### Special Council Meeting Number 16-2021 Addendum Number 2 Wednesday, June 16, 2021

#### Communications

The consent of Council is requested for the **addition** of Communication Numbers 16-696, 16-697 and 16-698.

16-696 Correspondence received from Andrea De Asco Cortes with respect to "How are Indigenous and Non-Indigenous communities collaborating?", dated June 16, 2021.

(Distributed to all members of Council on June 16, 2021)

(Attached to Addendum Number 2 as schedule pages 1-3)

16-697 Correspondence received from Margaret Moncrieff with respect to Statue in City Park, dated June 16, 2021.

(Distributed to all members of Council on June 16, 2021)

(Attached to Addendum Number 2 as schedule page 4)

16-698 Correspondence received from Margaret Moncrieff with respect to Reconciliation, dated June 16, 2021.

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(Attached to Addendum Number 2 as schedule page 5)

From: Andrea from Ethelo Date: June 16, 2021 at 2:11:15 PM EDT To: "Bolognone,John" <<u>jbolognone@cityofkingston.ca</u>> Subject: How are Indigenous and Non-Indigenous communities collaborating? Reply-To:

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Hi John,

Across Canada, people are eager to learn how to be the best possible allies to Indigenous communities. Many local governments are exploring ways to collaborate with First Nations.

If you're interested in how you can be a better ally and collaborate with your Indigenous neighbours, don't miss our next webinar, <u>Collaboration Between</u> <u>Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Communities</u> on June 24 at 11 am PT/2 pm ET.

We're bringing together a panel of experts to highlight some of the best collaborations happening between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities across Canada.

From establishing Vancouver as the world's first City of Reconciliation to promoting green energy and entrepreneurship in Indigenous communities, our speakers will share tips based on their real-life experiences.

### Sign up for free!

Join us to learn more about:

- How to be a better ally and build better partnerships with Indigenous communities
- What collaboration opportunities exist
- Examples of successful collaboration

I look forward to seeing you there!

Warm regards,

Andrea



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June 16, 2021

COMMUNICATION No: 16-696 From: Margaret Moncrieff
Date: June 16, 2021 at 3:42:26 PM EDT
To: Mayor & Council <<u>Mayor&Council@cityofkingston.ca</u>>
Subject: Statue in City Park

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Dear Bryan and Members of Council,

I am a downtown resident in Kingston and wanted to express my thoughts about the Sir John A. MacDonald statue in City Park.

I am in favour of the statue being removed. I believe that the statue holds in it values of colonialism and patriarchy that no longer serve. I think that it should be removed so that we can move forward in the reconciliation process with Indigenous Peoples of Canada. Monday, June 21 is National Indigenous People's Day in Canada. It would be a great day to announce that Council has decided to remove the statue!

As a woman, I have always felt that the towering statue of a man in the park to be uncomfortable. I went to Queen's in the 1980's when the park was known as "Pervert Park", and I was afraid, at the time, to walk through the park, especially at night. I have still feel discomfort entering the park as an older adult, even though it is a very beautiful park with lots to offer.

In general, I think statues are stagnant representations of ideals/values. Our identity, to be healthy, should grow and change over time. Instead of another statue, I think some of the following ideas could be discussed:

- Plant a tree there
- Create a space there for live story-telling opportunities as we move through healing toward fostering healthier relationships.
- Melt the statue down and create something functional/helpful with the material. Take a picture of the statue that can be used for historical purposes. We don't need the real thing!
- If the statue has to go somewhere, maybe inside a museum would best.
- Getting rid of the canon structures too!

Thank you, Margaret Moncrieff

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COMMUNICATION No: 16-697 From: Margaret Moncrieff Date: June 16, 2021 at 3:45:30 PM EDT To: Mayor & Council <<u>Mayor&Council@cityofkingston.ca</u>> Subject: Reconciliation

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Dear Bryan and Members of Council,

I wanted to share another thought with you that many people might not like, but that I think would be an ethical thing to do. As someone who has taught kindergarten, I have learned that it is important to say 'sorry' when I have done something wrong, and, to make amends for any wrong-doings. Since our ancestors did things to Indigenous People that we now see as wrong - like taking land that Indigenous People had lived on for many years, we need to do something about it.

Because cities have been built up in certain ways, this is difficult to do, but, not impossible.

Here are things I think we could do:

1. Property owners could pay extra tax that would go directly to Indigenous People in and near to our community to support healing and/or to contribute to the betterment of their living standards.

2. Buildings such as churches, schools or other buildings that are not useful for their original purposes could be either demolished and the land given back to Indigenous People or the current spaces could be used to support the reconciliation process by offering programs or services there, in collaboration with Indigenous people.

3. If Queen's or another corporate body buys land or new buildings, that a significant percentage of the purchase needs to go toward something that supports the TRC's calls to action.

Thank you, Margaret Moncrieff

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