



MINUTES

Seniors, Elders & Advocates Committee (SEA)

Wednesday July 22 2020 (*further minutes from July 23rd forthcoming)

3:15pm Online Zoom

Present: Anne Prince, Cynthia Low, Kazezemaka Myra Pierre, Vera Jones, Annie Daniko, Maureen Matilpi, Todd Giihlgigaa DeVries, Sabian Rawcliffe, Wanda Christianson, Bill Hood, Terry Mcnoney, Susie Phil, Cylia Wong, Farren Gillaspie, Sandra Greene, Anne Cowan, Kya Prince, Daniel Cook

Opening prayer and land acknowledgement – Anne Prince ([Dakelh](#) (Carrier) Dene' and English) On the unceded Coast Salish territories of x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh (Squamish) and selílwitulh (Tseilil-Waututh) First Nations

Introductions:

Ferrin: Delighted to be here and join the Committee

Maureen: Hello and doing well

Vera: Good to see everyone. Welcome new members, especially now because of isolation.

Myra: shared Traditional Name – mostly staying home and careful to wear a mask if out. Feeling happy to be a part of our online programs and community.

Cylia: Doing OK, busy volunteering in the Food Centre and helping out with Craft supplies.

Elder Anne: Being here is good medicine and practice. Important to keep in touch with Family and Elders. Due to COVID will not be travelling home this summer.

Annie Dan: Lots of meetings, supporting Indigenous programs everywhere. Finding it difficult with all of Racism involved with Addressing and Britannia Statement Committee

Cynthia: Heartfelt support to everyone and their families. Glad to be here

Sabian: COVID has changed life so much but doing OK. Enjoying our Wednesday program and working on New upcoming 8wk class.

Sandra: has been with the 55+ for a few years now. Liking Zoom workshops. Makes COVID life and isolation easier because we see everyone and good to be a part of everything.

Susie: would like to thank Sabian as she's now made several earrings. Thank you to Britannia and the 55+ Team and members

Terry: hooked on the 55+ and Staff, amazing place

55+ Team: Grateful to be here with you all and for the community work supported by Britannia.

Additions

- no additions to agenda

Cynthia Updates

Ministry of Health Investigation – Addressing Racism in Healthcare
Survey – Email – Telephone

*also for healthcare providers who've witnessed racism

Britannia 55+Team to support how they can and to assist Elders with Survey and sharing their experience(s) with health care

Anne, Kya and Daniel, have already been getting the word out and are available to help those who need it.

- if you need help going through Survey (online only until July 30th)

- Email and telephone open until December 31st of this year

- If you feel unsafe or triggered we are available and also have resources from FNHA for peer and counselling support

Staff are working with Seislom on a “de-brief” session. (Mental, Physical and Spiritual healing and sharing)

Tom: - working with Youth and Families. -how to get youth engaged and to share their stories. - support Families to also tell their experience(s) with health care

Comments:

- Committee member shared a recent experience where they were treated badly and reiterated how important it is that we take part in the survey

- thanked by committee for sharing and how supported we feel. Another racism experience shared

- Anne Dan belongs to a Committee that reports to the College of Physicians and will share some of this committees members experiences with them.

- Another member has emailed stories. Believes it's also important to send to the College of Physician's with a copy to the (Healthcare provider involved)

- *Annie D will get back to us regarding the Committee she is part of and information on how others might become part of that Committee

- List of resources like the College of Physicians would be good

- Share resources with Elders and Volunteers who call Elders/Seniors

Noted: if folks need time and are not ready now to share their experience with the Addressing Racism in Health Care Inquiry, there's time (until Dec.31st) and please let us know how we can support

Cynthia - Pow Wow for September (Susie & Juanita)

Teka asked to develop proposals under Provincial health office (Gatherings) which will include options and timeline.

*Most important is the health and welfare of participants

Discussion:

- concerns regarding number of people gathering (COVID), is online an option?

- Vera recommended reaching out to Eric Anderson and or Wendal/Chaz at IRSSS who might be good contacts as they did a country wide “National Indigenous Peoples Day” online event
- comment on diversity. Western PowWow to include many nations. Could there be a Potlach added?
- Has there been discussion about west coast tradition as well. Have the planning group included permission from 3nations who’s land we are on?

Cynthia: Intention: to include all nations, be outdoors on Gravel field, mini gathering. Will be in the proposal.

Does the Committee Support the efforts of the PowWow Committee?

Questions & Discussion:

- Will it be zoomed as well? When? And will it be part of RIA-Orange Shirt Day?
PowWow would be a 1Day Event on September 26th
- Orange Shirt Day – Practicing Culture so important to Residential School Survivors
 - September 30th Important to acknowledge Survivors of Residential Schools. Britannia along with Friendship Centre have done so collaboratively for years.
- PowWow can be anytime, please don’t take away from Survivors annual acknowledgement
- Feel that priority should be for Survivors and Orange Shirt Day. Can PowWow include this?
- West Coast inclusion good. If PowWow part of RIA West Coast should be included
- Site will be busy in September with schools return is PowWow, RIA, Orange Shirt Day possible? We don’t really know what September will bring with COVID
- Might be better to plan after Sept return date and to have PowWow anytime between Nov-Dec when we have a better idea. As a Grandma/Mum there’s already a lot going on in September so better to have PowWow and other gatherings once we are in the “new normal”
- thumbs up to Agencies who are holding events, can we reschedule for another time?
- Crabtree are have an event on September 5th “Culture Saves Lives” we can see how that goes and mirror, if there’s a spike they will cancel
- think it’s great there are many events being planned

Committee Recommendation to look over PowWow and other September Event Plans at next meeting. *SEA Committee supports PowWow proposal in principle and recommends it include West Coast.

Britannia Anti-racism statement

Anne D – Reads Draft#5 of Statement to Committee

Committee Response;

- 1) Do we want to meet to discuss? Should we devote a Friday Hangout to discuss? Really big and important issue. Committee would like us to send a copy of the draft to the Quirk-e group and invite them, as elders/seniors in our community centre, to be included in our recommendations.
- 2) Anne will send to Farren today to bring to the attention of Quirk-e at their meeting next Tuesday
- 3) Anne, Kya and Daniel are sending their staff team recommendations and will follow up with Elders/Seniors (not meet the July 30th deadline too big a topic to fit into today's already full meeting)

Strategic Plan – Board currently reviewing (COVID shown us gap between people and irregularities in access to services)

Britannia Renewal - going ahead – facilities redesigned with current engagement situation. *Britannia responsive - Consultant to be hired – Workshops on Rezoning Process

Upcoming Programs/Events

AGM – Society Act before Dec 31st – working out details - **September 23rd**

*credit to the 55+ for all their work and continued engagement of Elders/Seniors
 -shortened version – must have membership – call Cynthia directly if you're interested in running for the Board

-Mailout to membership over 4000, hoping to have as few barriers as possible for folks to attend and participate

Discussion:

-What will be the voting platform? Wanda mentioned her Nation used "One Feather" platform for voting

- New members can call front office to get membership or online

-Could Food Delivery pick up Ballots? Volunteers? Virtual Vote? Outdoor Drop-off Box?

Meeting adjourned 5pm

***Moved to continue SEA Committee tomorrow afternoon, Wednesday July 23rd to cover remaining agenda below**

Drum Group, HATTA, Chinese Dance

Zoom Calendar

Volunteers

Quirk-e

Britannia Newsletter

Elders and Seniors priorities

Mental Health Workshop

55+ Update

Feedback and brainstorming

RIA, Orange Shirt Day, Fall Solstice event