



# Truth and Reconciliation Commission

## “Calls to Action” Strategy Update

Park Board Committee Meeting  
January 23, 2017





# Purpose

The purpose of this presentation is to provide the first annual update to the Park Board's multi-year Reconciliation Strategies.





# Background

**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.

**January 11, 2016:**

Park Board passes 11 Strategies for Reconciliation.

**March 7, 2016:**

Park Board approves Corporate Sponsorship Funds for two Reconciliation Strategies

**June 27, 2016:**


Park Board accepts “Survivors Pole” an artistically and culturally significant and approves support from Corporate Sponsorship Fund.

# Strategy Updates






Adopt the "United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" as a reference framework for Park Board's Reconciliation initiatives;



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# Strategy #1: Update

- Feb. 26, 2013:  
Vancouver City Council endorsed “United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.” (UNDRIP)
- Jan. 11, 2016:  
Park Board direction to staff to adopt UNDRIP as a reference framework for reconciliation.
- May 10, 2016:  
Federal Government officially adopts UNDRIP.
- Dec. 5, 2016:  
Day long session at the Assembly of First Nations Special Chiefs Assembly on how to engage with, and tool sharing for, the implementation of UNDRIP.



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# Strategy #2

Work with First Nations people's and other civic bodies to identify, create, and deliver appropriate and actionable staff training on indigenous issues and reconciliation;



## Identify Training:

- Working with:
  - City's Manager of Aboriginal Relations
  - Vancouver Coastal Health: Aboriginal Health Authority
  - Equal Employment Opportunity staff
- Training Identified:
  - Fire Across the Land Workshop
  - Working Effectively with Aboriginal Peoples
- Gaps in Available Training:
  - Introduction
  - Hands-on workshop for operations
  - Workshop specific to the Vancouver land base.



## Create Training:

- Short Introduction to Reconciliation Presentation
  - Coordinator of Arts, Culture and Engagement (ACE)
  - Presentation completed
- Chance Find Training
  - Park Board Archeologist
  - in beta testing
- Vancouver Specific Workshop
  - To-be-developed
  - in partnership with Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh

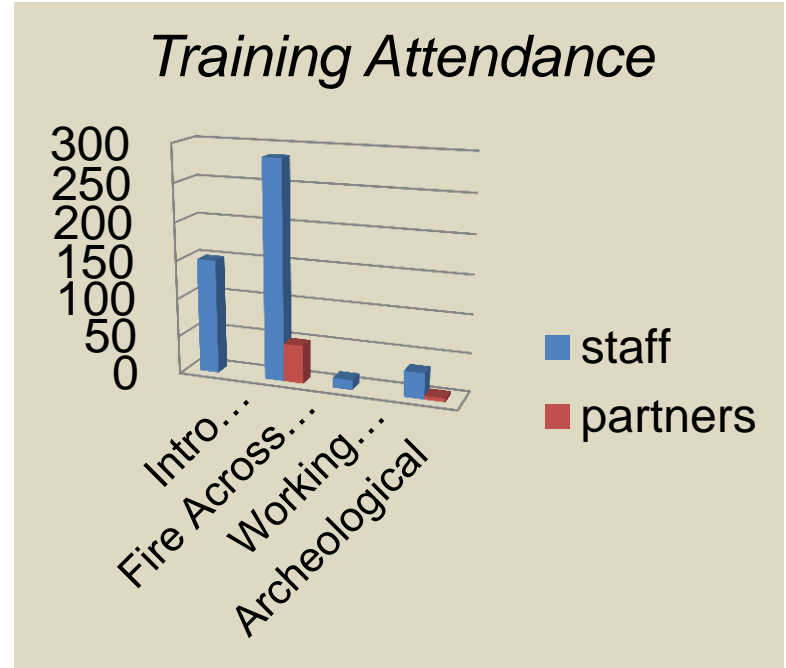


# Strategy #2: Update

## Deliver Training:

Initial primary focus is on moving toward a staff-wide common baseline understanding.

- “Fire Across the Land”
  - comprehensive
  - effective
  - engaging





# Strategy #3

Take a 360 degree approach to programming, including in the areas of culture, health, public dialogue, physical activity, and sport in order to increase public knowledge and awareness of reconciliation and to provide support to indigenous peoples including children, youth, Elders and families;



# Strategy #3: Update:

## **Lisa Prescott: Recreation Division lead**

- Key next steps:
  - establish a workgroup
  - analyze programming cycle for benefit opportunities
  - develop review process with indigenous representatives

# Strategy #4 and Update

Continue Park Board's precedent setting intergovernmental approach to the future stewardship of Stanley Park and other relevant lands;





# Strategy #5



Review the donation of monuments, memorials, and public art processes and policies to ensure integration of Indigenous history, heritage values, and memory practices;



# Strategy #5: Update



‘Walking Together’ was a cultural learning process and a transformative journey





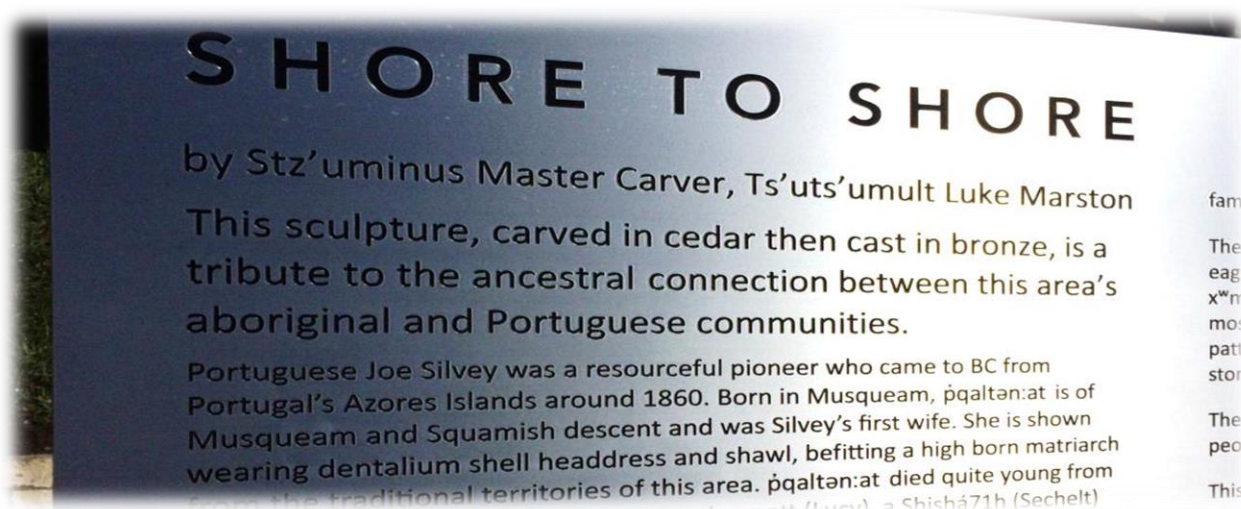
# Strategy #6 and Update

Review archeological protocols to ensure that "Aboriginal protocols shall be respected before any potentially invasive technical inspection and investigation of a cemetery site or soil disturbance of a midden site takes place on park lands;



# Strategy #7 and Update

Acknowledge that Aboriginal rights include Aboriginal language rights; that preservation, revitalization and strengthening of Aboriginal languages and cultures are best managed by Aboriginal people and communities;



# Strategy #8 and Update

Review partner and business contracts, relationships and procurement policies for alignment with TRC Calls to Action;





# Strategy #9

Establish and fund as a priority a program for Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists to undertake collaborative community-engaged projects and produce works that contribute to the reconciliation process;



# Strategy #9: Update

Indigenous/Non-Indigenous Community Engaged Arts  
Recognizing and incorporating the importance of Indigenous voices

Engage  
consultant

5 consultations

Draft report  
reviewed by  
participants

Finalize Report  
and act on  
recommendations



# Strategy #10 and Update

Review event permitting and sports hosting opportunities to ensure that Indigenous peoples' territorial protocols are respected and that, if appropriate to the scale of the event, that local Indigenous communities are engaged;





# Strategy #11 and Update

Maintain current policy of no charge for changing a name on the OneCard, especially in relation to Indigenous people reclaiming names changed by the residential school system.







# Summary