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The minutes of the March 6, 2023, meeting were approved as distributed.

Jen Stone, Executive Director, Strategy, Planning & Transformation, distributed the print copies of the 2023/28 Strategic Plan. The posters are up in the six boardrooms. The pop-up banners will all be mounted by June.

Tanya Clarmont, Vice Chair, provided an overview on colonialism. Points for reflection are: 'Where did we learn about colonialism?' and 'What do we know about it?' First Peoples have been here for tens of thousands of years. Oral traditions were used to pass on history and knowledge of territory. There were large healthy populations with well-established systems of governance and law, trade and economy, education and art that made up the complex long-standing societies. In colonialism the assumption is that the land is free to take. Euro-Christian world views ignore Indigenous laws and systems. Their goals are occupation, political control, economic dominance, patriarchy and hierarchy. Their goals are achieved by physical and/or cultural genocide.

The colonialism system assimilates Indigenous people by creating laws, such as the Indian Act, which dictate every aspect of Indigenous lifestyles. These are current obstacles that still exist. Resilience, resistance, and reconciliation are intentional, inter-connected efforts to rebuild Indigenous cultural systems. It is across all sectors of society, over generations, and is not an "Indigenous problem". The responsibility belongs to everyone. Indigenous people support each other through the traumatic history by using humour, ceremony, relationships, and partnerships.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.