

Meeting Minutes

First Nations Relations Committee

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

1:00 PM

6th Floor Boardroom
625 Fisgard St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

PRESENT:

Directors: M. Tait (Chair), G. Orr (Vice Chair), D. Blackwell, B. Desjardins, M. Hicks, D. Kobayashi (for R. Martin), J. Loveday, B. Mabberley (for D. Howe), S. Potts (for B. Isitt), N. Taylor (1:08), R. Windsor, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex-officio)

Other Directors: R. Mersereau

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; S. Hallatt, Manager, First Nations Relations; E. Kelch, First Nations Engagement Assistant; E. Gorman, Deputy Corporate Officer; P. Perna, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Director Blackwell, SECONDED by Director Desjardins,
That the agenda for the February 20, 2019 First Nations Relations Committee
meeting be approved as circulated.
CARRIED**

2. Adoption of Minutes

There were no minutes for adoption.

3. Chair's Remarks

The Chair remarked on the following:

- introduced the staff who will be working with the committee including the incoming Manager of the First Nations Relations Division, Don Elliott
- acknowledged retiring Manager, First Nations, Sue Hallatt for her leadership and service excellence at the Capital Regional District
- acknowledged the Directors who served on the Special First Nations Task Force
- the Provincial Budget announcement that will include a revenue sharing agreement between the First Nations and the Province and forthcoming legislation on the implementation of the United Nation Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

The Directors and staff introduced themselves.

4. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

5. Committee Business

5.1. [19-201](#) First Nations Relations Committee Terms of Reference

K. Morley provided an overview of the Terms of Reference.

**MOVED by Director Windsor, SECONDED by Director Blackwell,
That the First Nations Relations Committee receive the Terms of Reference for
information.**

CARRIED

5.2. [19-206](#) Overview of Neighbouring First Nations Communities

S. Hallatt and E. Kelch spoke to a presentation providing an overview of neighbouring First Nations communities and advised of the history of the beginning of building relations, communication, consultation, and engagement with First Nations.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- mapping boundaries and looking at boundaries for electoral areas
- recognizing and identifying other First Nations in the area
- the history of the Douglas Treaty and how it is used today
- the members who are living on-reserve, off-reserve, on other reserves, and non-members living on-reserve
- participation in "Blanket Exercises"

**MOVED by Director Taylor, SECONDED by Alternate Director Maberley,
That the report be received for information.**

CARRIED

5.3. [19-202](#) 2019 Service Plan Amendment for the First Nations Relations Division

K. Morley provided an overview of the report.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- ways to support economic reconciliation
- Request for Proposal for advice on where there are opportunities
- the necessity for prioritizing economic development
- the recommendations and priorities brought forward from the First Nations Task Force Committee
- the difference in needs across the various First Nations groups
- looking at areas of partnership through a feasibility study

**MOVED by Board Chair Plant, SECONDED by Director Blackwell,
That the First Nations Relations Committee recommend to the Capital Regional
District Board:**

**That the Capital Regional District Board approve the amendments to the 2019
Service Plan to undertake the work on the approved Task Force
recommendations with the following additions to be considered at 2019 final**

budget approval:

- a) An ongoing annual increase of \$25,000 to host a Forum of All Councils;
- b) A 1.0 permanent FTE position for administrative support clerk;
- c) An ongoing annual increase of \$7,500 for meeting expenses associated with the First Nations Relations Committee;
- d) A 0.5 permanent FTE increase to the existing 0.5 FTE Community Liaison position (from half time to full time);
- e) An ongoing annual increase of \$50,000 to undertake special projects related to Task Force recommendations, beginning with conducting an Indigenous Economic Development Feasibility Study.

MOVED by Board Chair Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Orr,
That the main motion be amended in item e) to add the word "partnership" after the words "Indigenous Economic Development" and before the words "Feasibility Study".

CARRIED

The question was called on the main motion as amended.

MOVED by Board Chair Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,
That the First Nations Relations Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

That the Capital Regional District Board approve the amendments to the 2019 Service Plan to undertake the work on the approved Task Force recommendations with the following additions to be considered at 2019 final budget approval:

- a) An ongoing annual increase of \$25,000 to host a Forum of All Councils;
- b) A 1.0 permanent FTE position for administrative support clerk;
- c) An ongoing annual increase of \$7,500 for meeting expenses associated with the First Nations Relations Committee;
- d) A 0.5 permanent FTE increase to the existing 0.5 FTE Community Liaison position (from half time to full time);
- e) An ongoing annual increase of \$50,000 to undertake special projects related to Task Force recommendations, beginning with conducting an Indigenous Economic Development Partnership Feasibility Study.

CARRIED

5.4. [19-199](#) Archaeology Policies and Procedures

K. Morley provided an overview of the report.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- planning process obligations when obtaining a building permit
- requirements when capital projects are undertaken
- consultations with planners before a final decision is made
- the requirement resulting in waits to build new homes and clear lots
- sharing information with other municipalities

MOVED by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Board Chair Plant,
That the First Nations Relations Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board that:

This report be received for information.

CARRIED

6. New Business

Discussion ensued regarding the First Nations Relations Committee Chair and staff exploring options for facilitating a dinner with First Nations within the Capital Regional District and the First Nations Relations Committee.

**MOVED by Board Chair Plant, SECONDED by Director Windsor,
That staff and the First Nations Relations Chair be directed to explore the possibility of having a dinner with First Nations within the Capital Regional District and the First Nations Relations Committee to further our relationship building.
CARRIED**

7. Motion to Close the Meeting

7.1. [19-203](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

**MOVED by Director Desjardins, SECONDED by Director Taylor,
That the meeting be closed in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, 90(2),(b),the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the regional district and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.
CARRIED**

The Committee moved to the closed session at 2:41 pm.
The Committee rose from the closed session at 2:47 pm without report.

8. Adjournment

**MOVED by Director Windsor, SECONDED by Director Taylor,
That the February 20, 2019 First Nations Relations Committee be adjourned at 2:47 pm.
CARRIED**

Chair

Recorder