

Meeting Minutes

First Nations Relations Committee

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

1:30 PM

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

PRESENT:

Directors: M. Tait (Chair), H. Gartshore (for G. Orr), D. Blackwell, B. Desjardins, M. Hicks, B. Isitt (1:36), J. Loveday, R. Martin, N. Taylor (1:38), R. Windsor, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex-officio)

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; D. Elliott, Manager, Aboriginal Initiatives; E. Kelch, First Nations Engagement Assistant; E. Gorman, Deputy Corporate Officer; S. Closson, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

Guest: Tanya Claremont, Victoria Native Friendship Centre; Marianne Alto, Alternate Director

Regrets: Director Howe

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 pm.

Chair Tait provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

1. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Director Taylor, SECONDED by Director Loveday,
That the agenda for the May 15, 2019 First Nations Relations Committee meeting
be approved.
CARRIED**

2. Adoption of Minutes

2.1. [19-521](#) Minutes of the February 20, 2019 First Nations Relations Committee Meeting

Discussion ensued on the following:

- Nation and First Nations Relations Committee dinner
- Pacheedaht First Nation expression of interest in hosting dinner

**MOVED by Board Chair Plant, SECONDED by Director Taylor,
That the minutes of the First Nations Relations Committee meeting of Feb 20,
2019 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED**

3. Chair's Remarks

Chair's comments on the following:

- Gratitude for today's meeting
- Recognition and thanks to staff for reports

- Welcome to Don Elliott as Manager of Aboriginal Initiatives

4. Presentations/Delegations

4.1. [19-525](#) Victoria Urban Reconciliation Dialogue

Tanya Claremont from the Victoria Native Friendship Centre spoke on the Victoria Urban Reconciliation Dialogue presentation.

Discussion ensued on property management.

5. Committee Business

5.1. [19-490](#) First Nations Relations Division Overview

D. Elliot spoke to the First Nations Relations Division Overview.

E. Kelch spoke to the engagement aspect of the First Nations Relations Division.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- New initiatives from the department
- Archaeological referrals
- Treaty negotiations
- Progress on co-management with First Nations and the Regional Park System
- Te'mexw Treaty Advisory Committee (TTAC) meeting updates

5.2. [19-519](#) Staff Report: Proposed Amendment to Bylaw No. 3828, the "Capital Regional District Board Procedure Bylaw, 2012" to add Territorial Acknowledgement

K. Morley spoke to Bylaw 3828, to include the Territorial Acknowledgement as a formal agenda item in all CRD Board and Committee meetings.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- Culture change, symbol of reconciliation
- Process for sequential Hospital and Regional Board meetings
- Consultation with staff for regional wording relative to specific committees

**MOVED by Director Isitt, SECONDED by Director Loveday,
That the First Nations Relations Standing Committee recommend to the Board:
1. That Staff be directed to prepare an amending bylaw to the "Capital Regional District Board Procedure Bylaw, 2012" to add Territorial Acknowledgment to meeting agendas; and,
CARRIED**

**MOVED by Director Windsor, SECONDED by Director Loveday,
2. That the amending bylaw be referred directly to Board for readings and adoption without further review by committee.
CARRIED**

5.3. [19-491](#) Staff Report: Update on Inter-Governmental Working Group and UBCM Indigenous Relations

D. Elliot spoke to the Update on Inter-Governmental Working Group and UBCM Indigenous Relations Staff Report.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- Opportunity for political advocacy
- Indigenous Relations Committee
- Compass Newsletter subscription option
- Progress on Task Force recommendations

**MOVED by Director Windsor, SECONDED by Director Blackwell,
That the First Nations Relations Standing Committee recommend to the Board:
That CRD advance Recommendation No. 2 of the Task Force report by engaging
with UBCM at a staff and political level to elevate those Special Task Force
objectives that have provincial or legislative implications.
CARRIED**

5.4. [19-488](#)

Staff Report: Government of Canada Budget 2019 - Chapter 3: Advancing Reconciliation

D. Elliot spoke to the Government of Canada Budget 2019 - Chapter 3: Advancing Reconciliation Staff Report.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- First Nations resource capacity
- Advocacy consideration
- Government funding support

**MOVED by Director Windsor, SECONDED by Director Blackwell,
That the First Nations Relations Standing Committee receive this report for
information.
CARRIED**

6. New Business

There was no new business.

7. Adjournment

**MOVED by Director Hicks, SECONDED by Director Taylor,
That the May 15, 2019 First Nations Relations Committee meeting be adjourned at
2:54 pm.
CARRIED**

Chair

Recorder