

TASK FORCE ON THE COMMEMORATION OF EDWARD CORNWALLIS AND THE RECOGNITION AND COMMEMORATION OF INDIGENOUS HISTORY

MEETING OVERVIEW & HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting Date: May 13, 2019

In attendance:

Monica MacDonald (co-chair and chair of this session)
Chief Roderick Googoo (co-chair)
Yvonne Atwell
Jaime Battiste
Sheila Fougere
Pam Glode-Desrochers
AJB (John) Johnston
Heather McNeill
Daniel Paul
John Reid

- Co-Chair MacDonald provided an update on the public engagement sessions in June of 2019. The Task Force discussed the current procurement of consultant facilitators, dates, times and venues of engagement sessions, strategies for publicizing the engagement sessions, and recording methods. HRM staff will finalize the details and handle communications.
- The Task Force continued a discussion on the Cornwallis statue, including in the context of similar issues elsewhere.
- The Task Force received staff presentations from:
 - Gayle MacLean, Civic Address Coordinator, on commemorative naming policies;
 - Kellie McIvor, Cultural Asset Manager, on public art and recent commemorative projects;
 - Cheryl Copage-Gehue, Advisor, Indigenous Community Engagement, on the Gord Downie/Chanie Wenjack Legacy Room; and
 - Seamus McGreal, Heritage Planner, on the Barrington Street Heritage District, which will encompass Cornwallis Park.

The staff presentations were open to members of the public.