations Committee adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held February 6, 2020 as circulated.

3. DELEGATIONS

4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Celeste Haldane, Chief Commissioner, BC Treaty Commission
Subject: 2019 Annual Report

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

5.1 TransMountain Pipeline: Federal Court of Appeal Decision
Designated Speaker: Yuk-Sing Cheng, Legal Counsel, Legal Services and Indigenous Relations
That the Indigenous Relations Committee receive for information the report dated May 11, 2020, titled “TransMountain Pipeline: Federal Court of Appeal Decision.”

1 Note: Recommendation is shown under each item, where applicable.
5.2 Quarterly Report on Reconciliation Activities
Designated Speaker: Marino Piombini, Supervisor, Indigenous Relations, Legal Services and Indigenous Relations
That the Board receive for information the report dated May 19, 2020, titled “Quarterly Report on Reconciliation Activities.”

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 May 19, 2020, titled “Manager’s Report.”

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Indigenous Peer Support Briefing Note from the Canadian Mental Health Association, North and West Vancouver Branch (not dated).

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 May 28, 2020 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.

10. ADJOURNMENT/CONCLUSION
That the Indigenous Relations Committee adjourn/conclude its regular meeting of May 28, 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:
Falk, Brenda - Fraser Valley Regional District
Rainbow, Tony - Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
Tize, Andreas - Sunshine Coast Regional District
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Indigenous Relations Committee held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2020 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 Linda Annis, Surrey
Councillor Steve Ferguson, Langley Township (departed at 1:28 p.m.)
Councillor David Hocking, Bowen Island
Mayor Ron McLaughlin, Lions Bay
Councillor Chelsa Meadus, Maple Ridge
Councillor Bonita Zarrillo, Coquitlam

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Councillor Christine Boyle, Vancouver
Councillor Jim Hanson, North Vancouver District
Councillor Jeannie Kanakos, Delta

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:
Director Tony Rainbow, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District*
Andreas Tize, Sunshine Coast Regional District*
Vacant, Fraser Valley Regional District*

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

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1 February 6, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Indigenous Relations Committee adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for February 6, 2020 as circulated.

CARRIED

* Non-voting members from Fraser Valley, Squamish-Lillooet and Sunshine Coast Regional Districts do not constitute quorum.
2.  ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2.1  October 10, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Indigenous Relations Committee adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held October 10, 2019 as circulated.

CARRIED

3.  DELEGATIONS

No items presented.

4.  INVITED PRESENTATIONS

No items presented.

5.  REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

5.1  2020 Indigenous Relations Committee Priorities and Work Plan

Report dated January 23, 2020 from Jessica Beverley, Corporate Solicitor/Director, Legal Services and Indigenous Relations, providing the Indigenous Relations Committee with the priorities and work plan for the year 2020.

Members were updated on the Indigenous Relations Committee priorities and work plan for the year 2020.

Members requested an update on the recent federal court ruling on the Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project and requested that Metro Vancouver appointees to both the FVRD and UBCM Indigenous Relations Committees provide updates to Committee when available.

Request of Staff
Staff was requested to report back to the Indigenous Relations Committee at the April 2, 2020 meeting, on the recent Federal Court of Appeals dismissal of the First Nations’ challenge to the Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project.

Request of Staff
Staff was requested to include an agenda item for verbal updates from Metro Vancouver appointees to the Fraser Valley Regional District and Union of BC Municipalities Indigenous Relations Committees, where available.

It was MOVED and SECONDED
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.”

CARRIED
5.2 Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy – Proposed Amendments

Report dated January 17, 2020 from Jamie Vala, Division Manager, Planning and Engineering Services, Regional Parks, seeking endorsement by the Indigenous Relations Committee of proposed amendments to Metro Vancouver’s Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy prior to being forwarded to the Regional Parks Committee and MVRD Board for approval.

In response to questions, members were informed about the process for corporate sponsorship requests made to Metro Vancouver.

Members commented on the need for policy or guidelines on corporate sponsorships to identify core values and impacts, and consider First Nation consultation and community interests.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

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.

CARRIED

5.3 Manager’s Report


Members were requested to notify the Committee Chair by February 14, 2020 if interested in attending the 2020 Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference.

Members were updated on considerations associated with the Province of BC’s recent adoption of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

CARRIED

1:28 p.m. Councillor Ferguson departed the meeting.
6. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

7. OTHER BUSINESS
No items presented.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS
No items presented.

10. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

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

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT/CONCLUSION

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Indigenous Relations Committee adjourn its regular meeting of February 6, 2020.

CARRIED
(Time: 1:29 p.m.)

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

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To: Indigenous Relations Committee

From: Yuk-Sing Cheng, Legal Counsel, Legal Services and Indigenous Relations

Date: May 11, 2020

Meeting Date: May 28, 2020

Subject: TransMountain Pipeline: Federal Court of Appeal Decision

RECOMMENDATION
That the Indigenous Relations Committee receive for information the report dated May 11, 2020, titled “TransMountain Pipeline: Federal Court of Appeal Decision.”

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
The Federal Court of Appeal issued a decision on February 4, 2020, regarding the TransMountain Pipeline Expansion Project. This was a judicial review of the federal government’s second approval of the Project. Permission to appeal to the Court had been granted on the ground of whether the federal government had adequately fulfilled its duty to consult with Indigenous peoples. The Court reviewed whether the approval of the Project for the second time was reasonable. In its decision, the Court held that the Governor in Council’s determination that the renewed Indigenous consultations carried out by the federal government to address the flaws previously identified by the Court in an earlier 2018 decision were adequate to meet the Crown’s duty to consult, was reasonable. The 2019 approval of the Project was upheld by the Court.

PURPOSE
This information report provides a summary of the Federal Court of Appeal decision in Coldwater First Nation et al. v. Canada (Attorney General) et al., 2020 FCA 34.

BACKGROUND
This report is provided in response to a request for information on the February 4, 2020 decision of the Federal Court of Appeal regarding the TransMountain Pipeline Expansion Project.

FEDERAL COURT OF APPEAL DECISION OVERVIEW

TransMountain Pipeline Expansion Project – Background
The proposed TransMountain Pipeline Expansion Project (the “Project”) was approved by the Governor in Council on November 29, 2016. The GIC issued an Order in Council directing the National Energy Board (now the Canada Energy Regulator) to issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity approving the construction and operation of the project.

This approval was challenged on judicial review by a number of groups before the Federal Court of Appeal (the “Court”). The Order in Council and approval was quashed in the Court’s 2018 decision in Tsleil-Waututh Nation et al. v. Canada (Attorney General), 2018 FCA 153. The Court found two defects – one relating to the environmental assessment and the exclusion of marine shipping related to the
Project, and second, with respect to the Crown’s duty to consult with Indigenous peoples. The Court sent the matter back to the Governor in Council to address these issues.

A reconsideration hearing was ordered before the National Energy Board to address both of these issues, and a renewed Indigenous consultation process was also re-initiated. Subsequently, the Project was approved for the second time by the Governor in Council on June 18, 2019.

This second approval was challenged by several parties by way of judicial review to the Court. Leave to appeal to the Court was granted to six Indigenous groups, with four of these groups proceeding to hearing. The appeal before the Court was limited to the ground of whether the Crown’s duty to consult with Indigenous peoples had been adequately fulfilled to address the shortcomings in the earlier consultation process that were identified in the 2018 decision of the Court.

Leave to appeal was not granted with respect to other issues. Five parties who had sought to raise the environmental issues on judicial review applied for permission to appeal the Court’s denial of leave to the Supreme Court of Canada. Permission to do so was declined by the Supreme Court of Canada on March 5, 2020.

**Court Decision**

In *Coldwater First Nation et al. v. Canada (Attorney General) et al.*, 2020 FCA 34, the Federal Court of Appeal dismissed the applications for judicial review of the 2019 approval of the Project brought by four Indigenous groups on the grounds that the Crown had not discharged its duty to consult and accommodate.

In this decision, the Court reviewed existing law as to what constitutes adequate and meaningful consultation, particularly in cases such as this one that fall on the deep end of the consultation spectrum. Consultation is a requirement that flows from the honour of the Crown. The Crown cannot act unilaterally in a way that could affect the rights of Indigenous peoples without first engaging in meaningful consultation.

The Court noted that consultation needs to be reasonable, not perfect, particularly in the context of the complex and dynamic nature of such processes. The Court also noted that the fact that consultation has not led to the four applicant Indigenous groups to agree with the Project does not mean that reconciliation has not been advanced.

In the context of deep consultation, reasonable consultation would require the government to show that it had considered and addressed the rights claimed by Indigenous peoples in a meaningful way. Consultation must be conducted in good faith, with an open mind, and with two-way dialogue that demonstrates serious consideration of accommodation. Consultation may or may not materialize in accommodation measures, but the lack of accommodation does not necessarily mean a lack of consultation.

The Court held that the Crown’s duty to consult does not amount to a veto over projects by Indigenous peoples, noting that “where there is genuine disagreement about whether a project is in the public interest, the law does not require that the interest of Indigenous peoples prevail.”
Reconciliation does not mean that there is a preference for one set of interests over another. The Court further noted that while Indigenous peoples can assert uncompromising opposition to a project, they cannot tactically use the consultation process as a means to veto the project.

The Court held that as this was a judicial review of an administrative decision maker’s decision regarding the adequacy of consultation, the federal Cabinet’s decision regarding the adequacy of consultation was to be reviewed on a legal standard of reasonableness. This means that the Court’s role is not to reach an independent view as to whether consultations were adequate in the circumstances, but whether the decision made by the decision-maker was reasonable.

The Court found that the Crown had remedied the defects in the consultation process that had been identified by the Court in its earlier 2018 decision. It also found that the federal Cabinet’s 2019 decision to approve the Project was reasonable, and further, would survive a higher correctness standard.

The Court dismissed the applications for judicial review in this matter.

**ALTERNATIVES**
This is an information report. No alternatives are presented.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**
No financial implications are presented.

**OTHER IMPLICATIONS**
The Federal Court of Appeal released its decision on February 4, 2020. The parties have 60 days to apply to the Supreme Court of Canada for permission to appeal the Court’s decision. As of the date of this Information Report, the parties involved in this matter have not appealed this matter.

**References**
To: Indigenous Relations Committee

From: Marino Piombini, Supervisor, Indigenous Relations

Date: May 19, 2020

Meeting Date: May 28, 2020

Subject: Quarterly Report on Reconciliation Activities

RECOMMENDATION
That the Indigenous Relations Committee receive for information the report dated May 19, 2020, titled “Quarterly Report on Reconciliation Activities.”

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This report provides a summary of reconciliation events and activities undertaken by Metro Vancouver over the past three months. Some of the highlights include: Belcarra Agreement Signing Ceremony with Tsleil-Waututh Nation on February 18, 2020; Metro Vancouver Board Chair and Chief Administrative Officer meeting with Kwikwetlem First Nation Chief and Council and Chief Administrative Officer on April 20, 2020; and Metro Vancouver staff meeting on March 3, 2020, with Katzie First Nation Chief, Council and staff to discuss Widgeon Marsh Regional Park. This report also includes information on upcoming events and activities over the next three months.

PURPOSE
To provide the MVRD Board with a quarterly report on reconciliation activities.

BACKGROUND
The quarterly report on regional and local reconciliation activities and opportunities is part of the Indigenous Relations Committee’s annual work plan. The information report is intended to identify opportunities for Committee and MVRD Board members to learn about, and engage in, reconciliation activities in the region, and includes:

• Reconciliation events and activities that have been undertaken by Metro Vancouver over the past three months (Attachment 1); and
• Upcoming opportunities over the next few months for engaging in such activities (Attachment 2).

ALTERNATIVES
This is an information report. No alternatives are presented.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
The various Metro Vancouver activities identified in 2020 have been included in the Indigenous Relations budget. There are no additional financial implications with respect to the items identified in this report.

CONCLUSION
This report provides a quarterly update on reconciliation activities involving Metro Vancouver as per the Committee’s recommendations and for members’ information.
Attachments
2. Some Upcoming Reconciliation Activities to June 2020.
**Reconciliation Activities Undertaken: January 2020 to May 2020**

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<td>Metro Vancouver staff met with Squamish Nation staff to discuss opportunities for Cultural Awareness training for project team and work crews.</td>
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<td>Project Meeting with Musqueam Indian Band staff: re: Stanley Park Water Supply Tunnel.</td>
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<td>Raising Awareness</td>
<td>Release of the publication “Metro Vancouver’s Guide to First Nation Communities with Interest in the Region, 2020.”</td>
<td>Metro Vancouver Indigenous Relations staff updated this annual guide to reflect current contacts and background information on the 11 First Nation communities in the region.</td>
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<td>Raising Awareness</td>
<td>Presentation to the Regional Engineers’ Advisory Committee (REAC).</td>
<td>Indigenous Relations staff provided a 20-minute presentation on Metro Vancouver’s approach and process for engaging First Nations on construction projects.</td>
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<td>Raising Awareness</td>
<td>Aboriginal and Environmental Law: Navigating the New World of Impact Assessments.</td>
<td>Indigenous Relations staff attended a two-day seminar on changes to the environmental assessment processes in BC and Canada; Indigenous-led environmental assessments; Indigenous rights; Indigenous knowledge; cumulative impacts; and mitigation measures by the proponent and the Crown.</td>
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<td>Strengthening Relationships with First Nations</td>
<td>Belcarra Agreement Signing Ceremony with Tsleil-Waututh Nation (TWN) at the TWN Administration Office.</td>
<td>Tsleil-Waututh Nation and Metro Vancouver Regional District celebrated the signing of an historic co-operation agreement for Belcarra Regional Park, recognizing both Tsleil-Waututh’s ancestral ties to the land and the present-day use by its members.</td>
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<td>Providing Cultural Competency Training</td>
<td>Training session on “Building Relations with First Nation Communities” to Metro Vancouver staff.</td>
<td>Indigenous Relations staff provided a 3.5-hour presentation to 20 staff members on corporate and Board policies as they relate to reconciling with Indigenous Peoples, including engaging with First Nations on construction projects.</td>
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<td>Strengthening Relationships with First Nations</td>
<td>Presentation to Kwikwetlem First Nation Chief and Council on the Coquitlam Watershed.</td>
<td>February 25, 2020</td>
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<td>Strengthening Relationships with First Nations</td>
<td>Presentation to Katzie First Nation Council and staff on Widgeon Marsh Regional Park.</td>
<td>March 3, 2020</td>
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<td>Online Zoom Meeting with Kwikwetlem First Nation Chief and Council and Chief Administrative Officer</td>
<td>April 20, 2020</td>
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<td>Online presentation to Kwantlen First Nation staff on Metro 2050 and Climate 2050</td>
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<td>Online Zoom Presentation to Kwantlen First Nation on the Glenbrook Sewer System upgrade project.</td>
<td>May 6, 2020</td>
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<td>Strengthening Relationships with First Nations</td>
<td>Two separate online Zoom meetings with the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans, BC Hydro and Kwikwetlem First Nation.</td>
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<td>Lunch and Learn session for Metro Vancouver staff about National Indigenous Peoples Day. (subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions) Monday, June 15 or Tuesday, June 16, 2020</td>
<td>Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Indigenous Relations staff was in the process of coordinating a Lunch and Learn session for Metro Vancouver staff featuring a guest presenter from one of the local First Nation communities.</td>
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<td><strong>Raising Awareness</strong></td>
<td>Municipal Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) on Indigenous Relations meeting with an invited presentation from the Musqueam Capital Corporation. June 17, 2020</td>
<td>The presentation portion of this meeting will be devoted to municipal staff receiving a presentation on Musqueam’s business model approach and partnerships with construction companies.</td>
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<td><strong>Strengthening Relationships with First Nations</strong></td>
<td>National Indigenous Peoples Day at Rocky Point in Port Moody (subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions) Sunday, June 21, 2020</td>
<td>Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Metro Vancouver staff was invited by Kwikwetlem First Nation to celebrate this National Indigenous Peoples Day event in Port Moody when the First Nation will unveil totem poles carved using logs from downed cedar trees from within the Coquitlam Watershed.</td>
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<td><strong>Strengthening Relationships with First Nations</strong></td>
<td>National Indigenous Peoples Day at Trout Lake in Vancouver. (subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions) Sunday, June 21, 2020</td>
<td>Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Metro Vancouver was in the process of applying to take part in the annual National Indigenous Peoples Day event at Trout Lake in Vancouver. This is the largest such event in BC. Metro Vancouver has had a booth and its water wagon at the 2018 and 2019 events which were both very successful and well attended.</td>
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<td><strong>Raising Awareness</strong></td>
<td>Presentation to the Environmental Regulation and Enforcement staff within Parks and Environment Department. Date: TBA</td>
<td>Indigenous Relations and Legal Services staff will provide training to 45 Metro Vancouver staff as part of building cultural awareness.</td>
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<td><strong>Raising Awareness</strong></td>
<td>Presentation to the Zero Waste Subcommittee of the Regional Engineers Advisory Committee (REAC). Date: TBA</td>
<td>Indigenous Relations staff will provide a 30-minute presentation on Metro Vancouver’s approach and process for engaging First Nations on construction projects.</td>
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<td><strong>Raising Awareness</strong></td>
<td>Presentation to the Water Services Operations and Maintenance Technical Team. Date: TBA</td>
<td>Indigenous Relations and Legal Services staff will provide training for up to 20 Metro Vancouver staff as part of building cultural awareness.</td>
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<td><strong>Raising Awareness</strong></td>
<td>Presentation to Solid Waste Services staff. Date: TBA</td>
<td>Indigenous Relations staff will provide training to 20+ Metro Vancouver staff as part of building cultural awareness.</td>
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To: Indigenous Relations Committee

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

Date: May 19, 2020

Meeting Date: May 28, 2020

Subject: Manager’s Report

RECOMMENDATION
That the Indigenous Relations Committee receive for information the report dated May 19, 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.

Work Plan
Attachment 1 of this report sets out the committee’s work plan for 2020. The status of the work program elements is indicated as pending, in progress, or complete. The listing is updated as needed to include new issues that arise, items requested by the committee, and changes in the schedule.

Regional Gathering Update
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and physical distancing restrictions, the Regional Gathering event originally scheduled to take place in 2020 is postponed until 2021. In place of the Regional Gathering this year, Metro Vancouver staff is exploring the possibility of facilitating a series of short videos in which members of First Nation communities within our region share their thoughts on reconciliation activities. The videos would be available to the public on Metro Vancouver’s website.

Katzie Election Results
On February 27, 2020, Katzie First Nation held its election for Council. The Chief, Grace George, had on January 28, 2020 been acclaimed to her position. This new term will be Chief Grace’s second term of office. There were also no changes to the makeup of Council members from the previous term. Re-elected Council members include: Councillor Rick Bailey, Councillor Peter James, and Councillor David Kenworthy. A congratulatory letter, jointly signed by the Metro Vancouver Board Chair and Chair of the Indigenous Relations Committee, was sent to Chief Grace and members of Council (Attachment 2).

Signing Ceremony for the Belcarra Regional Park Cultural Planning and Co-Operation Agreement
On February 18, 2020, a signing ceremony was held between Metro Vancouver and Tsleil-Waututh Nation at the Tsleil-Waututh Nation’s Administration Office to publicly announce the Cultural Planning and Co-Operation Agreement for Belcarra Regional Park. The event attracted approximately 60 people and was covered by media. Metro Vancouver and Tsleil-Waututh Nation will next hold an initial joint committee meeting under the agreement to identify issues of interest for discussion and
action. One of the activities to be discussed at the first meeting will be to identify a future date for a celebration at Belcarra Regional Park.

Attachments:
1. Indigenous Relations Committee 2020 Work Plan
2. Correspondence dated March 16, 2020 to Chief Grace George and Members of Council, Katzie First Nation, re: Katzie First Nation Election Results, from Sav Dhaliwal, Chair, Metro Vancouver Board and Mary-Ann Booth, Chair, Metro Vancouver Indigenous Relations Committee.
## Indigenous Relations Committee 2020 Work Plan

**Report Date:** May 19, 2020

### Priorities

#### 1st Quarter

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<td>Appoint a Committee representative to the Katzie treaty table</td>
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<td>Appoint a Committee representative to the UBCM Indigenous Relations Committee</td>
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<td>Appoint a Committee representative as an Observer to the Fraser Valley Regional Indigenous Relations Committee</td>
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<td>Receive a quarterly update on reconciliation activities</td>
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<td>Metro Vancouver staff lunch and learn session on a reconciliation topic</td>
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<td>Host Metro Vancouver booth at Trout Lake on National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21)</td>
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<td>Metro Vancouver staff lunch and learn session on a reconciliation topic on or about the time of Orange Shirt Day (September 30)</td>
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Chief Grace George and Members of Council  
Katzie First Nation  
19700 Salish Road  
Pitt Meadows, BC V3Y 2G6  
VIA EMAIL: Grace@katzie.ca

Dear Chief George and Members of Council:

Katzie First Nation Election Results

On behalf of the Metro Vancouver Board and its Indigenous Relations Committee, we write to congratulate you on your recent acclamation as Chief as well as election victories of all Members of Council.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your community on various intergovernmental issues of mutual interest, including Widgeon Marsh Regional Park and North West Langley Wastewater Treatment Plant, as well as other infrastructure projects and planning initiatives in the region.

We also look forward to your participating with us and other members of the Metro Vancouver Board and Indigenous Relations Committee, together with elected Chiefs and Councillors from the 10-member First Nations in the region, at the Regional Gathering to be hosted by Tsawwassen First Nation in July 2020. We will further communicate additional information to you about the event date, time and location as additional details become available.

In the meantime, please feel free to contact us at your convenience if you have any questions or issues you would like to discuss. All the best to you as you begin your new term of office.

Yours truly,

Sav Dhaliwal  
Chair, Metro Vancouver Board

Mary-Ann Booth  
Chair, Metro Vancouver Indigenous Relations Committee
Indigenous Peer Support

BRIEFING NOTE

Attn: Mayor Mary-Ann Booth, Chair, Indigenous Relations Committee, Board of Directors of Metro Vancouver

Issue

First Nations people in BC are disproportionately impacted by the ongoing opioid public health emergency. Substance use is related to intergenerational trauma and ongoing colonialism. Stigma of being an Indigenous person who uses substances contributes to the greater risk of overdose. In addition to substance use, intergenerational trauma can present as: difficulty with emotion regulation, lack of healthy emotional bonding, episodic family violence (physical, sexual, emotional and/or verbal) and distrust of institutions like the public health system.

Background

Canadian Mental Health Association North West Vancouver (CMHA) provides Indigenous Peer Support Training. In partnership with Tsleil Waututh Nation and funded by First Nations Health Authority, CMHA has rolled out peer support training in Tsleil Waututh, Shishalt and Tla’Amin nations. Peer-led groups and one-on-one support have been launched in these communities, and a new intervention, led by those with lived experience not clinical expertise, has helped to fortify communities in a way that is culturally safe and appropriate.

Our peer support initiative is designed to be an opportunity to reclaim wellness and prevent against problematic substance use and death by overdose. Prevention happens through maintaining mental, emotional, spiritual and physical wellness as well as through connection to culture, land and community.

Our literature review of Indigenous peer support did not identify many relevant Indigenous peer support resources, however it did clearly illustrate a need for person-centred knowledge to play a significant role in accessing healing. This is in line with the work we do at CMHA and underpins our peer support work at Foundry, the Hope Centre and across the community.

Current Status and Opportunities

As mentioned above, peer support initiatives are being established at Tsleil-Waututh, Shishalt and Tla’amin Nations. Our process evaluation, led by Reciprocal Consulting, has become a toolkit to be used for scaling the initiative. This toolkit will support Indigenous community members to develop and deliver Indigenous peer support programs. The toolkit includes an evaluation framework that will be the basis of evaluating initiatives in new communities.

The opportunity to leverage this toolkit to provide peer support for Indigenous people living on and off reserve is upon us. CMHA NWV has applied to the Vancouver Foundation to access funding to expand peer support for Indigenous people across North and West Vancouver and the Sunshine Coast.

We provide this briefing to the committee and District to raise awareness of this work, and to launch a larger conversation about the potential for Indigenous Peer Support to be made accessible across the Metro Vancouver region.

“Canadian Mental Health Association – North and West Vancouver Branch”
Charitable Registration No: 10686 4143 RR0001
Indigenous Relations Committee
Reconciliation

Indigenous Peer Support provides the opportunity to formalize foundations of knowledge held by people not by experts or by systems. It is an intervention that has the potential to build hope, meaning, belonging and connection, which help insulate a person against continued pain and violence. It is accessible, affordable and a meaningful step towards reconciliation.

To discuss this request, please connect with Julia Kaisla, Executive Director, CMHA NWV:
Julia.kaisla@cmha.bc.ca.