



Truth and Reconciliation Commission “Calls to Action”

Opportunities to Respond

Park Board Committee Meeting

January 11, 2016





Background



- June 23, 2015:
City motion to review “Calls to Action.”
 - City staff reporting back on January 18, 2016.
- June 29, 2015:
Urban Aboriginal Advisory requests Park Board review of “Calls to Action.”
- July 20, 2015:
Park Board directs staff to report back on TRC “Calls to Action” within the Park Board’s jurisdiction.

Calls to Action



- TRC issued 94 calls to action.
 - 12 call upon either ‘all levels of government’ or ‘municipal governments’.
 - 8 of these are within jurisdiction or influence of the Park Board.
 - 20 additional actions are related to areas in which Park Board has influence or opportunity.



- TRC's "Calls to Action" identifies two major areas of action Legacy and Reconciliation. These two areas include 22 themes.
- Current recommendations address both areas and 14 of the themes, most notably:
 - Language and Culture
 - Commemoration
 - Professional Development and Training for Public Servants
 - Education for Reconciliation
 - Youth Programs
 - Sports and Reconciliation.



Work-to-Date



Professional Development and Training for Public Servants:

- Squamish Nation presentation at VanDusen on history of local indigenous communities
- Planning staff attend Brad Marsden workshop on residential schools
- Briefing for Operations and Planning managers on archeological considerations
- TRACKS Symposium attended by staff from Planning and Recreation

Language, Culture and Commemoration

- **Stanley Park Plan:** Park Board Commissioners initiate new relationship with Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh
- **“Shore-to-Shore” sculpture information panel:** new understanding of language sovereignty
- **TRACKS Symposium:** bringing together indigenous, settler, & immigrant artists, thinkers, & educators who create community-engaged art
- **“Songs for Reconciliation”:** Community art project that shared cultural knowledge and truths about residential schools

Education for Reconciliation

- Reconciliation in Action (RIA): “Drive the Change” - hosted at Britannia demonstrated how reconciliation can become a reality at the neighbourhood-level
- Hastings Community Centre has planned a similar RIA event. Will include the launch of a Reconciliation art project supported by Park Board’s Neighbourhood Matching Fund



Youth Programs

- RISE (Responsible Indigenous Strategy for Empowerment),
 - delivered in Community Centres as a partnership between ALIVE & Community Centre Associations
- MoreSports
 - supporting access to sports for Aboriginal youth;
- Park Board's Orange Shirt Day
 - raised awareness that "every child matters."



EVERY CHILD MATTERS
COMING TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT OF RECONCILIATION

To date, the Vancouver Park Board has:

- Initiated reconciliation actions;
- Responded to Indigenous initiatives;
- Taken advantage of opportunities.



Recommendations




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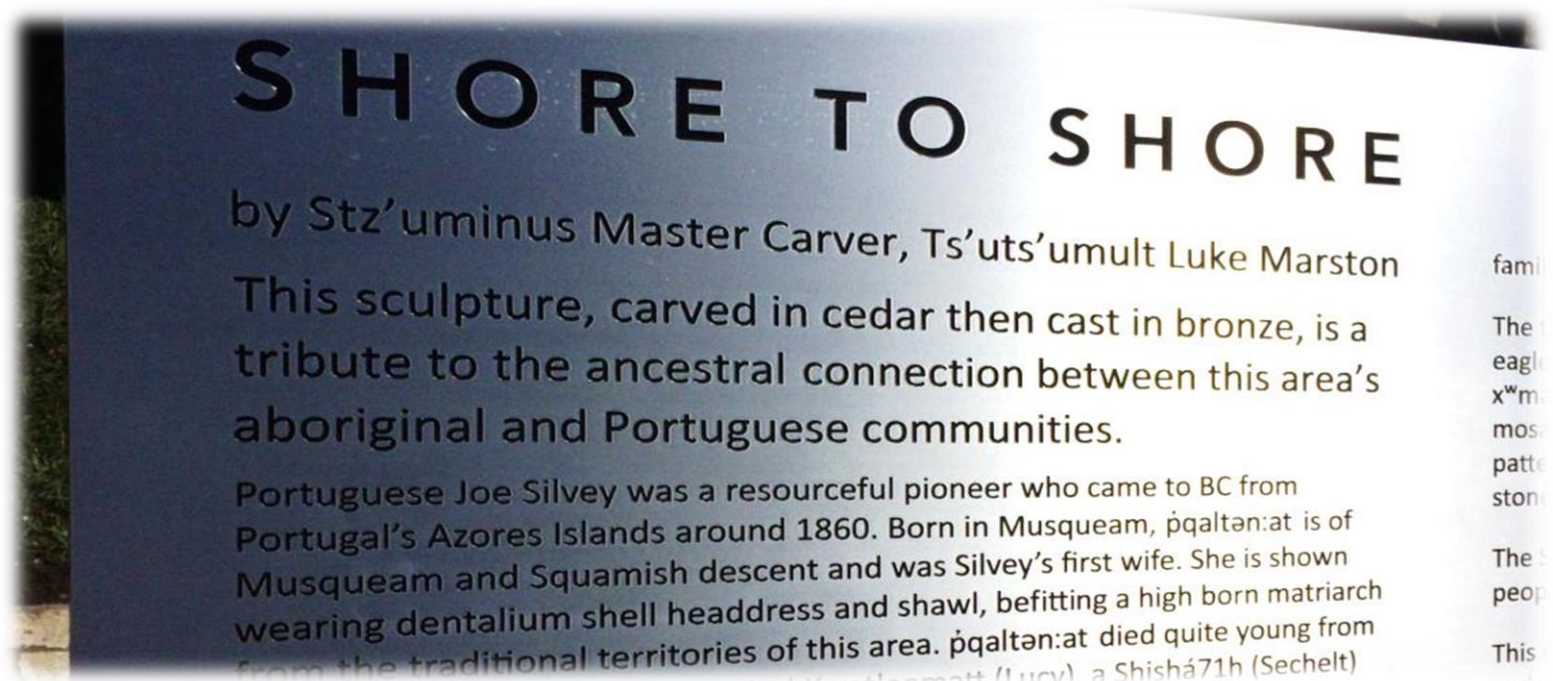
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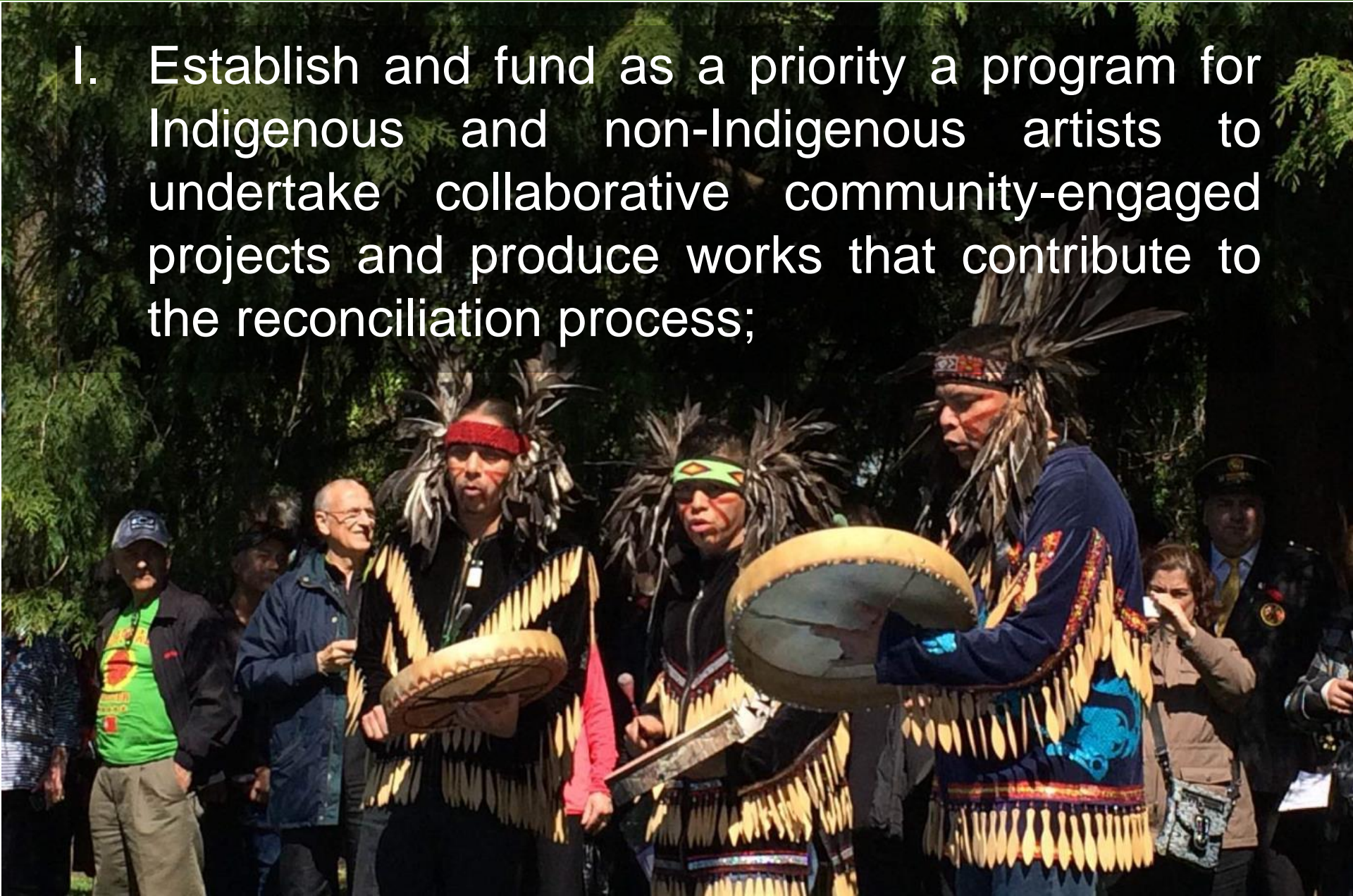


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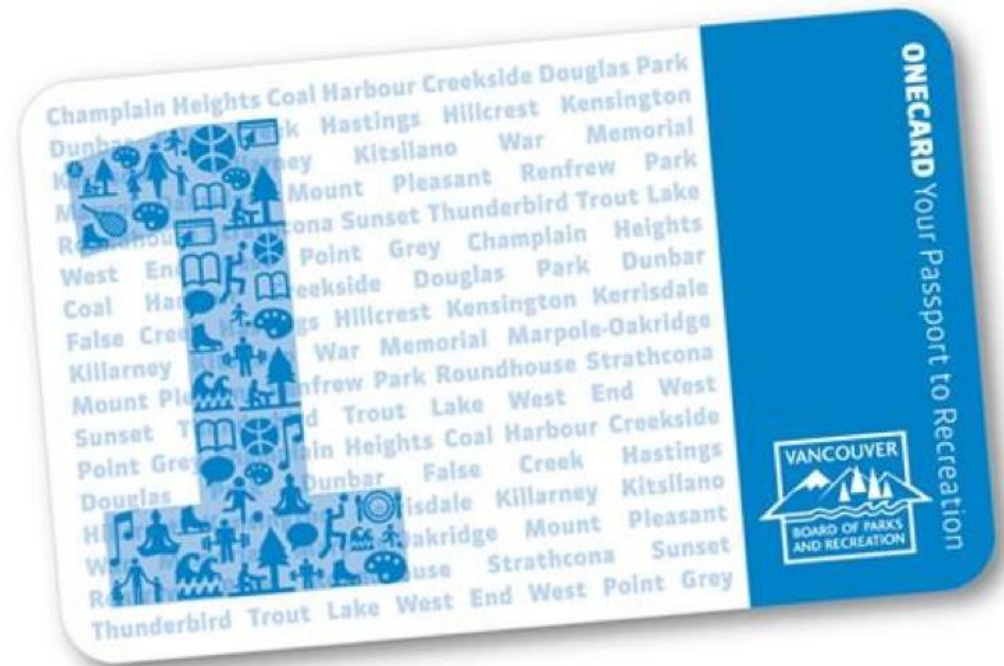
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- The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation has made a commitment to reconciliation
- Park Board is already supporting substantial work that responds to the themes and actions identified by the TRC
- The recommendations presented in this report reflect a broad inclusive approach and mark the next phase of the Park Board’s Reconciliation journey

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