

The City of Vancouver's UNDRIP Action Plan

MSTV Intergovernmental Table to Vancouver City
Council
June 25th, 2024



Agenda

1. Background: UNDRIP and COV UNDRIP Strategy
2. Co-Developing the COV UNDRIP Action Plan
3. Overview of the COV UNDRIP Action Plan
4. Moving Forward in a Good Way and Key Next Steps

2: Background – UNDRIP and COV

UNDRIP Strategy



UNDRIP Implementation at other levels of government

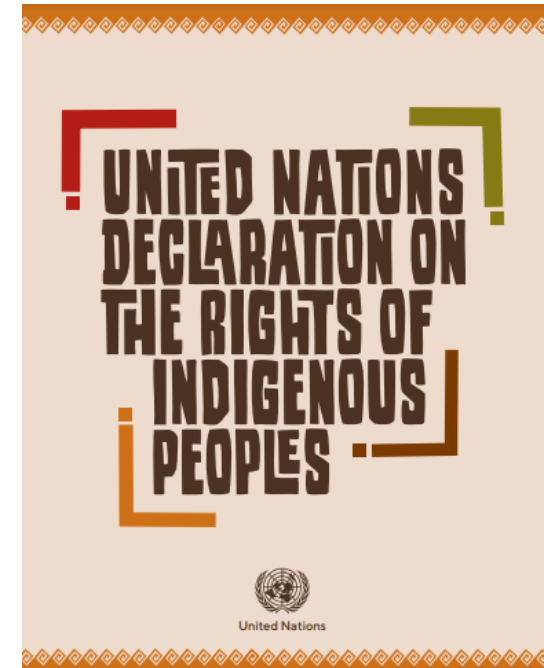


Other levels of government have passed legislation to implement UNDRIP

- **B.C.** passed the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (Declaration Act)* into law in November 2019
- **Canada** passed the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* in June 2021
- B.C. and Canada have both developed Action Plans to support implementation of UNDRIP

UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)

- Most comprehensive international human rights instrument regarding Indigenous Peoples
- Establishes the minimum standards for the survival, dignity and well-being of Indigenous Peoples
- Includes a broad spectrum of rights that apply to Indigenous Peoples as individuals and/or collectives including:
 - Rights to be free from discrimination or attempts at assimilation
 - Rights to language and religious, spiritual and/or cultural practices
 - Rights to self-determined political, social, cultural and economic development
 - Rights to traditional lands and territories



City of Vancouver Council Direction



In June 2024, the City of Vancouver celebrated 10 years as a **City of Reconciliation**

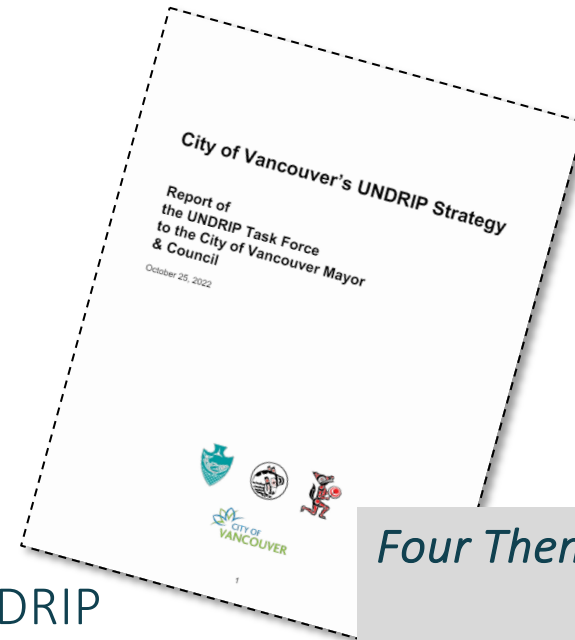
Since 2021, the City has been on a journey to implement UNDRIP at a municipal level:

- **COV Supports UNDRIP February 2013:** City Council passes Motion to support UNDRIP
- **Task Force established March 2021:** Task Force of the three Nations and City Councillors was established by a motion of City Council
- **UNDRIP Strategy endorsed October 2022:** City Council endorses the COV UNDRIP Strategy and directs staff to (1) work collaboratively to develop an Action Plan on implementation and (2) maintain an intergovernmental process for carrying the work

Vancouver is the first municipality to co-develop an UNDRIP Strategy and Action Plan

The City of Vancouver UNDRIP Strategy

- The Task Force collaboratively developed the City of Vancouver UNDRIP Strategy
- The Strategy has 79 Calls to Action, grounded in UNDRIP articles and rights, and has been reviewed by external experts and advisors
- The Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Councils reviewed and endorsed this Strategy
- First process of this kind – truly collaborative process that has strengthened the relationship between the four governments



Four Themes in the Strategy:

1. *Social, cultural and economic well-being*
2. *Ending Indigenous-specific racism and discrimination*
3. *Self-determination and inherent right of self-government*
4. *Title and rights of Indigenous Peoples*

3: Co-Developing the COV UNDRIP Action Plan



Reconvening to develop an Action Plan

- The UNDRIP Task Force was reconvened in 2023 as the UNDRIP MSTV Intergovernmental Table (IG Table)
- To develop an Action Plan, staff and leadership from four governments collaborated to determine...of 79 Actions in the Strategy, *where do we focus our efforts collectively in the first 5 years?*
- The draft was developed through a collaborative co-development process which has strengthened relationship between all parties
 - Created a true partnership with all four governments
 - Process that moves towards meaningful reconciliation with Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh

Members of the UNDRIP MSTV Intergovernmental Table



1. Councillor Michele Point, Musqueam Indian Band
2. Councillor Richard Sparrow, Musqueam Indian Band
3. Council Chairperson Khelsilem, Squamish Nation (Co-Chair)
4. Councillor Tiyáltelut (Kristen Rivers), Squamish Nation
5. Councillor Ts'simtelot (Charlene Aleck), Tsleil-Waututh Nation
6. Councillor Whonoak (Dennis Thomas), Tsleil-Waututh Nation
7. Councillor Rebecca Bligh, City of Vancouver
8. Councillor Christine Boyle, City of Vancouver (Co-Chair)
9. Councillor Adriane Carr, City of Vancouver
10. Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung, City of Vancouver

The Intergovernmental Table is supported by staff from all four governments

Unveiling the City of Vancouver's UNDRIP Action Plan (2024-2028)



Urban Indigenous Engagement



There are many urban Indigenous people who call Vancouver home. Taking a distinctions-based approach, the City is leading an important parallel process to hear from about their needs, priorities, and how they wish to be engaged.

- Over fall 2023 to spring 2024 the City heard hosted several in-person engagements
- Four key themes emerged: **1. Right Relations, 2. Representation, 3. Well-Being, and 4. Anti-Racism**
- Findings were reported back to the MSTV Intergovernmental Table
- City staff are now working to develop a fulsome framework for ongoing engagement with the diverse Indigenous people living in the City.



4: Overview of the COV UNDRIP Action Plan



Action Plan overview

5 Themes in the Action Plan:

1. Relationship
Foundations

2. Redress,
Housing and Land

3. Cultural
Presence

4. Stewardship and
Addressing
Environmental
Racism

5. Communication
and Accountability

Within the 5 themes are 18 Action Groups containing a total of 88 deliverables

Many of the actions are transformational and may span more than one 5-year action plan. All the actions in the 2024-2028 Action Plan will be started and have incremental progress which will be tracked and reported regularly, though not all will be complete by 2028.

5: Moving Forward



Next Steps

- Begin collaborative implementation which will include bringing actions to Council for decision when required.
- Many of the actions in the Action Plan relate to work underway, are able to be integrated into existing workplans, or relate to work that can be adapted
- Staff will also report back to Council where the implementation of specific actions have legal implications for the City.
- Annual progress reporting to Council including which actions will be prioritized for the upcoming year, and mid-point public update.



THANK YOU

