

Community Advisory Committees

Name of Committee: Urban Indigenous Community Advisory Committee (UICAC)

Meeting Date: Tuesday January 21, 2020

Room 123, 16 Phin Avenue, Toronto

Attendance: Dr. Joanne Dallaire (Elder), Ryan Neepin (TDSB Teacher), Tanya Senk (TDSB, Centrally Assigned Principal), Christina Saunders (TDSB, Centrally Assigned Vice-Principal), Natasha Gleeson (TDSB, SST), Marilyn Hew (TYRMC), Bonnie Johnston (TDSB Community Liaison), Jim Spyropoulos (TDSB, Executive Superintendent), Olivia Horzempa (Toronto Public Health), Monique Diabo (City of Toronto), Nicholas Deleary (Council Fire), Robert Durocher (TDSB, Instructional Leader, TDSB), Elaina Evans (Indigenous Parent), Lee Sheppard (TDSB, Instructional Leader), Alexander Brown (Trustee), Shannon Judge (Parent), Neal Judge (Parent), Adrienne Plumley (TDSB Instructional Leader), Melanie Pearce (TDSB Executive Assistant), Colleen Valcheff (City of Toronto), Dan MacLean (TDSB Trustee), Troy Shepherd (TDSB), Tania Sterling (Ministry of Education), Donald Corbiere (City of Toronto), Michael Cheena (Toronto Council Fire), Cynthia Bell-Clayton (ENAGB Indigenous Youth Agency), Allan Kennedy (Native Child and Family Services of Toronto) and Kelly Hashemi (Our Children's Medicine).

Regrets: Dr. Duke Redbird (Elder), Pauline Shirt (Elder), Mary Doucette (TDSB Office Administrator), Melanie Laking (Parent) and Ken Kirkwood (TDSB Teacher).

Part A: Recommendations

No recommendations to report.

Part B: For Information Only

Indigenous Trustee:

The UICAC continued discussions about drafting a motion for TDSB Trustee's to vote on establishing an Indigenous Trustee at TDSB (e.g., one appointment). UIEC staff will consult with the Elders Council to receive direction on how to proceed in a good way.

Indigenous Student Trustee:

Clarity Smoke, TDSB Student Trustee has been invited to attend the February 18, 2020.

Hiring practices, recruitment, retention and mobility.

In terms of recruitment, Bonnie Johnston, Tessa Sill, Pardeep Nagra and Kelly Hashemi are currently organizing a community-based job information fair that focuses on hiring and recruiting Indigenous people. The event will occur on Saturday February 29, 2020 at 16 Phin Avenue. A poster and invitation will be created and promoted over the next couple of weeks.

Re-Naming Lower Coxwell Avenue/City of Toronto:

Donald Corbiere, City of Toronto and Denise McLeod, StreetART Toronto shared information from the City of Toronto Councillor Paula Fletcher. Councillor Fletcher is interested in receiving feedback through consultations regarding the idea of renaming a parkette and lane way at lower Coxwell Avenue.

Part C: Ongoing Matters

No matters to report.

Report Submitted by: Bonnie Johnston