

Meeting Minutes

First Nations Relations Committee

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

1:30 PM

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

PRESENT

Directors: M. Tait (Chair) (EP), R. Windsor (Acting Chair), M. Alto, P. Brent (EP), B. Desjardins (EP) (1:40 pm), S. Goodmanson, M. Little, K. Murdoch (1:33 pm), K. Williams

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; C. Vernon, Manager, First Nations Relations (EP); S. Huculak, Manager, Archeology, First Nations Relations (EP); E. Bildfell, First Nations Relations Advisor; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; S. Orr, Senior Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP – Electronic Participation

Regrets: Director C. Plant,

Guest: K. Porttris, Porttris Consulting

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Acting Chair Windsor provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Alto, **SECONDED** by Director Little,
That the agenda for the September 27, 2023 First Nations Relations Committee meeting be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [23-681](#) Minutes of the April 26, 2023 First Nations Relations Committee Meeting

Director Murdoch joined the meeting in person at 1:33 pm.

MOVED by Director Little, **SECONDED** by Director Williams,
That the minutes of the First Nations Relations Committee meeting of April 26, 2023 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Acting Chair Windsor noted the upcoming holiday, National Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30, 2023. He acknowledged that its a time to reflect on the calls for action made by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. He encouraged all CRD staff and Directors to commit to listen, learn and build stronger relationships with First Nations on who traditional territories we operate. He stated that must always acknowledge the harm that was done, lives lost, and the ongoing inter-generational trauma as a result of removing indigenous children from their families and forcing them to attend residential schools. He expressed his appreciation to all indigenous leaders for showing us how we can work together in new and better ways. He encouraged everyone to show up on September 30 at the South Island Pow-Wow at Royal Athletic park.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [23-700](#) Service Planning 2024 - First Nations Community Need Summary

K. Morley spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- consultation on service agreements
- capacity funding related to increased staffing
- treaty negotiations

Director Desjardins joined the meeting electronically at 1:40 pm.

MOVED by Director Murdoch, SECONDED by Director Goodman, The First Nations Relations Committee recommends the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

That Appendix A, Community Need Summary - First Nations, be approved as presented and form the basis of the Provisional 2024-2028 Financial Plan.

CARRIED

6.2. [23-548](#) First Nations Relations Operational Update

C. Vernon presented Item 6.2. for information.

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. [23-682](#) Motion to Close the Meeting**

MOVED by Director Williams, **SECONDED** by Director Little,

1. 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 went into the Closed Session at 2:02 pm.

The First Nations Relations Committee rose from the Closed Session at 2:21 pm without report.

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Alto, **SECONDED** by Director Murdoch,

That the September 27, 2023 First Nations Relations Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:22 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER