



City of Hamilton
HAMILTON ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA

Meeting #: 22-09
Date: September 1, 2022
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: YouTube Channel Streaming for Virtual Meetings (due to COVID)
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1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

1.1. Land Acknowledgement

“The City of Hamilton is situated upon the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas. This land is covered by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. We further acknowledge that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.”

Today, the City of Hamilton is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (North America) and we recognize that we must do more to learn about the rich history of this land so that we can better understand our roles as residents, neighbors, partners and caretakers.”

1.2. Call to Order

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15.1. Closing Address/Prayer

15.2. Adjournment



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MINUTES 22-006

Indigenous Advisory Committee

Thursday June 2, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

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- Present:** Marilyn Wright, Chair
Connie Bellamy, Vice-Chair
Patty Lawlor, Secretary (ally/non-voting)
Allan Loft, Member
Scott Cruickshank, Member
- Also Present:** Beth Dockstator, Project Manager Indigenous Initiatives, Healthy & Safe Communities (staff)
Jennifer DiDomenico, Senior Project Manager Indigenous Relations, Healthy & Safe Communities (staff)
- Guest:** Andrea Smith, Senior Development Consultant West Harbour Redevelopment, Planning and Economic Development (staff)

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

(i) Land Acknowledgment

P. Lawlor began with the land acknowledgement

(ii) Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

(iii) Opening Address/Prayer

A. Loft opened the meeting with a prayer of Thanksgiving in Mohawk and English

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair requested the following item be moved up the agenda to item:

9. Staff Presentations

9.1 Discovery Centre (Planning and Economic Development, West Harbour
Redevelopment)

(A. Loft/S. Cruikshank)

That the agenda for the June 2, 2022 meeting of the Indigenous Advisory Committee be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(i) Minutes of April 7, 2022

(S. Cruikshank/C. Bellamy)

That the minutes of the April 7, 2022 meeting of the Indigenous Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. Staff Presentations (Item 9)

(i) Discovery Centre, West Harbour Redevelopment (Item 9.1)

A. Smith attended the meeting and reviewed the presentation materials (sent to committee in advance). The information for committee included study area, goals, strategy framework and draft strategic principles. Her objective in attending was to explore the Indigenous Advisory Committee's thoughts on the initiative and get advice on how to further engage with the Indigenous community about it.

Discussion was framed by the following questions posed:

- What opportunities and issues do you see for the Site?
- Which strategic themes and actions of the 2019 Urban Indigenous Strategy align to the Discovery Centre Study?
- What might the recommendation be to connect with the Urban Indigenous Communities to invite input to the Study?
- What interest does the Committee have in this Study?

Committee provided feedback and responses to the presenter. Some of the opportunities suggested include installing a ferry service to/from Toronto, exploring a partnership with the Hamilton Public Library to do something like the Indigenous Market they are now hosting downtown, an education centre for nature (continuing with the type of function when Parks Canada operated there), and/or developing a multicultural centre (a gathering place to share, learn and enjoy international cultures). Another opportunity that would really align with the UIS is for the City to gift the Indigenous community with the facility and adjacent property. With the location on the water (culturally significant), it would enable the Indigenous community to

explore uses for culture purposes, dance performances, teaching, arts and craft talent, and even cuisine. Perhaps adding a sizable/noticeable feature in the landscape such as a drum arbour/dome and stands for seating would add some distinction to the site.

In terms of connecting with the Indigenous community, committee suggested sending information out through Indigenous agencies or networks such as CHIL (Coalition of Hamilton Indigenous Leadership) with an offer to discuss through a meeting if they are interested. In addition, getting out to attend Indigenous community events such as the upcoming Soaring Spirits powwow at Battlefield through setting up a booth/table with information and to invite comment, maybe even survey of attendees.

Regarding future interest in this study, the committee requested to be kept informed especially where the City will consider this centre for the Indigenous community. Members requested that any updates be shared through the staff liaisons by email and noted that their term is coming to a close with the Municipal Election.

(P. Lawlor/AI Loft)

That the presentation respecting the Discovery Centre Study be received.

CARRIED

6. COMMUNICATIONS

(P. Lawlor/AI Loft)

That the following items be deferred to the June 23, 2022 meeting:

- 6.1. Virtual Meetings for Advisories, forwarded by B. Dockstator, Urban Indigenous Strategy/Healthy & Safe Communities Department from L. Kolar, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk (April 20, 2022)
- 6.2. Statement for City's Vaccine Policy for Employees, forwarded by B. Dockstator, Urban Indigenous Strategy/Healthy & Safe Communities Department, from L. Kolar, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerks (April 27, 2022)
- 6.3. Complimentary Tickets, from B. Dockstator Urban Indigenous Strategy/Healthy & Safe Communities Department (April 20, 2022)
- 6.4. Code of Conduct Training for Local Boards and Committees (Slide Deck), forwarded by B. Dockstator, from L. Kolar, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk (April 27, 2022)

CARRIED

7. CONSENT ITEMS

- (i) **Report: Meeting re Indigenous Advisory Committee Minutes Archives, Webpage, and Secretary and Staff Liaison Roles**

(P. Lawlor/AI Loft)

That the item be deferred to the June 23, 2022 meeting

CARRIED

8. STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 9)

(i) Urban Indigenous Unit Update (Item 9.2)

B. Dockstator provided committee with an overview of the initiatives associated with National Indigenous History Month that the Indigenous Relations Team (IRT) will be hosting or partnering on. There will be virtual events hosted with the Hamilton Public Library through the Woodland Cultural Centre and participation in the opening of the children's garden at Gage Park. The IRT is also supporting the Branches of Native Development (BOND) conference on June 24 at Battlefield Park. For National Indigenous Peoples Day (NIPD), a celebration event will be hosted at City Hall on June 21st which will be co-hosted with the IAC.

(C. Bellamy/S. Cruikshank)

That the Indigenous Advisory Committee contribute funding to an upset limit of \$300 towards the purchase of cake and supplies for the National Indigenous Peoples Day event at City Hall.

CARRIED

One final item that staff are working on is an art exhibit created by children at Niwasa to be showcased at City Hall. B. Dockstator inquired about the contents of the glass cabinet on the second floor where the IAC displayed some items such as the medicine box, etc. The committee supports offering that space for this exhibit and asked that the items (which are not personal) be safely stored by staff elsewhere during that period.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

(P. Lawlor/AI Loft)

That Items 10.3 to 10.9 be deferred to the June 23, 2022 meeting.

CARRIED

(i) Indigenous Advisory Committee/ Urban Indigenous Unit Banner (item 10.1)

The subject of a new banner has been on subsequent agendas, but the content has not been completed to date. The Chair recommended that the IRT staff be directed to take lead responsibility for finalizing the banner through to production. There was discussion by members that the content be simple and include minimal text (so that the message is more easily conveyed to pedestrians and vehicles passing by City Hall) and reflect the key days of Indigenous significance. The banner is still intended to be a joint offering/venture between the IAC and the IRT.

(ii) Indigenous Advisory Committee Logo (Item 10.2)

Members discussed and decided that a logo should be considered by the new (incoming) Indigenous Advisory Committee once they are established next year.

(iii) Advisory Committee Meeting Dates for Remainder of 2022 (Item 10.10)

The Chair suggested that given there are still items on the agenda and the fall discussion needs to focus on recruitment before the hiatus during Elections, another meeting of committee should be convened in June. Members indicated their support to meet and asked staff to make arrangements for a suitable time.

Historically the IAC has not met during the summer and members agreed to continue with that approach. As such, the next meeting would be in September and then committee would not meet until after the Municipal Election in October.

10. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Indigenous Market (Hamilton Public Library) (Item 13.1)

J. DiDomenico indicated that the HPL was successful for a grant to pilot an Indigenous artists and vendors market downtown. The Market will be hosted on 2 Saturdays per month from May to December in the Central branch. The Library will be working with the IRT to potentially submit another grant proposal to expand this pilot if successful.

(ii) Code of Conduct Training (Item 13.2)

B. Dockstator reminded members of committee of the virtual session being offered on June 7th for members of the City's volunteer advisory committees on this topic. If a member is not able to participate, they should let her know and she can follow-up with Clerks to determine if there are alternatives.

(iii) Water Walk Solidarity Day Event (Item 13.3)

The Chair shared that there will be a blanket exercise offered by Ryerson United Church on June 15 for anyone interested in attending this good, impactful initiative.

P. Lawlor shared that the Catholic Women's League (CWL) held a conference recently that incorporated Indigenous speakers (Yvonne Maracle) on the agenda in the CWL efforts to learn and become more aware of Truth and Reconciliation and it was well received.

11. ADJOURNMENT

(i) Closing Address/Prayer (Item 15. 1)

A. Loft closed the meeting with a prayer in Mohawk and English.

(ii) Adjournment (Item 15.2)

(C. Bellamy/S. Cruikshank)

That the meeting of the Indigenous Advisory Committee be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Marilyn Wright, Chair
Indigenous Advisory Committee

B. Dockstator, Staff Liaison
Indigenous Relations Team



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Regrets: Scott Cruickshank

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Jennifer DiDomenico, Senior Project Manager Indigenous Relations, Healthy & Safe Communities (staff)

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

(i) Land Acknowledgment

M. Wright began with the land acknowledgement

(ii) Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

(iii) Opening Address/Prayer

A. Loft opened the meeting with a prayer of Thanksgiving in Mohawk and English

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair requested the following item be moved up on the agenda to follow Item #:

- (i) Landmarks Review
- (ii) Cancellation of May 5 meeting

(C. Bellamy/A. Loft)

That the agenda for the June 23, 2022 meeting of the Indigenous Advisory Committee be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(i) Minutes of June 2, 2022

(S. Cruikshank/C. Bellamy)

That approval of the June 2, 2022 Minutes be deferred to the July 7, 2022 meeting, for approval.

CARRIED

5. COMMUNICATIONS

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6. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

(i) National Indigenous Peoples Celebration

Staff and those who attended gave brief highlights of how the National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration.

(ii) Landmarks Review

J. DiDomenico provided a summary and overview of the Landmarks Review

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) HAMILTON Sign Modification

- medicine wheel added to the end of the sign
- BD put the request forward to mayor's office

(ii) Indigenous Advisory Committee Web Page Update

- access to minutes on the page
- layout of info on the page (e.g. res sch letter) not enough profile
- PL expressed frustration with not getting info on how feedback is incorp into projects
- esp. work on **equity lens framework/toolkit (Evelyn Myrie)**
- BD & JD will ask for those people to come back to IAC with outcome
- PL also not heard anything back on code of conduct, many items she submitted
- PL to advise.

(iii) Water Issues Wrap Up

- MW hasn't seen anything in the paper about Chedoke but assuming it's going to get started soon ...
- check website for updates

(iv) All Advisory Committee Meetings Letter

- if there is any way that we can have that kind of mtg again.
- PL, MW – see value in quarterly all advisory meetings.

(v) Residential School Findings Letter

- MW spoke with Woodland Cultural Centre, they are looking into possible burial sites on the land and area
- when they're done they'll put out a press release about how many they found or are buried there
- when she looked into in the past, there isn't a place where all this info gets reported
- CB, make them feel the weight of the guilt that comes from our sorrow!
- BD shared that IRT will

(vi) Task Assignment List Review (March and April 2022)

- P. Lawlor reviewed and updated

(vii) Advisory Committee Meeting Dates for Remainder of 2022

- next meeting Sept 1st; then off during election period (Sept29-NovX)
- following that will be recruitment and selection of new IAC

-re: IAC, resumes and/or letters of interest will be rec'd and then a selection cttee will be struck to review and consider those to determine who they want to appoint
→solely Indigenous people to make selection
→maybe the IRT will suggest who should be selecting
-MW has heard that the community is looking for new, younger participants as part of the IAC

8. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Water Walk Solidarity Day Event (Item 13.3)

MW - she has heard the water walkers and some agencies of the city? Are planning some event over the summer.

(ii) May mtg (Item: 13.4)

Extend invite to attend the theatre – reason May meeting was cancelled by Chair, MW.

(iii) Soaring Spirit Powwow

-Sat and Sun
-MW will have a bingo tent there, even with prizes
-conference on Fri for the community include a tipi teaching, Elder Jerry.
-BD will email the link to cttee

9. ADJOURNMENT

(MW/AL)

There being no further business, the committee adjourned at 7:53 p.m., following the Closing Address and Prayer.



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To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

Preamble: This document uses the format and content typically used by the City of Hamilton for its advisory committees, but this Committee's work should be understood to have vital cultural traditions and teachings at its core. These may not be obvious in this document, but they are part of this Committee's approach and philosophy and how it pursues an effective path and a meaningful future through its work. The Committee respects a whole-world view that recognizes each individual's interconnectedness and also their contributions to the collective wellbeing of the whole. Balance, harmony, peace and justice are valued concepts within this philosophy.

COMMITTEE MANDATE

The Aboriginal Advisory Committee assists the City of Hamilton to honour and engage its Aboriginal citizens in the pursuit of the City's vision by providing advice and/or recommendations, through the appropriate Standing Committee of Council, that enhance the wellbeing of Aboriginal people and/or resolve municipal issues.

The Committee envisions a future where Hamilton is an inclusive and culturally-aware community, where issues of importance to its Aboriginal peoples are addressed proactively, effectively and respectfully on the municipal agenda.

COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES

- to assist the City in achieving and demonstrating progress or positive change in support of the equitable economic, social, health and overall wellbeing of Aboriginal citizens;
- to provide a forum and mechanism for coordinated dialogue and consultation between and among Aboriginal leaders and other stakeholders, acting as a catalyst for the development of positive relationships and open, transparent dialogue between and among the City and these stakeholders; and,
- to offer input, advice and recommendations, through the appropriate Standing Committee of Council, informed by stakeholder consultation, to support the City in determining effective municipal strategies and/or policies on issues of importance to Aboriginal peoples.

COMMITTEE VALUES

In fulfilling our mandate, members of the Committee uphold the following values of collective and individual importance: trust, respect, unity, truthfulness, inclusiveness, pride and empowerment. In our collective work with the City and with Aboriginal stakeholders, members of the Committee seek relationships that are sustained by mutual respect and flexibility and that lead to constructive solutions, productive outcomes and improved opportunities for Aboriginal peoples. We value increased visibility and recognition of the importance of Aboriginal peoples and cultures, as a means to eliminating stereotypes.

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process for the Aboriginal Advisory Committee be revised to include the following: that the local Hamilton Aboriginal Community leadership, recommend to Council the appointment of residents from the Hamilton Aboriginal community and its allies, to sit on the Hamilton Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

COMPOSITION

The Advisory Committee will be comprised of seven (7) to nine (9) citizen appointees from the Hamilton Aboriginal community and up to two (2) allies.

For the purposes of the committee, an ally is defined as an individual from the wider Hamilton community who demonstrates support for the mandate of the committee and the work of the Hamilton Aboriginal community.

The Terms of Reference for the Hamilton Aboriginal Advisory Committee were approved by Council on September 22, 2014. The Selection Process and Composition sections were amended on July 10, 2015; and further amended on September 5, 2019.