

## Meeting Minutes

### First Nations Relations Committee

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Wednesday, September 30, 2020

1:30 PM

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

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#### Special Meeting

#### PRESENT

Directors: M. Tait (Chair), G. Orr (Vice Chair), B. Desjardins, B. Maberley (for D. Howe), B. Isitt, J. Loveday, R. Martin, N. Taylor, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex-officio)

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; D. Elliott, Manager, First Nations Relations; E. Kelch, First Nations Engagement Assistant; M. Lagoa, Acting Deputy Corporate Officer; S. Closson, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

Regrets: Directors Howe, Windsor

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.

#### 1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Tait provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED** by Director Loveday, **SECONDED** by Director Desjardins,  
That the agenda been amended to include Chair's remarks and the agenda for the September 30, 2020 First Nations Relations Committee meeting be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

#### 3a. Chair's Remarks

Let us begin by first putting today into perspective. Today is Orange Shirt Day. This national event, held on September 30th each year, is a day to honour residential school survivors and their families and to also remember those young people, removed from their family, taken from their community who never made it home.

It is important, as we have done today, to acknowledge the territory where we are gathered and to do our part to understand the reciprocal relationship between Indigenous Peoples and these lands that has lasted since time immemorial. But a day like today presents us all with an opportunity to also turn our minds to the experiences of the 150,000 First Nations, Inuit and Metis children forced through the Residential School system in over 130 of these institutions between 1831 and 1996. Today is about listening to those who have

not been heard, learning about the truth of residential schools and working to do our part in support of those survivors on their healing journey.

Xe'xe'smun'eem is from the Hul'q'umi'num' language and translates as sacred children. The name was chosen to honour all those who have suffered from this system of oppression and assimilation. Xe'se'smun'eem in this context also means respect, responsibility, reciprocity, and purpose.

(The Chair played a short video of Eddy Charlie, a residential school survivor, who shared, in his own words, a little bit of his journey and what the day means to him. She thanked Eddy for his generous permission to share his words at the meeting).

(The Committee honoured the Day with a moment of silence).

These important words open the door to each and every one of us to engage in a conversation on all aspects of residential schools and the legacy they have left behind. And this is a discussion that all Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Canadians can participate in to create bridges with each other toward Reconciliation. Today is a day for survivors to be reaffirmed that they matter, and so do those that have been affected. Every Child Matters, even if they are an adult, from now on.

I wish now to acknowledge the hard work of Phyllis Webstad, whose courage in sharing her experiences of Residential School in 1973 resulted in the creation of Orange Shirt Day in 2013. I also wish to acknowledge Eddy Charlie for his show of strength in the work that he is doing with Orange Shirt Day Victoria and for sharing his words with us here today. Finally, I wish to honour each and every survivor of the Residential School system, their families and the memories of those who never returned. We stand together and work for each other to support healing. It is important to remember that this work, this effort, we will do as a community - together we will lift each other up and move towards a different kind of future. A future where we walk shoulder to shoulder with all Residential School survivors, in support of their path to Reconciliation. "

### **3b. Presentations/Delegations**

There were no presentations or delegations.

## **4. Committee Business**

### **4.1. [20-579](#) First Nations Relations Service Plan 2021**

K. Morley introduced the First Nations Relations Service Plan 2021 and provided a brief history of the CRD First Nations initiatives and spoke to future planning.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- First Nations Economic Opportunity Portal
- local participation in the portal
- criteria for First Nations companies as a service provider
- Greater Victoria Harbour Authority upcoming presentation

**MOVED** by Director Desjardins, **SECONDED** by Director Loveday,  
That the First Nations Relations Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:  
That Appendix A Community Need Summary - First Nations Relations be approved as presented and advanced to the October 28, 2020 provisional budget review process.  
**CARRIED**

**4.2.**     [20-580](#)     First Nations Inclusion in CRD Governance

K. Morley spoke to the First Nations Inclusion in CRD Governance report.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- in camera meetings
- confidentiality agreements
- local government regulations
- remuneration
- Board liability considerations
- requisition funding to CRD
- process clarification and First Nations consultation
- unaffiliated First Nations

**MOVED** by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Taylor,  
That the First Nations Relations Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:  
1. That Bylaw No. 4368, Capital Regional District Board Procedures Bylaw, 2012, Amendment Bylaw No. 11, 2020 be introduced and read a first, second and third time;  
2. That Bylaw No. 4368 be adopted;  
3. That the Terms of Reference for the First Nations Relations Committee, Governance and Finance Committee, Environmental Services Committee, Solid Waste Advisory Committee, Planning Transportation and Protective Services Committee, and Regional Parks Committee be amended to allow for First Nations Membership starting in January 2021; and,  
4. That staff be directed to include \$75,000 in the 2021 Provisional Budget to support the planned amendments to the Board Remuneration and Travel Reimbursement Policy.

**MOVED** by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Loveday,  
That the motion be amended to add item 5. to the recommendation as follows:  
5. That staff report back to the committee by the end of November with options related to closed meetings.

**MOVED** by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Desjardins,  
That the amendment be further amended to replace the words "...back to the committee..." with the words "...back to the Governance and Finance Committee...".  
**CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Loveday,  
5. That staff report back to the Governance and Finance Committee by the end of November with options related to closed meetings.  
**CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Director Martin, **SECONDED** by Director Desjardins,  
That the amended motion remove the words "...by the end of November...".  
**CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Loveday,  
5. That staff report back to the Governance and Finance Committee with options related to closed meetings.

**MOVED** by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Loveday,  
That the amended motion add the words "...in November..." after the words "...to the Governance and Finance Committee...".  
**CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Taylor,  
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**CARRIED**

Director Loveday left the meeting at 2:32 pm.

**4.3.**     [20-578](#)

First Nations Economic Development Partnership Model

D. Elliot spoke to the First Nations Economic Development Partnership Model.

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

That the CRD First Nation Economic Development Partnership Model Feasibility Study Report, 2020 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**5. Notice(s) of Motion**

**6. New Business**

Director Maberley spoke to a newly formed organization of First Nations families on Galiano Island and Chair Tait extended an invitation on behalf of the Committee to them to give a presentation at the next First Nations Relations Committee meeting on November 25th, 2020.

**6.1. Presentation: First Nations Relations Mandate Refresher**

MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Isitt,  
That the presentation provided by Ms. Morley and the First Nations Relations staff  
be provided at the October Board meeting preceding the committee business  
being dealt with.  
CARRIED

**7. Motion to Close the Meeting**

7.1. [20-592](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

MOVED by Board Chair Plant, SECONDED by Director Martin,  
1. That the meeting be closed under Section 21 of FOIPPA in accordance with  
Section 90(1)(j) of the Community Charter.  
2. That the meeting be closed for Intergovernmental Negotiations in accordance  
with Section 90(2)(b) of the Community Charter.  
CARRIED

The meeting went into closed session at 2:46 pm and rose without report at 3:12  
pm.

**8. Adjournment**

MOVED by Board Chair Plant, SECONDED by Director Martin,  
That the September 30, 2020 First Nations Relations Committee meeting be  
adjourned at 3:12 pm.  
CARRIED

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Chair

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Recorder