METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
INDIGENOUS RELATIONS COMMITTEE

MEETING
Friday, April 12, 2024
9:00 am
28th Floor Committee room, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, British Columbia
Webstream available at https://www.metrovancouver.org

AGENDA

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. April 12, 2024 Meeting Agenda
   That the Indigenous Relations Committee adopt the agenda for its meeting
   scheduled for April 12, 2024 as circulated.

B. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1. February 1, 2024 Meeting Minutes
   That the Indigenous Relations Committee adopt the minutes of its meeting held
   February 1, 2024 as circulated.

C. DELEGATIONS

D. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

1. Kristen Morley, General Manager of Corporate Services, Capital Regional District
   Subject: Capital Regional District Update on Approaches to First Nations Relations

E. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. A Day in Life of the Metro Vancouver Archaeologist
   Verbal Update
   Designated Speaker: Jess Morrison, Archaeologist, Metro Vancouver

2. Fleetwood Reservoir Cultural Element
   Verbal Update
   Designated Speaker: Lena Zordan, Acting Program Manager, Community
   Engagement, Water Services

1 Note: Recommendation is shown under each item, where applicable.
April 1, 2024

1 of 28
3. **Technical Working Groups with Local First Nations**

That the Indigenous Relations Committee receive for information the report dated April 1, 2024, titled “Technical Working Groups with Local First Nations.”

4. **Quarterly Update Report on Reconciliation Activities**

That the Indigenous Relations Committee receive for information the report dated April 1, 2024 titled “Quarterly Update Report on Reconciliation Activities.”

5. **Manager’s Report**

That the Indigenous Relations Committee receive for information the report dated April 1, 2024, titled “Manager’s Report.”

F. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. **Correspondence re: ḡičá’y (Katzie First Nation) election results to Chief Grace George, dated February 28, 2024**

G. **OTHER BUSINESS**

H. **RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING**

*Note: The Committee must state by resolution the basis under section 90 of the Community Charter on which the meeting is being closed. If a member wishes to add an item, the basis must be included below.*

That the Indigenous Relations Committee close its meeting scheduled for April 12, 2024 pursuant to section 226 (1) (a) of the *Local Government Act* and the *Community Charter* provisions as follows:

90 (1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and
- (m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting;

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

That the Indigenous Relations Committee adjourn its meeting of April 12, 2024.

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Membership:

Dhaliwal, Sav (C) – Burnaby
Ferguson, Steve (VC) – Langley Township
Albrecht, Paul – Langley City
Boyle, Christine – Vancouver
Cassidy, Laura – scàwàʔsn masteyaxw (Tsawwassen First Nation)

Dilworth, Diana – Port Moody
Elke, Tracy – Pitt Meadows
Hanson, Jim – North Vancouver District
Johnstone, Patrick – New Westminster
Locke, Brenda – Surrey
Loo, Alexa – Richmond

Mandewo, Trish – Coquitlam
Ruimy, Dan – Maple Ridge
Lum, Jason – Observer
McMahon, Donna – Observer
Rainbow, Tony – Observer
METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT  
INDIGENOUS RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Indigenous Relations Committee held at 9:02 am on Thursday, February 1, 2024 in the 28th Floor Committee Room, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Chair, Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Burnaby  
Vice Chair, Councillor Steve Ferguson, Langley Township  
Councillor Paul Albrecht, Langley City  
Councillor Christine Boyle*, Vancouver  
Councillor Tracy Elke, Pitt Meadows  
Councillor Jim Hanson, North Vancouver District  
Mayor Patrick Johnstone, New Westminster  
Mayor Brenda Locke, Surrey (arrived at 9:13 am)  
Councillor Alexa Loo, Richmond  
Councillor Trish Mandewo*, Coquitlam (arrived at 9:31 am)

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Chief Laura Cassidy, sc̓əwaθən masteyəxʷ (Tsawwassen First Nation)  
Councillor Diana Dilworth, Port Moody  
Mayor Dan Ruimy, Maple Ridge

OTHERS PRESENT:
Elder Ruth Mary Adams, sc̓əwaθən masteyəxʷ Tsawwassen First Nation  
Celeste Haldane, Chief Commissioner, BC Treaty Commission

STAFF PRESENT:
Jessica Beverley, General Manager, Legal Services and Indigenous Relations  
Rapinder Khaira, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services  
Lauren Farmer, Acting Program Manager, Indigenous Relations  
Laura Hope, Senior Policy Analyst, Indigenous Relations  
Elizabeth Moorsmith, Director, Indigenous Relations

*denotes electronic meeting participation as authorized by the Procedure Bylaw
Respected Elder Ruth Mary Adams (ancestral name Xwasteniya) welcomed committee members with an opening prayer and a song.

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. February 1, 2024 Meeting Agenda

   It was MOVED and SECONDED That the Indigenous Relations Committee adopt the agenda for its meeting scheduled for February 1, 2024 as circulated.

CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1. October 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes

   It was MOVED and SECONDED That the Indigenous Relations Committee adopt the minutes of its meeting held October 5, 2023 as circulated.

CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS

No items presented.

D. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

1. Celeste Haldane, Chief Commissioner, BC Treaty Commission

   Celeste Haldane, Chief Commissioner, BC Treaty Commission, provided a presentation titled “Negotiations Update and 2023 Annual Report”, providing an overview of with an update on treaty negotiations in progress and innovations in negotiations.

9:13 am Mayor Locke arrived at the meeting.
9:31 am Councillor Mandewo arrived at the meeting.

E. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. 2024 Indigenous Relations Committee Meeting Schedule and Work Plan

   Report dated January 15, 2024, from Elizabeth Moorsmith, Director, Indigenous Relations, providing the Indigenous Relations Committee with its Terms of Reference, the 2024 Work Plan, and the Annual Meeting Schedule.
It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Indigenous Relations Committee:
a) receive for information the Indigenous Relations Committee Terms of Reference and the 2024 Annual Meeting Schedule, as presented in the report dated January 15, 2024, titled “2024 Indigenous Relations Committee Meeting Schedule and Work Plan”; and
b) endorse the 2024 Work Plan, as presented in the report dated January 15, 2024, titled “2024 Indigenous Relations Committee Meeting Schedule and Work Plan.”

CARRIED

2. Indigenous Cultural Awareness Training Video
Report dated January 8, 2024, from Laura Hope, Senior Policy Analyst, Indigenous Relations, informing the Indigenous Relations Committee about the forthcoming Indigenous Cultural Awareness Training video that Metro Vancouver will require all construction crews, contractors, sub-contractors, and staff to view prior to working on Metro Vancouver construction sites.

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Indigenous Relations Committee receive for information the report dated January 8, 2024 titled “Indigenous Cultural Awareness Training Video.”

CARRIED

3. Quarterly Update Report on Reconciliation Activities
Report dated January 15, 2024, from Lauren Farmer, Acting Program Manager, Indigenous Relations, providing the Indigenous Relations Committee with a quarterly update report on reconciliation activities.

Staff shared a Metro Vancouver Regional Parks video titled “Salmon Tracking in ƛ̓exatəm Regional Park”.

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Indigenous Relations Committee receive for information the report dated January 15, 2024 titled “Quarterly Update Report on Reconciliation Activities.”

CARRIED

4. Manager’s Report
Report dated January 15, 2024, from Jessica Beverley, Corporate Solicitor/General Manager, Legal Services and Indigenous Relations, providing the Indigenous Relations Committee with an update on kʷíḵʷəłəm (Kwikwetlem First Nation) by-election results, the modernized Provincial Emergency Disaster Management Act, Metro Vancouver’s translated Territorial Acknowledgement into the Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Sníchim (Squamish language), and the provincial distinction-based approach primer.

Staff shared the audio of the Metro Vancouver translated Territorial Acknowledgement.
It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Indigenous Relations Committee receive for information the report dated January 15, 2024, titled “Manager’s Report.”
CARRIED

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Indigenous Relations Committee receive for information the following items:
1. BC Treaty Commission Annual Report 2023
2. Incoming Correspondence from TFN and MIB re Mandate Letter Lower Fraser šxʷk̓əc̓ən̓m Partnership, dated November 22, 2023
3. Outgoing Correspondence to TFN and MIB from MVRD Board Chair re Mandate to Co-Develop a Lower Fraser šxʷk̓əc̓ən̓m Partnership, dated December 19, 2023
CARRIED

G. OTHER BUSINESS

No items presented.

H. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

No items presented.

I. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

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(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;
(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality, and
(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.
CARRIED
J. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Indigenous Relations Committee adjourn its meeting of February 1, 2024.

CARRIED
(Time: 10:01 am)

Rapinder Khaira,  
Legislative Services Coordinator

Sav Dhalwal,  
Chair

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Archaeology at Metro Vancouver
A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE METRO VANCOUVER ARCHAEOLOGIST

Jess Morrison
ARCHAEOLOGIST, INDIGENOUS RELATIONS
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OVERVIEW
PROJECT SUPPORT

- Planning
- Procurement
- Consultant oversight
- Regulatory oversight
- Emergencies
- Unique issues

TRAINING/EDUCATION

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Indigenous peoples have the right to practise and revitalize their cultural traditions and customs. This includes the right to maintain, protect and develop the past, present and future manifestations of their cultures, such as archaeological and historical sites, artefacts, designs, ceremonies, technologies and visual and performing arts and literature.

– UNDRIP
Article 11.1
RISK MANAGEMENT

**Budgets**

- **Effectiveness**
  Planning early can help ensure the most effective scope of work is developed, reducing costly downtime during construction.

**Relationships**

- **Trust**
  Working with First Nations in recognition of inherent Rights and Title, per UNDRIP and DRIPA Action Plan, establishing mutually agreeable protocols.

**Schedules**

- **Efficiency**
  Start planning for archaeology as early as possible in project definition and development. Reducing surprises along the way, being prepared so the project can be agile and ready to adapt to findings in real time.

**Legal**

- **Compliance**
  *See - budgets, schedules, and relationships

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*Source: metrovancouver*
Fleetwood Reservoir Cultural Element

Lena Zordan
Acting Program Manager, Community Engagement, Water Services
External Relations

LOCATION

SURREY

Temporary walking paths during construction
Project area
New reservoir structure
Fleetwood Pump Station
Sound barriers
New overflow drain
Truck route for concrete deliveries
Truck route for concrete deliveries

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ARTIST - Miməwqwələt (ELINOR ATKINS)

Upper Medallion
2024, Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project
City of New Westminster

Sturgeon and Waxing Moon
2024, Willoughby Park Plaza
Township of Langley

Circle Of Life
2023, Langley Events Centre
Township of Langley

ARTIST SELECTION PROCESS

• Metro Vancouver worked with the City of Surrey to incorporate this mural on the Fleetwood Reservoir as part of our commitment to strengthen respectful and reciprocal relationships with local First Nations

• Working with Chiefs from three local First Nations ensured an inclusive and collaborative approach where Indigenous communities were instrumental in shaping the artistic landscape of the Fleetwood Reservoir
TIMELINE

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MORE TO COME

Golden Ears Pump Station, cultural element by qibay (Katzie First Nation) artist Rain Pierre
To: Indigenous Relations Committee

From: Lauren Farmer, Acting Program Manager, Indigenous Relations

Date: April 1, 2024

Meeting Date: April 12, 2024

Subject: Technical Working Groups with Local First Nations

RECOMMENDATION
That the Indigenous Relations Committee receive for information the report dated April 1, 2024, titled “Technical Working Groups with Local First Nations.”

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
Metro Vancouver Indigenous Relations staff have initiated staff-level Technical Working Groups with several local First Nations. The intent is to improve overall communication about our engagement processes including discussions on specific Metro Vancouver projects, plans, and initiatives. The purpose of the Technical Working Groups is to strengthen our operational relationships with local First Nations.

PURPOSE
The purpose of this report is to inform the Indigenous Relations Committee about Technical Working Groups that Metro Vancouver Indigenous Relations staff have initiated with local First Nations in an effort to increase relationships and overall communication.

BACKGROUND
This information report is provided as part of an ongoing effort to keep the Committee apprised of Metro Vancouver’s Indigenous Relations activities focusing on strengthening relationships with First Nations on a path towards reconciliation. “Reconciliation” was identified as a Strategic Priority in the 2022-2026 Board Strategic Plan, and strengthening relationships with First Nations was identified as an Overall Strategic Priority Action:

“Strengthen relationships with First Nations by building trust through genuine collaboration, creating a mutually respectful space for meaningful dialogue and outcomes, and creating opportunities for Board-to-Nation relationships to thrive.”

SUMMARY OF TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS
Metro Vancouver recognizes the value that meaningful participation with First Nations brings to our projects, plans, and initiatives. Therefore, project teams are strongly encouraged to engage First Nations staff on an early, often, and ongoing basis to ensure that we are working in a good way.

Metro Vancouver Indigenous Relations staff initiated Technical Working Groups to improve communication and coordination of these Metro Vancouver projects, plans, and initiatives occurring within First Nations territories.
Our meetings have been structured in three parts. First, we dedicate time to spotlighting two to three specific projects occurring in First Nations territories. Project leads are invited to present on their projects, providing First Nations staff with a background of the project, engagement to-date, archaeological considerations, and timelines. This allows for a detailed examination of the project, identification of any challenges, and potential impacts on First Nations territories. This part of the meeting is served to support First Nations meaningful and informed review and input on Metro Vancouver’s projects. The intention is to enhance collaboration through communication, ensure that First Nations interests and priorities are identified and discussed, and thus improve the work delivered by Metro Vancouver.

Second, we allocate time to discuss our overall engagement process. Metro Vancouver sends numerous and diverse project-specific referrals to First Nations as governments and representatives of Aboriginal rights. We use this time to identify ways that we can improve our engagement approach, to ensure that it aligns with best practices and respects First Nations rights and perspectives.

Lastly, we devote time to discussing our overall relationship. We identify areas outside of engagement for collaboration, including on events occurring in our respective communities, workshops, or activities. This allows us to identify other areas for partnerships, in order to build trust and mutual respect.

This holistic approach to the meeting underscores our commitment to incorporating First Nations interests, fostering transparent communication, and nurturing positive relationships grounded in respect and reciprocity.

While Metro Vancouver staff have initiated the development of these meetings, the enthusiasm and active participation of First Nations staff have been instrumental in the success of the meetings. Metro Vancouver Indigenous Relations staff have received positive response from First Nations about the development of these meetings.

As of March 2024, Technical Working Groups have been initiated with:

1. qʷɑ:ńƛ̓əń (Kwantlen First Nation)
2. kʷikʷəƛ̓əm (Kwikwetlem First Nation)
3. scəʔwaθən masteyaxʷ (Tsawwassen First Nation)
4. səlilwətəɬ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation)

Indigenous Relations staff are also in discussion with xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam Indian Band) and se’mya’me (Semiahmoo First Nation) staff about initiating Technical Working Groups.

These meetings have been taking place, and are intended to take place, three or four times a year either virtually or in-person.

**ALTERNATIVES**

This is an information report. No alternatives are presented.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
Metro Vancouver is pursuing Relationship Agreements with First Nations that will cover the cost of these meetings. These costs are included in the Board-approved budget.

CONCLUSION
Metro Vancouver Indigenous Relations staff have initiated Technical Working Groups with many local First Nations. These Working Groups demonstrate Metro Vancouver’s commitment to strengthening relationships; working closely with First Nations across projects, plans, and initiatives; and offering Metro Vancouver staff an opportunity to deepen their understanding of local First Nations interests and concerns.
To: Indigenous Relations Committee

From: Lauren Farmer, Acting Program Manager, Indigenous Relations

Date: April 1, 2024

Meeting Date: April 12, 2024

Subject: Quarterly Update Report on Reconciliation Activities

RECOMMENDATION
That the Indigenous Relations Committee receive for information the report dated April 1, 2024 titled "Quarterly Update Report on Reconciliation Activities."

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This update report provides a summary of reconciliation events and activities undertaken by the Metro Vancouver Indigenous Relations Department over the last quarter as well as information on upcoming reconciliation events and activities planned for the next quarter.

PURPOSE
To provide the Committee with a quarterly update report on reconciliation activities.

BACKGROUND
This quarterly update report on regional and local reconciliation activities and opportunities is part of the Indigenous Relations Committee’s annual work plan. This information report is intended to identify opportunities for Committee members to learn about, and engage in, reconciliation activities in the region, and includes:

- The total number of reconciliation events and activities that were undertaken in 2023 by Metro Vancouver;
- Reconciliation events and activities that have been undertaken to-date in 2024 by Metro Vancouver;
- Upcoming opportunities in 2024 for engaging in such activities.

SUMMARY OF RECONCILIATION-RELATED ACTIVITIES
Activities listed in this report are based on the four objectives established by the Metro Vancouver Board in October 2015 in its review of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s (TRC) 94 Calls to Action. The four objectives are to:

1. Liaise with the TRC;
2. Raise Awareness about Indian Residential Schools;
3. Provide Cultural Competency Training; and,
Objectives 2 and 3 speak directly to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Call to Action #57:

“We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to provide education to public servants on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal–Crown relations. This will require skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism.”

Examples of the different types of activities, either undertaken or identified for the previous quarterly period (Q1 of 2024) and the current quarterly period (Q2 of 2024), are summarized below.

First Quarter of 2024
From January to March 2024, Metro Vancouver Indigenous Relations staff have and will continue to engage in a number of reconciliation-related activities, including the following listed in chronological order:

- First Nations Monthly Working Group meetings for Metro Vancouver staff to discuss First Nations engagement successes and challenges (January 18, February 16) (Objective 3 and 4)
- Quarterly Municipal Technical Advisory Committee meeting (January 25) (Objective 4)
- Technical Working Group with scąwaał̓ən mä̕ste̓yə̓xʷ (Tsawwassen First Nation) to discuss our intergovernmental relationship and Metro Vancouver’s engagement process (January 26) (Objective 4)
- Indigenous Relations Community of Practice meeting (February 1) (Objective 4)
- Represent local government at the q̓íča̓y (Katzie First Nation) Treaty Main Table Negotiations (February 5, March 20) (Objective 4)
- sal̓iilwətə (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) - Metro Vancouver Relationships Meeting (February 6, March 28) (Objective 4)
- New Document Outline – Engagement Presentation added to IR Intranet Resources page (February 8) (Objective 3)
- Completion of the PNE Supporting Indigenous Voices video showcasing Indigenous artists at the 2023 PNE Event (February 12) (Objective 3 and 4)
- Technical Working Group with q̓ʷɑːn̓ƛ̓ən̓ (Kwantlen First Nation) to discuss our intergovernmental relationship and Metro Vancouver’s engagement process (February 26) (Objective 4)
- Represent Metro Vancouver at the Indigenous Municipal Connections group (February 27) (Objective 4)
- Technical Working Group with kʷikʷəƛ̓əm (Kwikwetlem First Nation) to discuss our intergovernmental relationship and Metro Vancouver’s engagement process (March 6) (Objective 4)
- Attend an Indigenous Relations Community of Practice (Vancouver Port Authority Office) (March 7) (Objective 4)
- Updated the Protocols when Working with First Nations: Considerations for Metro Vancouver staff document (March 13) (Objective 3)
- Support Invest Vancouver with the Taking Steps BC Event (March 21) (Objective 4)
- Represent local government at the q̓íča̓y Treaty Working Group (March 19) (Objective 4)
• Technical Working Group with salilwətaɬ to discuss our intergovernmental relationship and Metro Vancouver’s engagement process (March 28) (Objective 4)
• Discussions on areas of mutual interest with xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam Indian Band) regarding various projects (regular ongoing meetings) (Objective 4)
• Reconciliation discussions with kʷikʷəƛ̓əm and other governments and interested parties (regular ongoing meetings) (Objective 4)
• Launch an updated in-house training from Metro Vancouver Indigenous Relations on Cultural Competency and First Nations Engagement (Objective 3)
• Co-development of an “Indigenous Cultural Safety Training Video for Construction Crews” with external consultants (regular ongoing meetings) (Objective 3)
• Conduct research the new Provincial and Legislative changes regarding First Nations matters (ongoing)
• Ongoing meetings to develop a Metro Vancouver Portal for more efficient communication with First Nations on project referrals (Objective 4)
• Responding to 4,885 email requests from Metro Vancouver teams and external parties (January 2024 – 1,559, February 2024 – 1,838, and March 2024 – 1,488) in an effort to meaningfully engage with First Nations (Objective 4)

Second Quarter of 2024:
From April to June 2024, Metro Vancouver Indigenous Relations staff have and will continue to engage in a number of reconciliation-related activities, including the following listed in chronological order:
• Represent Metro Vancouver at the 15-Year scəwaθən məsteyəxʷ Treaty Day Celebration (April 3)
• Represent local government at the ḱəq̓ay Treaty Main Table Negotiations (April 16, May 15, June 12) (Objective 4)
• Represent local government at the ḱəq̓ay Treaty Working Group (April 17, May 14, June 11) (Objective 4)
• First Nations Monthly Working Group meetings for Metro Vancouver staff to discuss First Nations engagement successes and challenges (April 19, May 16, June 21) (Objective 4)
• salilwətaɬ - Metro Vancouver Relationships Meeting (April 24) (Objective 4)
• Technical Working Group with scəwaθən məsteyəxʷ to discuss our intergovernmental relationship and Metro Vancouver’s engagement process (May 10) (Objective 4)
• Municipal Technical Advisory Committee meeting (May 24) (Objective 3 and 4)
• Technical Working Group with kʷikʷəƛ̓əm to discuss our intergovernmental relationship and Metro Vancouver’s engagement process (June 13) (Objective 4)
• Host a rattle-making workshop with an Indigenous Knowledge Keeper in honour of National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 19) (Objective 3)
• Technical Working Group with salilwətaɬ to discuss our intergovernmental relationship and Metro Vancouver’s engagement process (June 20) (Objective 4)
• Host a Lunch and Learn in honour of National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 20) (Objective 3)
• Offer Indigenous catering in honour of National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 20) (Objective 3)
• Technical Working Group with ḱəq̓əɬə:nəm to discuss our intergovernmental relationship and Metro Vancouver’s engagement process (June 24) (Objective 4)
• Discussions on areas of mutual interest with xʷməθkʷəy̓əm regarding various projects (regular ongoing meetings) (Objective 4)
• Reconciliation discussions with kʷikʷəƛ̓əm and other governments and interested parties (regular ongoing meetings) (Objective 4)
• Completion of the Metro Vancouver Meaningful Verbal Territorial Acknowledgements Guidelines (date: TBD) (Objective 3)
• Ongoing meetings to develop a Metro Vancouver Portal for more efficient communication with First Nations on project referrals (regular ongoing meetings) (Objective 4)
• Responding to email requests from Metro Vancouver teams and external contractors in an effort to meaningfully engage with First Nations (Objective 4)
• Completion of an “Indigenous Cultural Safety Training Video for Construction Crews” with external consultants (Objective 3)
• Discussions and preparations for a Community to Community Forum (ongoing) (Objective 4)
• Territorial Acknowledgement Training Workshop for Metro Vancouver Staff at Head Office (dates: TBD) (Objective 3)
• Training for Metro Vancouver staff on Metro Vancouver First Nations policies for more meaningful engagement (dates: TBD) (Objective 3)
• Training for Metro Vancouver staff on cultural heritage protection and conservation, including Chance Find Procedure, Artifact Identification, Metro Vancouver’s Approach to Archaeology (dates: TBD) (Objective 3)
• Conduct research the new Provincial and Legislative changes regarding First Nations matters (ongoing)

ALTERNATIVES
This is an information report. No alternatives are presented.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
The various Metro Vancouver activities identified in this report have been included in the Indigenous Relations budget. There are no additional financial implications with respect to the items identified in this information report.

CONCLUSION
This report provides a quarterly update on reconciliation activities involving Metro Vancouver and local governments as per the Committee’s recommendations and for members’ information.
To: Indigenous Relations Committee

From: Jessica Beverley, Corporate Solicitor/General Manager, Legal Services and Indigenous Relations

Date: April 1, 2024

Subject: Manager’s Report

RECOMMENDATION
That the Indigenous Relations Committee receive for information the report dated April 1, 2024, titled “Manager’s Report.”

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This report includes a chronological summary of events and activities of interest to the Indigenous Relations Committee since the date of the previous Committee meeting on February 1, 2024.

q̓icəy̓ (Katzie First Nation) Election Results
On February 15, 2024, q̓icəy̓ held elections. Grace George was re-elected as Chief of q̓icəy̓. Council will also remain the same, with Councillor Lisa Adams, Rick Bailey, and David Kenworthy re-elected. A letter of congratulations from the Metro Vancouver Board Chair and Indigenous Relations Committee Chair was sent to Chief George and Members of Council on February 28, 2024.

PNE 2023 Activation: Supporting Indigenous Voices Video
The Supporting Indigenous Voices video showcases Indigenous presentations that took center stage at the Metro Vancouver 2023 PNE activation. This video showcases the musical performances from talented Indigenous artists from BC and across Canada.

Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) Census
Between July and October 2022, Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw undertook a Census. Skwxwú7mesh members were asked to answer questions about health, housing, jobs, education, language and culture, and other aspects of Skwxwú7mesh life. One in three (1233) Skwxwú7mesh members participated. This data is intended to be used to steward Skwxwú7mesh territory, exercise governance, undertake planning, and assure the well-being of Skwxwú7mesh citizens.

Some key takeaways include:
- Most respondents (69%) agree or strongly agree that they feel a sense of dignity and belonging most places they go;
- Respondents wish they could spend more time on Skwxwú7mesh-ullh temíxw undertaking cultural, recreational, and harvesting activities and most respondents wish they could do at least a little more of each type of activity; and,
- 98% of members feel proud to be Skwxwú7mesh and most feel a sense of belonging with Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw. Almost all Members think Skwxwú7mesh sníchim is worth saving and that knowing and learning about Skwxwú7mesh culture is important—especially for youth (ages 0-18).
See this website for more Census Key Takeaways.

**Provincial Land Act Amendment**
The Provincial Government of British Columbia recently released a proposal to amend the *Land Act*, one of several natural resource statutes within the Province. Currently, the Province is legally required to consult with affected First Nations on all Land Act decisions, but the Proposed Amendments would enable agreements with Indigenous Governing Bodies to share decision-making about public land use.

The Province was expected to bring forward a draft bill of proposed changes in the spring, but has paused the advancement of the amendments and requested more time to conduct further engagement.

**Draft Agreement on Haida Aboriginal Title**
The proposed Haida Nation Title agreement would recognize Haida Nation’s Aboriginal Title throughout Haida Gwaii, a foundational step in the reconciliation pathway of Haida Nation and B.C. Recognizing Haida Aboriginal Title would mean provincial Crown land on Haida Gwaii (other than privately owned Crown land) is formally recognized as Haida Aboriginal Title lands. Over time, the Province and Haida Nation would negotiate agreements about how different aspects of governing that land shift to Haida Nation. See this website for general facts about the Draft Agreement on Haida Aboriginal Title.

If the agreement is approved, over the next several years the Council of the Haida Nation and the Province would work together and negotiate how provincial and Haida Nation laws can work together. Local governments, residents and others would have opportunities to have input into those discussions. Over this transition period, land and resource decisions would continue to be made through existing processes.

**15-Year sca̱wəʔan másteyxʷ (Tsawwassen) First Nation Treaty Celebration**
On April 3, 2024, sca̱wəʔan másteyxʷ celebrated the 15-year anniversary of their Treaty coming into effect. On April 3, 2009, the Treaty, which included a comprehensive land claim and self-government agreement, was the first to be successfully negotiated through the British Columbia Treaty Process and made sca̱wəʔan másteyxʷ the first urban Modern Treaty Nation in B.C. In recognition of this historic milestone, the Treaty Day event was hosted at the sca̱wəʔan másteyxʷ Longhouse.

**ALTERNATIVES**
This is an information report. No alternatives are presented.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**
There are no financial implications involved.

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February 28, 2024

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Dear Chief George and Members of Council:

q̓iʔc̓əʔ (Katzie First Nation) Election Results

On behalf of the Metro Vancouver Board and its Indigenous Relations Committee, we write to congratulate you on your recent re-election success.

Metro Vancouver looks forward to continuing to work with you, your staff and your community during your next term, and we anticipate a positive discussion with you and the Province at our meeting on April 15, 2024.

In the meantime, please feel free to contact us at your convenience if you have any questions or issues you would like to discuss.

All the best to you as you begin your new term of office.

Yours sincerely,

George V. Harvie
Chair, Metro Vancouver Board

John McEwen
Vice Chair, Metro Vancouver Board

Sav Dhaliwal
Chair, Indigenous Relations Committee
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