



Memo to Council

From the Office of Mayor Rob Vagramov

Date: July 8, 2022

Subject: City-First Nations Council-to-Council Meeting

As part of the City's reconciliation efforts, the idea of Council-to-Council meetings were raised and generally supported at our Council table. Historically, the City of Port Moody has not had a working relationship with the majority of First Nations in our vicinity, and Council recognized that one of the first steps to forming meaningful relationships (or frankly, relationships of any kind) is to actually meet.

With COVID restrictions fading, the Mayor's Office has been reaching out to our First Nation neighbours to begin organizing such meetings.

This memo requests a budget allocation to cover the costs associated with the maximum number of Council-to-Council meetings, one meeting for each of the 8 nations listed in our territorial acknowledgement. The budget estimate envisions an informal meal-based meeting with each of the Nations listed.

In total, there would be approximately 90 people from the Nations (pending information from the Nations), in addition to Port Moody Council and some members of ELT. Due to the historically unique nature of this initiative, there may be more costs involved, and staff can report back should further budget be required. A contingency is included in the estimate to limit the likelihood of additional budget requests, and is intended to cover minor overages, or costs (such as mileage or pre-meeting expenses) associated with setting up the intended Council-to-Council. Mayor's Office staff compiled the high-level budget estimate listed in this memo. When scheduling for 100+ people is accounted for, this first round of Council-to-Council meetings may last into 2023. At that time, it is recommended that Staff report back to Council to facilitate continued dialogue, whether in the form of a committee, Council-to-Council liaison representatives, or some other method to ensure this initial work amounts to a fruitful relationship between the City and its First Nations neighbours.

I am recommending that Council pass the following resolution so that staff can proceed in facilitating these meetings:

THAT staff be directed to assist the Mayor's Office in coordinating Council-to-Council meetings between the City of Port Moody and əlilwətał, k'w'ikwəłəm, x'w'məθk'wəyəm, sk'w'xwú7mesh úxwumixw, q'icəy, q'w'a:ńł'əń, qiqéyt, and Nations of the S'ólh Téméxw;

AND THAT a budget of \$7,600.00 be approved and referred to Finance Committee for a funding source, to organize and host Council-to-Council meetings between the City of Port Moody and əlilwətał, kwikʷəłəm, xʷməθkʷəy̓əm, skwxwú7mesh úxwumixw, qíćəy̓, q'wa:ńł'əń, qiqéyt, and Nations of the S'ólh Téméxw;

AND THAT staff report back, following the conclusion of this first set of Council-to-Council meetings with a plan for future and ongoing First Nations relationship building/maintaining that would assess the viability, cost, and effectiveness of continued Council-to-Council meetings, a formalized joint committee structure, and Council-to-Council liaison representatives, in addition to any other ideas generated by staff or Council at the time.
