



Minutes of the SPECIAL TASK FORCE ON FIRST NATIONS RELATIONS

Wednesday, March 7, 2018, at 11:30am

Room 387, 3rd Floor, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC

Present: M. Alto, M. Tait

Regrets: R. Windsor, S. Price

Staff: S. Hallatt, E. Kelch, T. Stott, K. Morley

1. Chair's Remarks

Welcome to Kristen Morley as incoming General Manager, Corporate Services that oversees the First Nations Relations Division.

It was noted that approval of the November 29th, 2017 minutes was omitted from the agenda:

Moved by Director Alto, Seconded by Director Tait that the November 29th, 2017 minutes be approved as presented.

2. First Nations Relations Division Work plan 2018

Ms. Hallatt reviewed highlights from the First Nations Relations Division Work plan for 2018:

- The Task Force's next quarterly report is Due April 11th
- The potential Forum of Councils for May 30th for a Douglas Treaty Education day was postponed until a future Forum of Councils date.
- The compensation policy is under development with our HR department
- WSANEC Leadership Council is continuing and we are canvassing for the next date
- Both the Tseycum and Pacheedaht Nations are requesting a MOU on Archaeology therefore a CRD policy is being drafted
- The Island View Beach Co-management agreement is well under way. A legal option is being sought regarding the inability to co-governance due to restrictions under the Local Government Act.
- First Nations Housing is coming to the forefront as an emerging priority and CRD will be holding a summit with all Nations likely in May at Tsawout.

Chair Alto thanked Ms. Hallatt for her review of the work plan.

3. Discussion of First Nations Task Force Final Report

Chair Alto remarked that she had a work planning meeting in which she developed an outline for the completion of the First Nations Task Force Final Report. She stated that she felt the goal was to have a suite of recommendations prior to the election of the new Board members so that they may set the new Board up in continuing this important work. The suite of recommendations will include some that are seeking approval from the outgoing Board members and some that are recommendations for the incoming Board members to consider. For example, the Statement of Reconciliation will be seeking approval from the outgoing Board members as a culmination of the past four years of work of the existing Task Force members. It was noted that the existing Board has developed capacity with regards to First Nations Relations and should be setting the foundation for the work with the Nations to continue on track. A number of options for continuing this work via a committee as well as resources were discussed.

Ms. Hallatt outlined items for inclusion in the First Nations Task Force Final Report as follows:

1. Governance Recommendations
2. First Nations Relations Division resourcing
3. Task Force continuation or completion
4. Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action Response
5. Board Statement of Reconciliation

The final report will be submitted to the Board meeting on Oct. 10, 2018.

4. Updates on activities
 - a. Cultural Training
 - b. Archaeology
 - c. Douglas Treaty Education

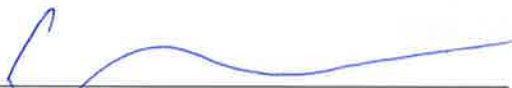
It was determined that these items were covered in the work plan update.

5. New Business

Next meeting to take place April 4, 2018 from 11:30 – 1:30.



Task Force Chair, Director Alto



Clerk, Erich Kelch