



**New Westminister Secondary School Replacement Project
Memorialization Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 24th, 2024, 3:30 PM
Location: Via Zoom**

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| ATTENDING MEMBERS | Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent of Schools/CEO, New Westminister Schools Robyn Gibson, PFS Studio Bill Chu, Canadians for Reconciliation Society Rob J. McCullough, New Westminister City Nadine Nakagawa, New Westminister City Jessica Schneider, Massey Theatre Society Kelty McKinnon, PFS Studio Daana Gilpin, Tsilhqot'in National Government Jaimie McEvoy, New Westminister City Councilor |
| PROJECT TEAM | Dave Crowe, New Westminister Schools |
| SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEE | Maya Russell, New Westminister School District Trustee |
| REGRETS | Danielle Connelly, Memorialization Advisory Committee Chair and Trustee, New Westminister School District |
| MEETING RECORDER | Anne-Marie Martin, New Westminister Schools |

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – DANIELLE CONNELLY & MAYA RUSSELL

- Meeting called to order at 3:32 pm
- Trustee Russell welcomed all and gave a land acknowledgement.

1. MEMORIAL PLAQUE TEXT REVIEW – MAYA RUSSELL AND DANIELLE CONNELLY

- Trustee Russel provided an overview of the text and edits made, along with Kelty McKinnon of PFS Studio's discussion will be had with the hopes of finalizing something today that everyone is happy with.
 - Updated Text:
 - First paragraph centered around the territory and language.
 - Second paragraph refers to displacement, and addition details added around displacement and references around McBride the local relevance
 - Third paragraph speaks to settlers and the diversity of the settles and discrimination they experienced.
 - Fourth paragraph is the description of the first cemetery.
 - No other changes on the next three paragraphs.
 - Description of segregation around burial practices.
- Comments regarding the paragraphs were discussed and examples of what it should read were provided by members Rob, Kelty, Bill, Jaimie. Jessica and Kelty will take this information away.
- Paragraph 4 (Rob) 1869 not sure Japanese or Sikh were here at this time. Have they reviewed

that language and the source? Kelty, we have not reached out, and who would it be? Maya mentioned – Qayqayt.

- Daana has comments/edits that she has sent via email to Maya to be shared with Kelty and Robyn

2. SITE & DESIGN UPDATE – DAVE CROWE, KELTY MCKINNON & ROBYN GIBSON

- Dave provided a brief updated on the site, buildings down and berms are starting to be built.
- Robin and Kelty presented the revised layout of the of the memorialization site.
- Jamie is concerned about darkness and safety, worried it is too dark, and circulation, if maintenance yard is not (parking)
 - Regarding circulation – Robin went through all access points
 - Jessica – travelling from the theatre and school is hard to get out of the school
 - Dave – the parking stalls are the way they currently exist, transportation person coming on the help configure and maximize the space and enhancing the flow of traffic.
 - Dave – lighting fortunate enough amount of fill, quite a bit left, will put some fill in some area's that will allow us to put more lighting.
- Bill – Chinese memorial area? Is this still in the plan?
 - Kelty – no budget for outside of this interim layout

Comments:

- Bill trying to visualize, also the height small looking down, should be eye level when reading text.
 - Kelty following BC Parks, 35-degree angle to make it easier to read. The fence is 4"feet – 3 feet" tall, you would be looking down but would not have to bend over to read
- Nadine loves the symbolize of the synagogue, considerations about accessibility, inaccessibility for people who do not speak English
- Jessica, can we incorporate imagery of communities of who we are recognizing, to encounter , translated language in the impression. Suggestion to incorporate those communities; QR code
- Rob accessibility, like the horizontal, find space to have captions under images instead of text, three panel spread it out and reduce exhaustion of too many words
 - Kelty general imagery, tell story of the erase, community story
- Maya is that the background; clean black text, white section for readability, background is an obstacle (text of images trying to get over that)
 - Kelty still working on that
- Rob the map with notation enhance to articulate the text is there away?
 - Kelty it was quite busy, but we can put more dates
- Maya is the signage facing the same way
 - Kelty it can be rotated
- Bill a white background, are we not doing this on metal?
 - Robin investigation different products, powder coated metal, weatherproof. CNC, laser cut are the different things we are looking at

Maya – we would like to invite everyone to a school board meeting in February, to celebrate this phase of the work (February 27th – 7:00pm) further details to be provided.

CLOSING

- Meeting ended at 5:09 pm.
- Next meeting **TBA**
- Questions or comments should be directed to Karim Hachlaf (khachlaf@sd40.bc.ca) and copied to Anne-Marie Martin (ammartin@sd40.bc.ca)