

Meeting Minutes

First Nations Relations Committee

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

1:30 PM

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

PRESENT

Directors: B. Desjardins (Acting Chair), M. Tait (Chair) (EP), P. Brent (for D. Howe) (EP), K. Harper (for F. Haynes) (EP), M. Hicks (EP), K. Murdoch, G. Orr (EP), J. Ranns (EP), L. Seaton, K. Williams (EP), C. Plant (Board Chair, ex-officio)

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; T. Robbins, General Manager, Integrated Water Services; C. Vernon, Manager, First Nations Relations; S. Carey, Senior Manager, Legal Services; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; S. Orr, Senior Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP – Electronic Participation

Regrets: Directors Haynes, Howe, Isitt

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Acting Chair Desjardins provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Seaton,
That the agenda for the April 27, 2022 First Nations Relations Committee meeting
be approved.
CARRIED**

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [22-282](#)

Minutes of the January 26, 2022 First Nations Relations Committee Meeting

**MOVED by Director Murdoch, SECONDED by Director Seaton,
That the minutes of the First Nations Relations Committee Meeting of January 26,
2022 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED**

4. Chair's Remarks

The BC government recently released its action plan for how its going to implement the Declaration Act over the next five years. One of the actions

which falls under the goal of indigenous self-determination and self-governance, is to support inclusive regional governance by advancing First Nations regional participation in regional boards. There are no details yet on how or when this will be implemented and we look to staff to keep us updated and bring forward recommendations for the role of CRD. There are 88 actions identified in the action plan, at least some of which are likely to be felt in our work. There is one action, to review the principles and processes that guide the naming of municipalities and regional districts and evolve practices to foster reconciliation in local processes. Others focus on collaborative land stewardship, indigenous employment, essential training and much more. We will discuss these actions items more in the future. I would also like to recognize that May 5, 2022 is national day of awareness for missing and murdered indigenous women, girls and gender diverse people. The day is also known as Red Dress Day, as you will see red dresses hanging in neighbourhoods to bring attention to the issue. The national inquiry into missing and murdered indigenous women and girls called on all levels of government, including local government to take steps to address violence against indigenous women girls and gender diverse people. As we work to build relationships with local First Nations, and take steps toward reconciliation, it will be important to honour what the national inquiry calls for justice are and what we can do within our jurisdictions to ensure safety security and human dignity for all families.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [22-290](#) Procurement Policy Amendments for Procurement from Indigenous Businesses

K. Morley spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- non-competitive award values
- prioritization of local First Nations
- consultation with First Nations
- program criteria for selecting bidders
- policy review schedule

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

That the Procurement Policy be amended as attached as Appendix "A".

CARRIED

Opposed: Ranns

6.2. [22-271](#) First Nations Relations Communications Framework

C. Vernon presented Item 6.2. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding the information in the report.

Motion Arising

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

That the First Nations Relations Communication Framework report be circulated to member municipalities.

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. [22-283](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

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

CARRIED

The First Nations Relations Committee moved into the closed session at 2:01 pm.

The First Nations Relations Committee rose from its closed session at 2:08 pm.

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Seaton, **SECONDED** by Director Murdoch,
That the April 27, 2022 First Nations Relations Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:08 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER