

# UNDRIP Task Force

Update Report to COV Council

June 7, 2022



## Objective

- To provide an update on the Task Force's work so far
- To present early actions for City of Vancouver Council's consideration



# Agenda

1. Background
2. UNDRIP Task Force Overview
3. Recommendations

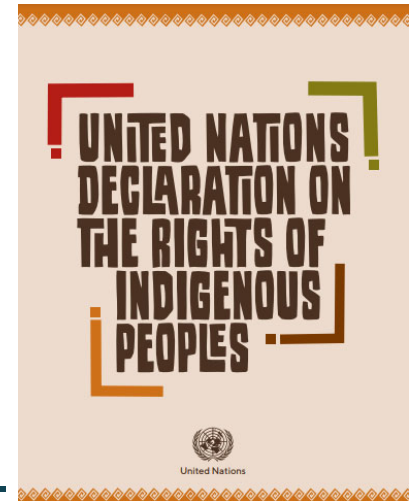


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# Background

## UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)

- Most comprehensive international human rights instrument regarding Indigenous Peoples.
- Establishes the minimum standards for the survival, dignity and well-being of Indigenous Peoples.
- Elaborates on existing human rights standards and fundamental freedoms in their unique and specific application to Indigenous Peoples individually and collectively.



## UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)

Includes rights related to:

- Self-determination & self-government
- Equality & non-discrimination
- Culture and language
- Identity
- Religion & spirituality
- Lands, territories & resources
- Environment
- Indigenous institutions & legal systems
- Health
- Education
- Community
- Respect & promote rights set out in treaties, agreements, & other constructive arrangements

## Provincial and Federal Government Implementation of UNDRIP in Progress

### **Government of B.C.**

2019: Passed legislation to implement UNDRIP

2021: Consulted with Indigenous Peoples on draft Action Plan

2022: Released 5 year action plan to implement UNDRIP

### **Government of Canada**

2021: Passed legislation to implement UNDRIP

2022: Currently developing Action Plan in consultation with Indigenous Peoples

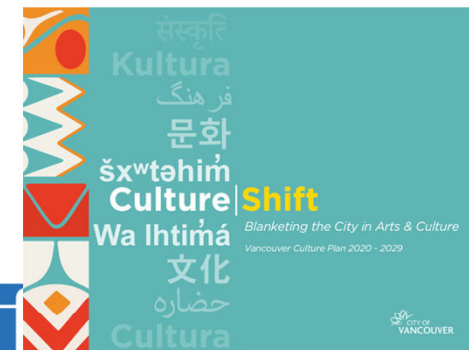


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# UNDRIP Task Force Overview



# City of Reconciliation



## D2. Reconciliation & Decolonization

*Recognize & support Indigenous cultural knowledge & presence through decolonizing practices.*

- G1. Centre Musqueam, Squamish, & Tsleil-Waututh Visibility & Voice on the Land & Across the City
- G2. Increase Investment & Leadership Opportunities for Musqueam, Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh, & Urban Indigenous Arts & Culture
- G3. Support Right Relations Between Non-Indigenous & Indigenous Peoples

citywide, as well as Urban Indigenous culture.

## UNDRIP Task Force Overview

- Task Force was established by a Council Motion, March 2021:

*THAT Council establish a Type D Advisory Committee, referred to as a “Task Force on Implementing UNDRIP in the City of Vancouver” to provide advice to the Mayor and Council*

- Task Force is meeting from July 2021 to October 2022
- Task Force developed a workplan and protocols for working together
- Host Nations and City working collaboratively to develop recommendations to COV Mayor & Council on implementing UNDRIP at the City

## Task Force Membership

1. **Councillor Howard Grant**, Musqueam Indian Band
2. **Councillor Allyson Fraser**, Musqueam Indian Band
3. **Council Appointee Melissa Louie**, Musqueam Indian Band
4. **Council Chairperson Khelsilem**, Squamish Nation (Co-Chair)
5. **Councillor Kristen Rivers**, Squamish Nation
6. **Councillor Charlene Aleck**, Tsleil-Waututh Nation
7. **Councillor Dennis Thomas**, Tsleil-Waututh Nation
8. **Councillor Christine Boyle**, City of Vancouver (Co-Chair)
9. **Councillor Adriane Carr**, City of Vancouver
10. **Councillor Melissa De Genova**, City of Vancouver
11. **Councillor Jean Swanson**, City of Vancouver



*The Task Force is supported by a Technical Committee of MST and COV staff, with places held for urban Indigenous representation: the Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Council (MVAEC) & Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee (UIPAC)*

## UNDRIP Task Force Workplan

- Task Force is developing recommendations under **four themes**:
  1. Social, cultural and economic well-being
  2. Ending Indigenous-specific racism and discrimination
  3. Self-determination and inherent right of self-government
  4. Title and rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Today the Task Force is presenting an update report and early actions to COV Council
- In October, the Task Force will present its full report to COV Council

## Engaging with Host Nations and Urban Indigenous Communities

- This work begins with strengthening the government-to-government relationships with Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh, and to respect the protocols of the Host Nations as the rights and title holders on these lands.
- Engagement which supports solidarity among the Host Nations and urban Indigenous Peoples will flow from this relationship and is still taking shape.
- Urban Indigenous Peoples also have important rights and experience ongoing impacts from colonialism.

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## **UNDRIP Task Force Recommendations to COV Council**



## Recommendations to COV Council

The UNDRIP Task Force recommends:

**THAT** Council endorse the recommended six early actions in this report and direct staff to report back on the implications for implementing and potential funding sources for the six early actions:

## Recommendations to COV Council (continued)

**Early Action 1:** Assert presence of the Musqueam Indian Band, Squamish Nation, and Tsleil-Waututh Nation via asset naming, re-naming and commemoration, including measures to share stories and histories on the land.

- a. Coordinated Approach: Explore options to co-develop a naming policy framework including appropriate cultural protocols, and/or intergovernmental table.
- b. Public Education on Naming: Develop standards for audio/visual/tactile signage and public education on (re)introduced names, including cultural programming.



## Recommendations to COV Council (continued)

**Early Action 2:** Support the development of a Host Nations historical atlas book created by the local Nations with educational resources.

## Recommendations to COV Council (continued)

**Early Action 3:** Build upon the City's social procurement framework and expand the procurement policy to prioritize Indigenous participation for all projects (including large and small infrastructure, art and culture, environmental resource management, etc.).

## Recommendations to COV Council (continued)

**Early Action 4:** Build on existing City of Vancouver work underway to refine procurement policies/regulations with regards to art, structures, planning/architecture, procurement etc. to ensure Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh maintain a presence and the public realm is representative of MST artistic and cultural traditions.

## Recommendations to COV Council (continued)

**Early Action 5:** Develop process and requirements for (1) event organizers to engage and partner with MST in permitted events/festivals; (2) City staff to engage and partner with MST in City-organized events; and (3) City staff to support and facilitate MST hosting their own events/festivals (e.g., in parks and other areas of significance).

## Recommendations to COV Council (continued)

**Early Action 6:** Provide a spectrum of mandatory anti-racism and Indigenous cultural safety training for employees (including temporary and auxiliary) of the City of Vancouver to build foundational understanding of the rights of Indigenous peoples, Indigenous history, Indigenous-specific racism, and the dynamics of proper respectful relations. Training should be adapted for, and relevant to, the nuances of different roles and their levels of responsibility. For senior leaders, curriculum should also include the UN Declaration, the Declaration Act, treaties, and meaningful reconciliation. Training will be developed and/or led by knowledge holders approved by the Nations. For vendors/suppliers, relevant training opportunities will be recommended as appropriate.

## Recommendations to COV Council (continued)

**THAT** Council direct staff to begin planning for 2023 engagement with Urban Indigenous communities, as a Summit gathering (virtual/in-person/hybrid).

## Next Steps

Task Force will continue its work over summer/fall 2022

Task Force will bring full report to Council in October 2022 covering all four themes:

1. Social, cultural and economic well-being
2. Ending Indigenous-specific racism and discrimination
3. Self-determination and inherent right of self-government
4. Title and rights of Indigenous Peoples



# Questions