



**Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

6:00pm-8:30pm

Town Hall Room, City Hall

**Interim Leadership Team:** Jesse Veenstra, Georgia Stanley, David Speight, Kimberly Hodgson

**Meeting Chairs:** Georgia Stanley and Jesse Veenstra

**Council Members:** Nikoo Boroumand, Clare Cullen, Caitlin Dorward, Zsuzsi Fodor, Kimberly Hodgson, Stephanie Lim, Stefan Misse, Tara Moreau, Jessica Pautsch, Marc Schutzbank

**City-Appointed Liaisons:** Sarah Carten (Social Policy, CoV)

**Regrets:** David Speight, Kevin Huang, Sharnelle Jenkins-Thompson, Brianne Miller, Aditia Rudra, Councillor Carr (City Council) Claire Gram (Vancouver Coastal Health), Commissioner Wiebe (Park Board)

**Leave of Absence:** Dirk Gibbs

**Absent:** Joy Alexander (VSB), Lindsay Bisschop (MoAg), Councillor Deal (City Council), Megan Herod (Park Board)

**1 Homelands acknowledgement**

*We acknowledge that we are on the unceded homelands of the ʷməθkʷəyəm (Musqueam), skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and sel̓ilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations and we give thanks for their generosity and hospitality on these lands*

**2 Approve minutes from May meeting**

Moved by Marc, seconded by Stefan, carried unanimously.

Noting that July will be one of the last opportunities to work on VFPC priorities, members are asked to advise the chairs which priority working group they will join.

**3 Membership update**

Damien has stepped down from the council. Jesse will check with the clerk's office about quorum and add the response to the member resources page.

- Meeting will be adjourned after the Indigenous food systems workshop with Dawn Morrison
- It was noted that the workshop may be filmed, audience is unclear, are there concerns around that? Not consistent with closed meeting. Filming should be focused on Dawn. Options were discussed and considered. Filming did not end up taking place.

**4 Liaison Updates**

- City Councillors - Adriane Carr & Heather Deal  
No update available.
- Parks Board Commissioner - Michael Wiebe  
No update available.
- Parks Board Staff - Megan Herod  
No update available.
- VSB Trustee - Joy Alexander  
No update available.
- City Staff - Sarah Carten  
Food assets definition- Cultural communities advisory group is being consulted. Feedback can be added to the document, or sent to Sarah directly. In the fall, Sarah will share the document for final thoughts.
- Vancouver Coastal Health - Claire Gram

No update available.

- Ministry of Agriculture - Lindsay Bisschop  
No update available.

#### Other updates

- Poverty Action Advisory Committee - Zsuzsi  
A report will go to council on July 10, speakers are welcome. The City is looking for short and mid-term actions, and the timing will be aligned time with provincial and federal strategies. It was suggested that City Planners could present at the VFPC for a special meeting. There was a suggestion to have a city advisory committee focused on poverty advisory. For the stakeholder process, best practices were used but there are questions of context regarding who was asked what, and to what end. The report will be examined after to look for pieces that could inform VFPC's work in the fall.
- All Our Father's Relations Film Screening - 139 attendees (including 50 subsidized tickets). The small profit of \$300 will be stewarded by Hua Foundation. VFPC will determine how to use the remaining funds.
- Capital budget - Propose to draft a motion for the Capital budget process to fund research and consultants to support VFPC initiatives.

Motion:

To provide feedback on the food component of the capital budget over email and other communication means, with the intent of making a submission to the City.

Moved by Caitlin seconded by Marc, carried unanimously.

#### **5 Working Group Updates** Tabled.

#### **6 Reconciliation priority - Workshop: Indigenous food systems with Dawn Morrison**

Dawn introduced Senaqwila Wyss, who welcomed VFPC with a traditional song. She then presented on her work with indigenous food systems in BC. The meeting served as an introductory conversation.

Dawn discussed protocol around visiting and doing work in different Indigenous territories. This is different for different Nations and territories. When she travels she will let people know: who she is, where she comes from, what her business on this land is, and how her work will benefit the people of this land.

Dawn shared information on the Decolonizing Research and Relationships Methodology, which includes the four pillars:

1. Sacredness
2. Participatory nature of indigenous food sovereignty
3. Self-determination
4. Policy

Dawn is developing a report which will provide more detail and serve as the official record of the workshop. She suggested and offered to do a second workshop with VFPC in August to continue the conversation and learning. The Reconciliation Working Group will work with Dawn to determine a date and priority goals for this session.

#### **7 Bread basket**

#### **8 Motion to adjourn**

Moved by Marc, seconded by Caitlin.