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Minutes of the SPECIAL TASK FORCE ON FIRST NATIONS RELATIONS

Wednesday, April 4, 2018, at 11:30am

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

Present: M. Alto, R. Windsor

Regrets: S. Price, M. Tait

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

1. Chair's Remarks

The Chair had no remarks.

2. Approval of Minutes

The Chair requested one change to the minutes of March 7, 2018; that under item 2 the reference to a potential date for a Forum of Councils conclude by saying "therefore delayed until next year" for clarification.

Moved by Director Windsor, Seconded by Director Alto that the March 7, 2018 minutes be approved as amended.

3. Archaeology policy for the CRD

Ms. Hallatt reviewed that an internal policy is needed to ensure CRD actions are aligned with the Heritage Act and other obligations. Our Executive Leadership Team (ELT) is developing a flow chart and is about three months away from having a draft policy. Once a draft is produced we will consult with the Nations about joint protocols.

Director Windsor noted that there are important pieces related to the archaeology piece including artifacts and repatriation of items and the Task Force should consider if CRD can support repatriation as an item of reconciliation.

Ms. Morley noted that the ELT hasn't committed to a policy but to evaluation of our obligations so that the CRD can be proactive. Director Windsor noted that this should be included in the Task Force's final report.

4. Task Force Final Report

a.) Governance Options:

Discussion of the barriers to representation by First Nations on the Board. It was determined that a further letter be sent to Minister Scott Fraser Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation to follow up on the November meeting

request. It was also discussed that the Board needs a remuneration policy for First Nations participation on CRD committees or commissions.

b.) First Nations Task Force – next iteration

The direction of the Task Force recommendation to the next Board was discussed. It was suggested that a First Nations Relations Chair be elected or appointed as a visible representative to First Nations on a political level. It was discussed that the Task Force complete its work and allow the new Board to make decisions on how to resource this work.

The Task Force discussed the potential of pausing the work of the Task Force after the election of the new Board while it decides how to move forward with this process. The current Task Force cannot obligate the new Board for how to move forward. The process issue will be left to the next Board to resolve.

c.) Reconciliation statement

Mr. Kelch reviewed the need for and limitations of a statement of reconciliation. A context statement for why the CRD is doing this work is needed and is to be guided by UNDRIP. Three areas have emerged: self-determination, land and economic opportunity. These items may also be brought to the next strategic Planning.

5. New Business

a.) Penelakut Meeting

The first meeting with Penelakut regarding the Ganges Sewage Treatment upgrade will take place on Wednesday April 18th.

b.) Tsawout Blanket Workshop – Tsawout has organized a blanket workshop with Central Saanich on April 23rd and Chair Price will attend for the CRD.

c.) Reporting – A quarterly report be completed for May and then a final report be completed for Oct. 10th.

Next meeting to take place May 2, 2018 from 11:30 – 1:30.



Task Force Chair, Director Alto



Clerk, Erieh Kelch