



Minutes of the **Reconciliation Lethbridge Advisory Committee** held on **April 16, 2021** on **MICROSOFT TEAMS (VIRTUALLY)** with the following attendance:

PRESENT:

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| Member, Co-Chair | T. Tallow |
| Member, Co-Chair | P. Wilson |
| 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, Education Representative | A. Bruised Head |
| Member, Education Representative | J. Chief Calf |
| Member | S. Strickland |
| Member | S. Singer |
| Member | R. Hoof |
| Member | E. Nowak |

OTHERS:

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| City Councillor | J.H. Carlson |
| City Councillor | B.E. Hyggen |
| Indigenous Relations Advisor | P. Stein |
| Indigenous Relations Coordinator | P. Beebe |
| Legislative Services | A. Moncrieff |
| Lethbridge Public Library, CEO | T. Plato |
| Manager, Community Social Development | M. Thomsen |
| Galt Museum and Archives, Executive Director | D. Martens |
| Public (Service Canada) | W. Stachura |
| Public (Service Canada) | D. Kostaras |
| Public (FCSS) | J. Goodrider |
| Public (Lethbridge School Division 51) | M. Morrow |
| Public (Treaty 7 Housing) | H. Shade |
| Public (United Way – Lethbridge) | J. Marietta |

ABSENT:

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| Member | L. Saloff |
| Member | K. Jo Rabbit |
| Member, Deputy Mayor | S.R. Miyashiro |

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

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P. Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

1. Welcome

1.1. Acknowledgment Statement

1.2 Blackfoot Prayer – *Mike Bruised Head*

2. Approval of the Minutes: March 19, 2021

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

3. Adoption of Agenda: April 16, 2021

The April 16, 2021 Agenda was adopted as amended, by way of consensus, to include:

- 4.5 – Janelle Marietta, Executive Director, United Way of Lethbridge & South Western Alberta re: Nominating Committee
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4. Agenda Items:

4.1. Dina Kostaras and Wanda Stachura, Service Canada re: Reaching Home Indigenous Funding Engagement

D. Kostaras and W. Stachura introduced themselves and provided an overview of the Reaching Home initiative, which is a community-based homelessness strategy. They advised that the initiative is to be housed within an Indigenous organization who would administer the funding dollars.

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4.2. Treena Tallow, Co-Chair re: Indian Battle Park Community Story Telling Project

An update was provided on Indian Battle Park, including the renaming initiative and the republication of *The Last Great Indian Battle* facilitated through the Lethbridge Historical Society.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- The importance of having Blackfoot perspectives relaying the stories;
 - Inclusion of history and context before the battle;
 - A shift to renaming becoming a broader, city-wide evaluation.
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4.3. Treena Tallow, Co-Chair re: All Candidates Forum

T. Tallow discussed having an All Candidates Forum during Reconciliation Week to ensure

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reconciliation continuity, even with a new Mayor/Council.

The following was discussed:

- Hosting the forum at the Lethbridge Public Library;
- Gauging which other organizations are having candidate forums, and collaborating with them (e.g. Chamber of Commerce);
- Whether the forum should be for both Council and Mayoral candidates;
- Identification of partners to liaise with.

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4.4. Treena Tallow, Co-Chair and Patrick Wilson, Co-Chair re: School Curriculum Changes Discussion

P. Wilson provided an overview of discussions at the School Curriculum Subcommittee. He advised that the group was to generate a set of letters, and with the committee's approval, prep them for distribution.

The following motion was presented:

RLA-02-20-2021 – 020:
M. BRUISED HEAD / A. SCOUT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Reconciliation Lethbridge Advisory Committee approve the six (6) letters with respect to the proposed Alberta School Curriculum (K-6), as amended and including a preamble as to the committee's purpose and why the letter is being written; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Reconciliation Lethbridge Advisory Committee direct that the Co-Chairs distribute the letters to the following:

- Lethbridge School District 51;
- Holy Spirit Catholic School Division;
- Shannon Phillips, MLA Lethbridge West;
- Nathan Neudorf, MLA Lethbridge East;
- Alberta Teachers Association.

once finalized.

----- **Carried by Consensus.**

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4.5. Janelle Marietta, United Way of Lethbridge & South Western Alberta re: Allocations Committee

J. Marietta provided an overview of United Way's role in allocating funding (ensuring insight and decisions are guided in how dollars are invested). J. Marietta asked the committee if anyone would be interested in sitting on the Allocations Committee to facilitate funding decisions.

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| Action: Committee members to reach out to J. Marietta if interested in sitting on the United Way's Allocations Committee. |
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5. Administration Updates:

5.1. Indigenous Relations Office Update

P. Beebe provided a verbal overview of the written submission from the Indigenous Relations Office.

6. Subcommittee Updates:

6.1. Strategic Planning Subcommittee

No update.

6.2. Substance Use Discussion Paper Subcommittee

P. Beebe advised that the group has been meeting bi-weekly on Friday's from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. The group will be discussing its function and role moving forward at the next meeting.

6.3. LPS & Media Subcommittee

P. Beebe advised that LPS and Media would be split into two different subcommittees under the new structure.

6.4. Businesses Engaged in Reconciliation 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

M. Thomsen:

Advised that Community and Social Development would be hiring a full-time, permanent Indigenous staff member to facilitate utilizing a Blackfoot lens to the work that CSD does; Community Wellbeing and Safety Strategy (CWSS) Phase II going to City Council on April 21st, 2021 and a task force will be created to facilitate the work arising from the Strategy.

8. Adjourn:

The April 16, 2021 meeting of the Reconciliation Lethbridge Advisory Committee adjourned at 11:44 a.m. until May 21, 2021.

9. Next Meeting Dates:

- ❖ May 21, 2021 – MS Teams – 9 AM – 11:30 AM
- ❖ June 18, 2021 – TBD – 9 AM – 11:30 AM
- ❖ July 16, 2021 – TBD – 9 AM – 11:30 AM
- ❖ August 20, 2021 – TBD – 9 AM – 11:30 AM

Parking Lot:

| Item: | Date Parked: | Tentative Return Date: |
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| BCC Recruitment Update | <i>March 25, 2021</i> | May 21, 2021 |
| RLAC Advocacy Letter re: MMIWG | <i>February 22, 2021</i> | May 21, 2021 |
| City Hall Flag Pole – Plague Text | <i>April 13, 2021</i> | May 21, 2021 |

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