



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

PRESENT:

Member, Co-Chair	T. Tallow
Member, Co-Chair	P. Wilson
Member, Mayor	C. Spearman
Member, Deputy Mayor	M. Campbell
Member, Education Representative	J. Chief Calf
Member, Education Representative	M. Black Water
Member	E. Nowak
Member	S. Strickland
Member	K. Jo Rabbit
Member	R. Hoof

OTHERS:

City Council	J. Carlson
City Council	J. Coffman
City Council	B. Crowson
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
City Solicitor's Office	E. Davies
Community and Social Development	A. Scout
Community and Social Development, CWSS Manager	M. Boh
Community and Social Development	C. Lyon
Community and Social Development	D. Marcellus-Kerr
Legislative Services	A. Moncrieff
Corporate Communications	M. Williams
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
Waste and Recycling	L. Blume

United Way – Lethbridge

J. Marietta

ABSENT:

Member, Education Representative

M. Bruised Head

Member, Education Representative

A. Bruised Head

Member, Mayor

C. Spearman

Member, Business Representative

C. Vos

Member, Business Representative

N. Geske

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 9:07 a.m.

1. Welcome

1.1. Acknowledgment Statement

1.2. Moment of Silence

2. Approval of the Minutes: June 18, 2021

RLA-07-16-2021 – 023:

P. WILSON / K. JO RABBIT:

THAT the Minutes of the June 18, 2021 meeting be approved.

----Carried.

3. Adoption of Agenda: July 16, 2021

RLA-07-16-2021 – 024:

S. STRICKLAND:

THAT the Agenda of the July 16, 2021 meeting be adopted.

----Carried.

4. Agenda Items:

4.1. Michael Boh, CWSS Manager and Janelle Marietta, United Way Lethbridge re: Social Impact Lab

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

J. Marietta provided a presentation on the Social Impact Lab, a collaborative community effort to evaluate gaps in social services and resources while developing ideas for improvement.

J. Marietta and M. Boh discussed with RLAC the Elders Knowledge Circle based out of Calgary, advising that they are looking to become a hub of Elders to support reconciliation work and ensure traditional knowledge continue to be passed down (Dr. Reg and Rose Crowshoe will be guiding a discussion on July 23, 2021 from 1-4pm via Zoom). J. Marietta opened the conversation up to RLAC to gauge interest. The Zoom link will be distributed to the Committee.

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4.2. Treena Tallow, Co-Chair re: Downtown Vaccine Clinic – Request for Funds

T. Tallow advised that a vaccine clinic was held in Galt Gardens this past week. There will be another second dose clinic on August 16th in Galt Gardens.

T. Tallow additionally provided information on Opokaas'in's 25th Anniversary Powwow – there will be a pop-up clinic at the event. Pop-up clinics provide direct interventions for healthcare (e.g. lab testing, dental check-ups, general check-ups) and resource connections.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Approximate turn out of the powwow;
- Potential for sharing RLAC's story and aspirations at the powwow, as well; P. Stein advised that community engagement could be a component to have community involved in reconciliation conversations;
- Volunteer requirements for both the vaccine clinic and the powwow.

The following motion was presented:

RLA-07-16-2021 – 025:

R. Hoof / E. Nowak:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Reconciliation Lethbridge Advisory Committee provide funding of up to \$500.00 for the Second Dose Vaccine Clinic; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Reconciliation Lethbridge Advisory Committee provide funding of up to \$1,500.00 for the Opokaa'sin 25th Anniversary Powwow Pop-Up Clinic.

Carried by Consensus

4.3. Pam Beebe, Indigenous Relations Coordinator re: Summer Event Discussion and Fall Event

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

P. Beebe advised that the Events Subcommittee has met once and begun planning Reconciliation Week and Orange Shirt Day. The following other considerations were discussed:

- Planning for in-person events;
- MMIWG funding towards Reconciliation Week;
- Orange Shirt design and ordering requirements.

She advised if anyone wishes to join the Events Subcommittee to reach out to A. Moncrieff.

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4.4. Perry Stein, Indigenous Relations Advisor and Meagan Williams, Communications Consultant re: RLAC Draft Communications Plan

P. Stein provided context driving the desire for an RLAC Communications Plan.

M. Williams presented the Draft Communications Plan. Key objectives would include increasing RLAC’s media presence, enhancing education and engagement with the community. She then opened up the floor to questions and comments, which included the following topics:

- Who facilitates dissemination of the messaging – collaboration between RLAC Co-Chairs, Corporate Communications, and the Indigenous Relations Office;
 - Messaging can be initiated by the Committee or the Co-Chairs themselves;
- How to mitigate Co-Chairs absorbing the media requests when inundated with other tasks, or feel they cannot speak to the topic as effectively as others; creation of a formal mechanism to delegate to another committee member;

M. Williams asked members to forward their knowledge expertise areas to A. Moncrieff, and then will work together to create a responsive framework.

M. Williams and P. Stein will return to a future Committee meeting with an updated Communications Plan.

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4.5. Alli Moncrieff, Legislative Services re: Boards, Commissions and Committees Recruitment Update

A. Moncrieff provided an overview of City Council’s annual Boards, Commissions and Committees recruitment, including current vacant positions.

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4.6. Jeff Coffman, City Councillor and Substance Use Research Subcommittee Member re: Substance Use Research Paper Update

J. Coffman provided some context of the subcommittee's work so far. He advised there were two primary questions for RLAC's determination:

- 1) If RLAC would like to participate in the project charter; and
- 2) If RLAC wishes the subcommittee to remain in place, stewarding the work and being the liaison between RLAC and Dr. Currie.

The following motions were presented:

RLA-07-16-2021 – 026:

P. Wilson / S. Strickland:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Reconciliation Lethbridge Advisory Committee participate in the research project charter.

Carried by Consensus

RLA-07-16-2021 – 027:

P. Wilson / S. Strickland:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Reconciliation Lethbridge Advisory Committee permit the Substance Use Research Subcommittee to remain, stewarding the work and liaising between RLAC and Dr. Currie.

Carried by Consensus

Discussion ensued regarding:

- While addiction is a community issue, acknowledging that there are some pathways to addictions that are unique to Indigenous peoples, such as settler colonialism, harmful legislation supporting colonialism, etc.;
- The research's objectives – identify pathways of *prevention*;
- The research's general timelines.

5. Administration Updates:

5.1. Indigenous Relations Office Update – Verbal Update

6. Subcommittee Updates:

7. Roundtable

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- 7.1. Amanda Scout
- 7.2. Annette Bruised Head
- 7.3. Chris Spearman – Mayor
- 7.4. Cyndi Vos

Joint initiative with the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce and the Kainai Chamber of Commerce (written update shared by A. Moncrieff).

- 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
- 7.10. Mike Bruised Head
- 7.11. Nicole Geske
- 7.12. Patrick Wilson
- 7.13. Rachel Hoof

Advised that the Indigenous Peacemaker Project is still underway, but has slowed down.

- 7.14. Sara Strickland

Met with the Indigenous Summer Students hired at the City; will be meeting again the following week.

- 7.15. Treena Tallow
- 7.16. Non-Member Roundtable Addition

E. Davies:

Advised that him and A. Moncrieff are working on a corporate smudging policy.

8. Adjourn:

The July 16, 2021 meeting of the Reconciliation Lethbridge Advisory Committee adjourned at 11:22 a.m. until September 24, 2021.

9. Next Meeting Dates:

- ❖ September 24, 2021
- ❖ October 22, 2021

Parking Lot:

Item:	Date Parked:	Tentative Return Date:
DRAFT Smudging Policy Review	<i>July 9, 2021</i>	September 24, 2021
Galt Gardens Indigenous Landscape/Placemaking Review	<i>July 9, 2021</i>	September 24, 2021
Elders Advisory Circle Update & Discussion	<i>July 9, 2021</i>	September 24, 2021

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