



City of Hamilton
HAMILTON ABORIGINAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA

Meeting #: 21-12

Date: December 2, 2021

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Due to the COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall

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1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

1.1. Land Acknowledgment

1.2. Call to Order

1.3. Opening Address

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(Added Items, if applicable, will be noted with *)

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 - 13.1. Update on Search for the Indigenous Initiatives Project Manager
- 14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

15. ADJOURNMENT

15.1. Closing Address

15.2. Adjournment



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Aboriginal Advisory Committee

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- Present:** Marilyn Wright, Chair
 Connie Bellamy, Vice-chair
 Patty Lawlor, Secretary (Ally/non-voting)
 Allan Loft, Member
 Scott Cruickshank, Member
- Absent with Regrets:** Shelly Hill, Manager, Indigenous Relations, Healthy and Safe Communities (staff)
- Also Present:** Jennifer DiDomenico, Senior Project Manager, Indigenous Relations, Healthy and Safe Communities (staff)
 Sonya Baldwin, Program Secretary, Healthy and Safe Communities, Children's Services and Neighbourhood Development Division (staff)
 Kim VanderMeulen, Program Secretary, Healthy and Safe Communities, Children's Services and Neighbourhood Development Division (staff)

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item 1)

(i) Land Acknowledgment (Item 1.1)

P. Lawlor made the acknowledgment.

(ii) Call to Order (Item 1.2)

C. Bellamy called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.

(iii) Opening Address (Item 1.3)

A. Loft said a prayer of Thanksgiving to the Creator in Mohawk and English.

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2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

The Chair advised of the following changes to the agenda:

- Add as 5.2: Code of Conduct for Citizen Members of Committees
- Add as 10.9: Recruitment
- Add as 13.1: Committee Officers Identification on City Website
- Add as 13.2: Aboriginal Advisory Committee on City Website
- Add as 13.3: Access to Approved Minutes
- Add as 13.4: Point in Time Count of Homelessness

(M. Wright/S. Cruickshank

That the agenda for the November 4, 2021 meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (item 4)

(i) **Minutes of October 7, 2021 (Item 4.1)**

(M. Wright/S. Cruickshank)

That the minutes of the October 7, 2021 meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee be approved as presented

CARRIED

5. COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(i) **Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination Verification Policy (Item 5.1)**

J. DiDomenico responded to questions from Committee members about correspondence from W. Matthew Sutcliffe, Director, Employee Health, forwarded to them on October 28, 2021, by K. VanderMeulen.

J. DiDomenico confirmed that:

- the City's request to Advisory Committee members may be prompted by plans to return of in-person meetings
- members who don't meet the specified deadline can still participate in virtual meetings.

Since not all members had received and reviewed the correspondence, staff committed to resending the correspondence with key information highlighted.

(ii) Code of Conduct for Citizen Members of the Committee (New)

Not all members had time to review correspondence from L. Kolar, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk, forwarded to them on November 3, 2021, by K. VanderMeulen.

Concerns raised included:

- item not included on the meeting agenda until requested by a member
- November 30th deadline prevents discussion at next committee meeting
- lack of background information about the significant expansion of the Code of Conduct

Staff clarified that there are two opportunities to respond.

Staff committed to requesting background information for distribution to Committee members prior to the November 30, 2021 deadline.

6. CONSENT ITEMS (Item 7)

(I) Explanation of Section (Item 7.1)

J. DiDomenico explained that the section allows for the grouping of routine business and items that committees can accept in a single motion rather than multiple ones. The purpose of the grouping is to save time, allowing more meeting time for items requiring discussion.

7. STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 9)

(i) Urban Indigenous Strategy Update (Item 9.1)

J. DiDomenico reported:

- on recent promotional priorities, including Treaties Recognition Week (November 1-7) and International Inuit Day (November 7)
- that the search for the Indigenous Initiatives Project Manager position is underway.

On S. Hill's behalf, J. DiDomenico proposed that, going forward:

- the Urban Indigenous Strategy Staff Presentation be a quarterly item on agendas
- the Urban Indigenous Strategy will provide an annual program summary in writing.

The Committee accepted the proposal with agreement that the Urban Indigenous Strategy program will deliver its first written program summary (2021) and quarterly presentation in February 2022.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(i) Update on Tasks Arising from October 7, 2021 Meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee (Item 10.1)

Committee and staff members reported on the status of tasks assigned to them at the October 7, 2021 meeting.

Tasks not yet completed will roll over into the task list resulting from this meeting.

The list resulting from this meeting will include new tasks assigned at this meeting.

There was additional discussion on the following items:

(a) Current Membership Status of A. Loft

In response to his request, M. Wright confirmed to A. Loft that he continues to be a member in good standing.

(b) Funding Currently Available to the Aboriginal Advisory Committee

J. DiDomenico reported that:

- the Committee's term balance is \$3,500
- the Committee's reserve funding is \$7,600
- the cost for displaying the banner at City Hall in June 2021 was \$371 and has not yet been deducted from the Committee's term balance.

P. Lawlor noted that it appears that the Committee's \$500 contribution to the Urban Indigenous Strategy's youth programming in June 2021 has not yet been deducted.

(c) Posting of the Committee's Updated Residential School Letter on City Website

J. DiDomenico advised that, until the City upgrades its website in 2022 allowing for more information on the Aboriginal Advisory Committee page, the Urban Indigenous Strategy's page would be the best place to post the letter.

(d) Letter of Support for Semi-annual or Annual All Advisory Committees Meetings

Staff advised the Committee to submit its letter to K. VanderMeulen who will forward it to the Clerk's Office

(ii) Committee Name Reconsideration (Item 10.2)

Discussion resulted in a decision to refer this item to the Committee's next term.

(iii) Committee Membership and Quorum (Item 10.3)

The current Committee has five members. One is a non-voting ally.

J. DiDomenico confirmed that quorum for the current Committee is two voting members. (Source: Advisory Committee Procedural Handbook, Updated July 2020, p. 6.)

(iv) Committee Banner (Item 10.4)

(a) Sub-committee Report (Item 10.4(a))

M. Wright reported that she and S. Hill have not yet met.

(b) Project Budget (Item 10.4(b))

M. Wright will take Committee budget information to her meeting with S. Hill.

(c) Banner Planning Timeline (Item 10.4(c))

Deferred to December meeting.

(d) Logo & Graphics (Item 10.4(d))

Deferred to December meeting.

(v) Private and Confidential / In-camera Discussions (Item 10.5)

There was agreement that M. Wright and P. Lawlor will discuss the matter further and report back to the Committee.

(vi) Visioning for Final Year of Term (Item 10.6)

Deferred to December meeting.

(vii) Hamilton's Water Problems (Item 10.7)

M. Wright spoke about

- the seriousness of water problems in Hamilton and on reserves
- concern about insufficient remedial action
- what the Committee may be able to do to help increase awareness about and action related to the problems.

Action suggestions included:

- sending a letter of concern to City Councillors and appropriate City departments
- organizing and inviting City politicians and staff to a panel discussion or meeting in the New Year with the City's Indigenous peoples
- drafting a statement about the need for a code of conduct and process, possibly under religious auspices
- drafting a plan of action at the Committee's December meeting.

There was agreement that M. Wright will discuss the matter with S. Hill at their meeting.

(viii) 2022 Budget Preparation (Item 10.8)

J. DiDomenico advised that the Committee needs to prepare and submit its 2022 budget before the end of December.

Staff will include the form in the agenda package for the December meeting.

(ix) Recruitment (Item 10.9)

Deferred to December meeting.

9. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)**(i) Committee Officers Listings on City Website (Added Item 13.1)**

In response to an inquiry about why the City's advisory committee web pages don't identify committee officers, staff advised that the Committee can use the City's "Web Request" feature to ask staff to add the information.

(i) Aboriginal Advisory Committee on City Website (Added Item 13.2)

Deferred to December Meeting

(iii) Access to Approved Minutes (Added Item 13.3)

Deferred to December Meeting

(iv) Point in Time Count of Homelessness (Added Item 13.4)

M. Wright noted that the City's Housing Services Division and the local Indigenous community will jointly conduct the count from November 15 through November 19. There will be an Indigenous-led Magnet Event on November 17 at Beasley Park to promote survey participation by Indigenous community members.

10. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**(i) Closing Address (Item 15.1)**

A. Loft said a prayer in Mohawk, Anishinabe, and English, concluding with encouragement to continue praying for more care for the homeless and those in need.

(M. Wright/A. Loft)

That there being no further business, the meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee be adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

CARRIED

Marilyn Wright, Chair
Aboriginal Advisory Committee

Patty Lawlor, Secretary
Aboriginal Advisory Committee

Next Meeting: December 2, 2021