

2024 AGM Report Indigenous Liaison Committee

Indigenous Liaison Committee Report to Annual General Meeting – June 17th
, 2024

The Indigenous Liaison Committee is composed of 14 people who currently have a child playing or did play with Vancouver Female, are previous players themselves or are members of other MHA's. Six of our members are Indigenous.

A little over a year ago the board approved one of the options of an Indigenous jersey crest designed by Debra Sparrow, a well-known artist of the Musqueam First Nation who designed the Team Canada jersey for the 2010 Olympics. An unveiling ceremony was held on October 30th at the Musqueam Cultural Centre with the 4 teams (U13C1, U15C3, U18A1 and U21C1). Debra shared her inspiration for the design and her own experience of being involved in sports. We recently sent out a survey to the teams' players to get their feedback on their experience wearing the Indigenous jersey.

We hosted an Indigenous Girls Come Try Hockey on August 26th which was sponsored by BC Hockey. Our March 9th event was funded by the Canucks Fund for Kids. We promote these events through social media, email contacts we have developed with our local First Nations and non-profit societies who work with Indigenous communities and through the distribution of posters through the Vancouver School Board (with Trudi Harris's help), the Vancouver Parks Board, pre-schools and non-profit organizations.

Real Hip, the association's apparel suppliers, created orange shirts with our new Indigenous jersey crest design for the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

As mentioned in the Referee-in-Chief report, we hosted a BC Hockey Officiating Clinic for new Indigenous refs which was funded by the Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity & Recreation Council (ISPARC). This is the first time this has been done in BC and we are currently working with BC Hockey to host a clinic in the pre-season.

We are working on hosting a jamboree for Indigenous girls on the Saturday and Sunday of the Labour Day weekend. Please let us know if you are able to volunteer for any of the following:

- Coach
- Safety Person
- Team Mum
- Promotion
- Equipment
- Welcoming
- Drinks and snacks

Dairobi Paul

On behalf of the Indigenous Liaison Committee