



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

PRESENT:

Member, Co-Chair	T. Tallow
Member, Co-Chair	P. Wilson
Deputy Mayor	S.R. Miyashiro
Member, Mayor	C.A. Spearman
Member, Business Representative	C. Vos
Member, Business Representative	N. Geske
Member	A. Scout
Member, Education Representative	M. Bruised Head
Member, Education Representative	M. Black Water
Member	S. Strickland
Member	K. Jo Rabbit
Member	S. Singer
Member	R. Hoof
Member	E. Nowak

OTHERS:

City Councillor	J.H. Carlson
City Manager	C. Dalton
Indigenous Relations Advisor	P. Stein
Indigenous Relations Coordinator	P. Beebe
Legislative Services	A. Moncrieff
Lethbridge Public Library, CEO	T. Plato
Waste & Recycling	N. Bueckert
Director, Community Services	M. Fox
Manager, Community Social Development	M. Thomsen
Chief of Police	S. Mehdizadeh
Public	J. Goodrider
Public	J. Firth
Public	D. Bruised Head

ABSENT:

Member, Education Representative	A. Bruised Head
Member, Education Representative	J. Chief Calf
Member	L. Saloff

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

P. Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

1. Welcome

1.1. Acknowledgment Statement

1.2 Blackfoot Prayer – *Mike Bruised Head*

2. Approval of the Minutes: February 19, 2021

The Minutes of February 19, 2021 were adopted by way of consensus.

3. Adoption of Agenda: March 19, 2021

The March 19, 2021 Agenda was adopted as amended to include:

- 4.2. Perry Stein, Indigenous Relations Advisor re: Blackfoot Confederacy Flag Poles
- 4.3. Amanda Scout, Committee Member re: OKI Pins

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

4. Agenda Items:

4.1. Perry Stein, Indigenous Relations Advisor re: Subcommittee Structuring Update

P. Stein provided an update on subcommittee structuring.

Action: Administration to circulate finalized subcommittee structuring document.

4.2. Perry Stein, Indigenous Relations Advisor re: Blackfoot Confederacy Flag Poles

P. Stein provided some context to the Committee regarding the Flag Pole project, and advised that the project has been on hold since the pandemic. P. Stein opened the floor for volunteers to assist with the Flag Pole plaque. R. Hoof and E. Nowak volunteered to assist.

The Indigenous Relations Office will be attending the Cultural and Social Standing Policy Committee in April to provide a costing and timeline update on the project.

4.3. Amanda Scout, Committee Member re: OKI Pins

The following motion was presented:

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A. SCOUT / S. SINGER:

- Please send REGRETS to Alli Moncrieff at: allison.moncrieff@lethbridge.ca or 403-320-3019.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT *the Reconciliation Lethbridge Advisory Committee distribute the remaining OKI pins throughout the community.*

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

The Committee discussed upcoming events where pins could be distributed. Requests for pins should be sent to the Indigenous Relations Office for ease of monitoring.

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4.4. Treena Tallow, Co-Chair re: School Curriculum Review Panel

The following was discussed:

- Funding availability for Blackfoot educational programs;
- Creation of a list of education resources;
- Creation of a briefing for the public on the proposed Alberta school curriculum changes.

Committee members were advised to email P. Beebe if they had a recommended individual or organization for the list of resources.

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4.5. Craig Dalton, City Manager; Shahin Mehdizadeh, Chief of Police; and Martin Thomsen, Manager, Community and Social Development re: CWSS Phase II

M. Thomsen provided a presentation of the Community Well-Being and Safety Strategy, then opened the floor to the Committee for questions and feedback. Options were presented on conducting the Community Governance Model component of the Strategy. The following was discussed:

- Transition to a collective-impact model (integrative);
- Ongoing and authentic incorporation of Indigenous perspectives;
- Relationship-building;
- Incorporation of lived-experience stories;
- Capitalize upon existing CWSS Advisory Committee, but in consultation/collaboration with RLAC;
- Improvements the City could make on incorporating Indigenous ways of knowing into City processes.

Action: Administration to circulate the proposed options and presentation.

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4.6. Perry Stein, Indigenous Relations Advisor and Alli Moncrieff, Legislative Services re: Boards, Commissions and Committees (BCCs) – GBA+ and Recruitment Update

P. Stein advised that the work is ongoing (re: previous RLAC motion directing Administration to investigate BCC processes and representation) and has overlap to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Work Plan. Further updates to be provided as progress is made.

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4.7. Echo Nowak, Committee Member re: Letter of Support – Interfaith Food Bank

E. Nowak advised that the grant application had been sent already, and thanked the Committee. P. Stein recommended that if other Committee member organization's required a letter of support, to advise Administration as soon as possible for inclusion on future Agendas.

5. Administration Updates:

5.1. Indigenous Relations Office Update

No new updates from last written submission.

5.2. Project Update

The Indigenous Relations Office presented to the Cultural and Social Standing Policy Committee at their March meeting; advised that a greater focus on City education and awareness on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) will occur this summer in alignment with previous RLAC recommendations for City Council adoption of UNDRIP.

6. Subcommittee Updates:

6.1. Strategic Planning Subcommittee

No update.

6.2. Substance Use Discussion Paper Subcommittee

J. Firth advised that the scope of the subcommittee is growing beyond RLAC; the group is currently discussing where it will fit moving forward and will provide an update at a later date.

6.3. LPS & Media Subcommittee

K. Jo Rabbit provided an update on the last meeting, where two guests (Tawnya Plain Eagle – Piikani Nation News and Heather Yourex-West – Global News) were invited. Guidelines in regards to reportage were discussed, as well as employment student opportunities.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Where subcommittees will end up with the new structure;
- The separation of LPS and Media as two separate issues.

K. Jo Rabbit shared a resource link, [which can be found here](#), of a reporting checklist.

6.4. Businesses Engaged in Reconciliation Subcommittee

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No update.

6.5. School Curriculum Changes Subcommittee

See Item 4.4.

6.6. Smoking Bylaw Subcommittee

No update.

7. Roundtable

- 7.1. Amanda Scout
 - 7.2. Annette Bruised Head
 - 7.3. Chris Spearman – Mayor
 - 7.4. Cyndi Vos
 - 7.5. Echo Nowak
 - 7.6. John Chief Calf
 - 7.7. Katie Jo Rabbit
 - 7.8. Louise Saloff
 - 7.9. Marcia Black Water
 - 7.10. Mike Bruised Head
 - 7.11. Nicole Geske
 - 7.12. Patrick Wilson
 - 7.13. Rachel Hoof
 - 7.14. Rob Miyashiro – Deputy Mayor
 - 7.15. Sara Strickland
 - 7.16. Shawn Singer
 - 7.17. Treena Tallow
 - 7.18. Non-Member Roundtable Addition
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8. Adjourn:

The March 19, 2021 meeting of the Reconciliation Lethbridge Advisory Committee adjourned at 11:47 a.m. until April 16, 2021.

9. Next Meeting Dates:

- ❖ April 16, 2021 – TBD – 9 AM – 11:30 AM
- ❖ May 21, 2021 – TBD – 9 AM – 11:30 AM

Parking Lot:

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Item:	Date Parked:	Tentative Return Date:
Strategic Workshop Check-In	<i>Every Six Months</i>	February 19, 2021 March 19, 2021 April 16, 2021
Subcommittee Structuring – Update #3	March 19, 2021	April 16, 2021

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

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