

DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

Title: Declaration in Support of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Date Prepared: September 10, 2020

Report To: Special Meeting of Council

Councillor and Role: Mayor Danny Breen, Governance & Strategic Priorities

Ward: N/A

Decision/Direction Required:

Seeking approval from Council to approve the attached Declaration in Support of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Discussion – Background and Current Status:

The City recognizes the importance of establishing a closer working relationship with our Indigenous communities. We are committed to developing a set of objectives in partnership with First Light which will provide and support inclusion and equality of opportunity for the Indigenous peoples in our City.

The links below provide further clarity and intent with respect to the Declaration.

- Newfoundland and Labrador Heritage, a project managed by faculty, students, and staff at Memorial University. Available at <https://www.heritage.nf.ca/articles/politics/aboriginal-confederation.php>.
- "The Lasting Breach: The Omission of Aboriginal People from the Terms of Union between Newfoundland and Canada and Its Ongoing Impacts," a submission by Dr. Maura Hanrahan to the Royal Commission on Renewing and Strengthening Our Place in Canada. Available at <https://www.gov.nl.ca/publicat/royalcomm/research/Hanrahan.pdf>.
- Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC)
http://trc.ca/assets/pdf/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf
- Calls for Justice of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG)
https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Calls_for_Justice.pdf
- United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)
https://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/documents/DRIPS_en.pdf

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Key Considerations/Implications:

1. Budget/Financial Implications: N/A
2. Partners or Other Stakeholders:
 - First Light NL
 - Indigenous Peoples
3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans: N/A
4. Legal or Policy Implications: N/A
5. Privacy Implications: N/A
6. Engagement and Communications Considerations:
 - Promote the Declaration in Support of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
7. Human Resource Implications: N/A
8. Procurement Implications: N/A
9. Information Technology Implications: N/A
10. Other Implications: N/A

Recommendation:

That Council approve the attached Declaration in Support of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

No Signature - Task assigned to Kevin Breen was completed by workflow administrator Elaine Henley

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