



Minutes of the **Reconciliation Lethbridge Advisory Committee** held on **February 19, 2021**
on **MICROSOFT TEAMS (VIRTUALLY)** with the following attendance:

PRESENT:

Member, Co-Chair	T. Tallow
Deputy Mayor	S.R. Miyashiro
Member, Business Representative	C. Vos
Member, Business Representative	N. Geske
Member	A. Scout
Member	J. Head
Member	L. Saloff
Member, Education Representative	M. Bruised Head
Member, Education Representative	J. Chief Calf
Member, Education Representative	M. Black Water
Member	S. Strickland
Member	N. Geske

OTHERS:

City Councillor	J.H. Carlson
Indigenous Relations Advisor	P. Stein
Indigenous Relations Coordinator	P. Beebe
First Nations Health Consortium	K. Tailfeathers
Legislative Services	A. Moncrieff
Lethbridge Public Library, CEO	T. Plato
Galt Museum & Archives, Executive Director	D. Martens
Sik-Ooh-Kotoki Friendship Society	S. Singer
Waste & Recycling	N. Bueckert
Interim Director, Community Services	G. Adair
Manager, Community Social Development	M. Thomsen
Interfaith Food Bank	E. Nowak
Public	J. Goodrider

ABSENT:

Member	L. Vonkeman
Member	T. Plaited Hair
Member	K. Jo Rabbit
Member, Mayor	C.A. Spearman

Member, Education Representative
Member, Co-Chair

A. Bruised Head
P. Wilson

Note: Members attended remotely pursuant to Section 199(1) of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26.

T. Tallow called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

1. Welcome

1.1. Acknowledgment Statement

1.2 Blackfoot Prayer – *Treena Tallow*

2. Approval of the Minutes: January 15, 2021

RLA-02-19-2021 – 017:
S.R. MIYASHIRO / C. VOS:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of January 15, 2021 be approved.

----- **Carried by consensus.**

3. Adoption of Agenda: February 19, 2021

RLA-02-19-2021 – 018:
N. GESKE / J. HEAD:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the February 19, 2021 Agenda be adopted as amended to include:

- 4.4. Martin Thomsen, Manager, Community Social Development re: Update on Shelter and Permanent Supportive Housing.

----- **Carried by consensus.**

4. Agenda Items:

4.1. Darrin Martens, Executive Director, Galt Museum and Archives re: Introduction

D. Martens provided a verbal presentation regarding upcoming events and projects at the Galt Museum and Archives, as well as Fort Whoop Up, as they pertain to Indigenous engagement and reconciliation.

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4.2. Pam Beebe, Indigenous Relations Coordinator re: Elder Engagement

P. Beebe provided an update on how the City desires to move forward with Elder engagement in the future. The following was discussed:

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- The possibility of an Elder Advisory Committee, or Elder in Residence;
- Enhancing representation of Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirited peoples.

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4.3. Perry Stein, Indigenous Relations Advisor re: Subcommittee Structuring

P. Stein presented an option for subcommittee structuring moving forward to enhance participation and streamline RLAC's work in alignment with priorities.

The following motion was presented:

RLA-02-19-2021 – 019:
J. HEAD / S.R. MIYASHIRO:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT *the Reconciliation Lethbridge Advisory Committee subcommittees be dissolved, effective April 2021; and*

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT *the Reconciliation Lethbridge Advisory Committee adopt the new subcommittee structure, commencing April 2021.*

----- **Carried by consensus.**

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4.4. Martin Thomsen, Manager, Community Social Development re: Update on Shelter and Permanent Supportive Housing

M. Thomsen provided a status update and overview of opportunities and challenges for supportive housing in Lethbridge. An overview of Fresh Start South Country Treatment Centre was provided, and the floor was opened to questions and comments.

5. Administration Updates:

The written update from the Indigenous Relations Office was provided, and the floor opened to questions. P. Stein advised that the Indigenous Relations Office would be going in front of the Cultural and Social Standing Policy Committee on March 18th, and reminded RLAC of the Municipal Development Plan public hearings occurring from March 1st to 5th.

6. Subcommittee Updates:

6.1. Strategic Planning Subcommittee

No update.

6.2. Substance Use Discussion Paper Subcommittee

C. Vos advised that the group's next steps were determining project scope and budget; will be

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meeting bi-weekly; will present an update to RLAC at the next meeting.

6.3. LPS & Media Subcommittee

P. Beebe advised that the subcommittee is collaborating with Corporate Communications and their local media contacts; will be discussing how local media is addressing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action; analysis of media outlet policies relating to reportage of criminal activity; will begin to examine the relationship between media, bias, and social perception.

6.4. Businesses Engaged in Reconciliation Subcommittee

N. Geske advised that she would touch base with C. Vos to schedule a meeting in the future and provide an update to RLAC after.

6.5. School Curriculum Changes Subcommittee

P. Beebe advised that there have been no recent updates from the Alberta government on curriculum changes to date; two education professionals have been invited to the next subcommittee meeting.

6.6. Smoking Bylaw Subcommittee

P. Beebe advised that B. Loewen, City Solicitor, would be bringing this item forward to City Council in the future, presenting the options that he had previously presented to RLAC; conversation has evolved into discussions surrounding smudging and creation of a smudging policy for City facilities; Indigenous Cultural Centre also would consider these discussions (to be deliberated during Capital Improvement Program debates in the Spring).

7. Roundtable

7.1. Amanda Scout

March 1st – peacemaking process will be accepting referrals for the court process.

7.2. Annette Bruised Head

7.3. Chris Spearman – Mayor

7.4. Cyndi Vos

7.5. Jerry Firth

7.6. John Chief Calf

Newly a member of the Public Art Committee; has been collaborating with J. Head for learning Blackfoot philosophy through connection to land and language to bring forward to the School Division.

7.7. Jordan Head

Reiterated involvement on the above project; inquired about Board Governance training and where to access.

- 7.8.** Katie Jo Rabbit
- 7.9.** Les Vonkeman
- 7.10.** Louise Saloff

Provided information about the Fireside Chat on Mondays and Thursdays – an opportunity to meet with Lethbridge College students to provide support; conducting a presentation on her Metis history to share with students; new Board Member of the FASD Association.

7.11. Marcia Black Water

7.12. Mike Bruised Head

Helped to work on a “History of Lethbridge” booklet with Planning and Development; City Council will be reviewing the document when it reviews the Municipal Development Plan in the near future.

7.13. Nicole Geske

Offered to share Board Governance link with Jordan.

7.14. Patrick Wilson

7.15. Rob Miyashiro – Deputy Mayor

Informed RLAC of his involvement with Age Friendly Lethbridge – part of the work plan is engaging Elders; will forward the Age Friendly Lethbridge Plan to Perry and Pam for review and identification for collaboration.

7.16. Sara Strickland

7.17. Shawn Singer

7.18. Treena Tallow

Advised that the hospital is taking donations for entertainment materials (e.g. magazines, crossword puzzles); connected with Red Crow college to obtain slides pertaining to Blackfoot Values.

7.19. Non-Member Roundtable Addition

P. Stein:

Advised that at least seven Indigenous summer student positions will be posted through the City – two in Finance, one in the Solicitor’s Office.

T. Plato:

Advised that the library has gone fine-free; provided information on the Internet on the Go service (upcoming).

J. Carlson:

Discussed indoor sweat facility possibilities; advised that the Exhibition is in the process of receiving community input (an online survey is available); P. Stein advised that a dedicated meeting space will be available at the Exhibition.

8. Adjourn:

The February 19, 2021 meeting of the Reconciliation Lethbridge Advisory Committee adjourned at 11:16 a.m. until March 19, 2021.

9. Next Meeting Dates:

- ❖ March 19, 2021 – TBD – 9 AM – 11:30 AM
 - ❖ April 16, 2021 – TBD – 9 AM – 11:30 AM
 - ❖ May 21, 2021 – TBD – 9 AM – 11:30 AM
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Parking Lot:

Item:	Date Parked:	Tentative Return Date:
Strategic Workshop Check-In	<i>Every Six Months</i>	February 19, 2021 March 19, 2021
Subcommittee Structuring	February 19, 2021	March 19, 2021

**** Note:** *Items are subject to change when the Co-Chairs set the Agenda prior to the subsequent meeting.*