

Meeting Minutes

First Nations Relations Committee

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

1:30 PM

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

PRESENT

Directors: M. Tait (Chair), B. Desjardins (Vice Chair), P. Brent (for D. Howe) (EP), F. Haynes (EP), B. Isitt (1:34 pm) (EP), K. Murdoch (EP), G. Orr (EP), K. Kahakauwila (for J. Ranns) (EP), L. Seaton (EP), K. Williams (EP), C. Plant (Board Chair, ex-officio)

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; T. Robbins, General Manager, Integrated Water Services; C. Vernon, Manager, First Nations Relations; J. Leahy, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; S. Orr, Senior Committee Clerk (Recorder); A. Doiron, Clerk Typist (Recorder)

Guest: M. Hicks (EP)

EP – Electronic Participation

Regrets: D. Howe, J. Ranns

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

The Chair provided the Territorial Acknowledgement

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Desjardins, **SECONDED** by Director Plant,
That the agenda for the January 26, 2022 First Nations Relations Committee meeting be approved and to allow Director Hicks to participate in the open and closed sessions.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [22-052](#) Minutes of the September 22, 2021 First Nations Relations Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Desjardins,
That the minutes of the First Nations Relations Committee meeting of September 22, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

While it has been some time since our committee met, we certainly have all been busy out in the field doing a lot of different work as best as we can. A few things that are coming up for you to mark on your calendars. On February 23, 2022 we are hosting board training with the Indigenous Perspectives Society. This inter-cultural skills training will be to support all directors to continue building responsible government to government relations with First Nations, and while you may have all participated in some form of training, whether through the CRD or through another entity, we do encourage you to attend because I feel this is a lifelong journey of learning and the more time that we share and reflect together will always lead to more questions and more learning and that is part of the process. Please mark your calendars for that and I look forward to seeing you all there. The Moose Hide Day has been postponed from February this year and will take place May 12. It is important to recognize the significant work of this campaign, it is an indigenous led, grass-roots movement of men and boys across Canada to stand up to end violence against women and children. The campaign is an opportunity for all Canadians to stand together in ceremony, reconciliation and solidarity. Those that attended UBCM may have likely received a moose hyde. As a mother to a son, I have a hyde and wear it myself as I think we all have a role to play. Wearing the hyde helps spread awareness. Moving forward, the Provincial Government is continuing to find ways to implement the Declaration Act and to bring BC legislation inline with the UN Declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples. Part of the draft action plan that has been developed focuses on First Nations joining regional district boards. We will likely hear more about that soon and the information will come to this committee when its available.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [22-058](#) 2022 First Nations Relations Committee Terms of Reference

K. Morley spoke to Item 6.1.

**MOVED by Director Desjardins, SECONDED by Director Plant,
That the First Nations Relations Committee receive the 2022 Terms of Reference
attached at Appendix A.**

CARRIED

6.2. [22-074](#) First Nations Relations Operational Update

C. Vernon spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Timing of initiatives
- Additional cultural training for municipalities

MOVED by Director Desjardins, **SECONDED** by Director Plant,
The First Nations Relations Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:
That the First Nations Relations Operational Update report be received for information
CARRIED

7. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no Notice(s) of Motion.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Motion to Close the Meeting

9.1. [22-079](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

MOVED by Director Desjardins, **SECONDED** by Director Plant,
1. That the meeting be closed for Intergovernmental Negotiations in accordance with Section 90(2)(b) of the Community Charter.
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Desjardins, **SECONDED** by Director Plant,
2. That the meeting be closed for Land Acquisition in accordance with Section 90(1)(e) of the Community Charter.
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Desjardins, **SECONDED** by Director Plant,
3. That such disclosures could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the Regional District.
CARRIED

The First Nations Relations Committee moved into the closed session at 1:46 pm.

The First Nations Relations Committee rose from its closed session at 2:44 pm.

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Seaton,
That the January 26, 2022 First Nations Relations Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:45 pm.
CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER