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Minutes of a Meeting of the SPECIAL TASK FORCE ON FIRST NATIONS ENGAGEMENT

Held Wednesday, March 23, 2016, at 8:00 a.m.

Room 651, 6th Floor, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC

PRESENT: Directors: M. Alto (Chair), R. Kasper, B. Desjardins (Board Chair, ex-Officio)

Staff: S. Hallatt, E. Nahser-Ringer (Recorder)

Regrets: R. Windsor

The meeting was called to order at 8:00am

1. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved by consensus of the committee.

2. Chair's Remarks

3. Interactions with First Nations

Item was moved to May meeting.

4. Update / Review of 2015 Activities

a. Orientation material to new members

Binders were handed out to new members, discussion took place of which Nations the Task Force met with over 2015.

There was a brief discussion about watershed tours for First Nations in May. Erich expressed to the Task Force that Tsawout First Nation wants their water rates request addressed before they are going to talk about Governance. Aboriginal Initiatives staff are assisting their colleagues at Integrated Water with a staff report to the Regional Water Supply Commission regarding the request for a special First Nations water rate.

5. Terms of Reference update

The FN Task Force's new ToR for 2016 has also been tasked with selecting appropriate cultural education for the Board as part of its Strategic Priorities.

The goal of this Task Force is to present the committee's findings and provide recommendations for First Nations participation in regional decision making, for the Board's consideration by November of 2016

6. Workplan for 2016

A draft workplan, developed by staff, was discussed. Staff were directed to develop ½ day cultural awareness workshop for a Forum of Councils at a location other than the CRD sometime later in the spring, with the intention of following up with a more in depth workshop in the Fall, that has a reconciliation focus.

7. Roundtable: Aspirations for the TF goals and outcomes

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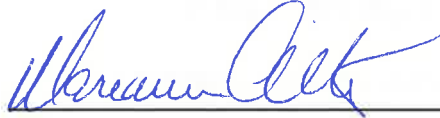
8. New Business

No new business


9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55am

The next meeting is scheduled for May 4th at 11:30am at CRD Headquarters



CHAIR


COMMITTEE CLERK