



Minutes of the **Reconciliation Lethbridge Advisory Committee** held on **June 18, 2021** on **MICROSOFT TEAMS (VIRTUALLY)** with the following attendance:

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**PRESENT:**

Member, Co-Chair	T. Tallow
Member, Co-Chair	P. Wilson
Member, Mayor	C. Spearman
Member, Deputy Mayor	M. Campbell
Member, Business Representative	C. Vos
Member, Business Representative	N. Geske
Member, Education Representative	M. Bruised Head
Member	E. Nowak
Member	S. Strickland
Member	A. Scout

**OTHERS:**

City Council	J. Carlson
City Council	J. Coffman
CEO/Executive Director, Galt Museum and Archives	D. Martens
CEO, Lethbridge Public Library	T. Plato
Indigenous Relations Office	P. Stein
Indigenous Relations Office	P. Beebe
Waste & Recycling	N. Bueckert
Legislative Services	A. Moncrieff
Manager, Community and Social Development	M. Thomsen
Supply Chain Management	B. Harper
Public (FCSS)	J. Goodrider
Public (AB First Nations Health Consortium)	K. Tail Feathers
Public	R. Digout
Public (Lethbridge School District 51)	M. Morrow
Public (Treaty 7 Housing)	H. Shade

**ABSENT:**

Member, Education Representative	J. Chief Calf
Member, Education Representative	A. Bruised Head
Member, Education Representative	M. Black Water
Member	K. Jo Rabbit

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 9:06 a.m.

## 1. Welcome

1.1. Acknowledgment Statement

1.2. Blackfoot Prayer – *Hank Shade*

1.3. Moment of Silence re: Kamloops Residential School – Discovery of 215 Children

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## 2. Approval of the Minutes: May 21, 2021

**RLA-06-18-2021 – 021:**

**N. GESKE / A. SCOUT:**

THAT the Minutes of the May 21, 2021 meeting be adopted.

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## 3. Adoption of Agenda: June 18, 2021

The May 21, 2021 Agenda was adopted as amended, by way of consensus, to include:

- 4.5 – Perry Stein, Indigenous Relations Advisor re: Transportation Master Plan

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## 4. Agenda Items:

4.1. Kamloops Residential School – Discovery of 215 Children

T. Tallow introduced the agenda item, and opened the floor to the committee and guests for discussion.

The Committee discussed:

- Canada Day events – There will be no large day celebration of Canada Day as there typically is, due to on-going COVID-19 restrictions; City plans to hold events over the summer (observing COVID-19 requirements); There will also be a series of videos showcasing Indigenous Communities from around Southern Alberta leading up to Canada Day and a video from Tanya Talaga shown on Canada Day;
- J.H. Carlson, City Councillor, welcomed RLAC's for guidance in responding to the discovery

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- of the 215 children;
- Galt Museum Board – willing to provide letter of support;
- RLAC communications and development of a strategy;
  - Formalizing a process – by way of motion – so that RLAC can respond nimbly to media requests;
- Long-term education of Canadian settler colonial history – truth *before* reconciliation;
- Survey of monuments and other landmarks, discussion of renaming;
- Development of a Blackfoot curriculum and planning a consortium;
- Substantive versus symbolic responses;
- Creation of a few cohesive points that all parties could speak to – City Council, RLAC, etc.;
- Racism in the community – the “child of ignorance” and lack of knowledge; educating about Blackfoot history *prior* to contact;
- Suggestion: partner with the Herald and do a series of editorials in the paper to present the history; an initiative for the Education and Representation subcommittee.

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**4.2. Perry Stein, Indigenous Relations Advisor re: Renaming**

J. Coffman updated the Committee on the Council decision to advance the start date of the Indigenous Place-Making Strategy. The first step will be auditing public spaces that City Hall has responsibility for naming.

The following questions were considered:

- Have we continued to name our spaces in a way that reflects our values? How do we name places, and frame history and values within those places?

P. Stein invited the committee to share advice on how to best approach this work.

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**4.3. Treena Tallow, Co-Chair and Patrick Wilson, Co-Chair re: Discussion on Community Conversations and RLAC Communications**

The Committee discussed how RLAC could be nimbler to ongoing media requests. One idea would be to create a small group of committee members that are go-to contacts for media.

M. Williams, Communications Consultant, advised that if there was a list of contacts, she could provide communications training.

Providing letters of support is another area of consideration.

P. Stein recommended that the Co-Chairs be empowered to speak on behalf of the committee.

**RLA-06-18-2021 – 022:**

**M. BRUISED HEAD / E. NOWAK:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Reconciliation Lethbridge Advisory Committee direct Administration to begin outlining a Committee Communications Plan for a return date of July 16, 2021; and

FURTHER THAT the Reconciliation Lethbridge Advisory Committee empower the Co-Chairs to respond to media inquiries and release statements on behalf of the Committee, or delegate media responsibilities to other Committee members.

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**4.4. Patrick Wilson, Co-Chair re: *Race and the City* Book Chapter Update**

P. Wilson provided an update on the book chapter RLAC members had an opportunity to contribute to last year. It is in the final stages of publication, and will be circulated to the committee once complete.

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**4.5. Perry Stein, Indigenous Relations Advisor re: Transportation Master Plan**

P. Stein provided some background to the Transportation Master Plan. A workshop will be held in mid-July, and the committee – as well as external community members – will receive an invitation.

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**5. Administration Updates:**

**5.1. Indigenous Relations Office Update – Written Update**

P. Stein advised that two artists have been shortlisted for the Indigenous Legacy Commemoration Project (Community Engagement) – partially funded by RLAC, the Public Art Committee, and the MMIWG Work Plan – finalization and review of artist to lead commemoration and community engagement work will occur next.

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**6. Subcommittee Updates:**

A. Moncrieff provided an update on the Substance Use Discussion Paper Subcommittee.

M. Thomsen provided a CSD update.

## 7. Roundtable

### 7.1. Amanda Scout

Advised that her position is posted, should anyone be interested.

### 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. Marcia Black Water

### 7.9. Mark Campbell, Deputy Mayor

Advised that Indigenous artwork is going to be incorporated at the new fire station.

### 7.10. Mike Bruised Head

Advised that the Blackfoot Curriculum Consortium is in the works (part of the Education and Representation Subcommittee Initiatives).

### 7.11. Nicole Geske

### 7.12. Patrick Wilson

Thanked the National Indigenous Peoples Day event planners; advised that RLAC reach out to the university regarding Indigenization and reconciliation. Something that the Education and Representation Subcommittee could discuss at their next meeting.

### 7.13. Rachel Hoof

### 7.14. Sara Strickland

Provided an update of the Economic Subcommittee; plan to engage with the summer students at the City to see if there are any extra supports they may need.

### 7.15. Shawn Singer

### 7.16. Treena Tallow

AHS is hosting some activities on Wednesday, which will be shared on the RLAC Facebook page.

### 7.17. Non-Member Roundtable Addition

**Hank Shade, Treaty 7 Housing:**

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Inquired re: connection between RLAC and the MOU between the City and the Blood Tribe; was advised that the public signing ceremony will occur this fall.

**Terra Plato, Lethbridge Public Library:**

Advised that the Library has hired a summer Indigenous programming coordinator; have also created a permanent, full-time position for an Indigenous Library Technician; have hired an Indigenous artist to create a mural outside of the library.

**Melanie Morrow, Lethbridge School District:**

Thanked the Committee.

**Perry Stein, Indigenous Relations Office:**

UNDRIP session on Monday night; mural outside the fire hall and outside one of the new fire trucks based there.

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**8. Adjourn:**

The June 18, 2021 meeting of the Reconciliation Lethbridge Advisory Committee adjourned at 11:37 a.m. until July 16, 2021.

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**9. Next Meeting Dates:**

- ❖ July 16, 2021 – TBD – 9 AM – 11:30 AM
- ❖ August 20, 2021 – TBD – 9 AM – 11:30 AM

Parking Lot:

<b>Item:</b>	<b>Date Parked:</b>	<b>Tentative Return Date:</b>
Substance Use Discussion Paper Update	<i>May 7, 2021</i>	July 16, 2021
Social Impact Lab Initiative	<i>June 7, 2021</i>	July 16, 2021
Boards, Commissions and Committees Recruitment Update	<i>March 25, 2021</i>	July 16, 2021

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