



**City of Hamilton**  
**HAMILTON INDIGENOUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**AGENDA**

**Date:** February 2, 2023

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Location:** YouTube Channel Streaming for Virtual Meetings

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Pursuant to Section 9.1, Sub-section (i) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (i) of the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the City or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

- 15.1 Traditional Closing
- 15.2 Meeting Adjourned



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**Indigenous Advisory  
Committee**

**December 1, 2022**

**Minutes 22 - 06**

**5:30 – 8:00 pm**

**Due to the COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall**

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**In Attendance:**

Marilyn Wright (Chair), Connie Bellamy, Alan Loft, Patty Lawlor, Scott Cruickshank, Beth Dockstator (Staff Liaison), Jennifer DiDomenico (Sr. PM Indigenous Relations)

**Councilor(s):**

Cllr. Nann (regrets)

**Guest(s):**

Samuel Hanna, Social Policy Analyst, Social Housing.

Andrea Smith, Senior Consultant West Harbour Planning and Economic Development.

Paul Takala, CEO/Chief Librarian, Hamilton Public Libraries.

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**1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item 1)**

(i) Land Acknowledgement (M. Wright)

(ii) Chair called meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

(iii) Al Loft opened meeting with a prayer of Thanksgiving in Mohawk and English.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)**

**(C. Bellamy/S. Cruickshank)**

- That the agenda for the December 1, 2022 meeting of the Indigenous Advisory Committee be approved as amended.

**CARRIED****3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)****(i) September 1, 2022 (Item 4.1)**

- M. Wright advised of error in staff name, minutes should read, A. Smith, not J. Smith.

**(S. Cruickshank/C. Bellamy)**

That the minutes of the September 1, 2022 meeting of the Indigenous Advisory Committee be approved as amended.

**CARRIED****5. COMMUNICATIONS: (Item 5)**

5.1 Access to Housing Hamilton, Income and Asset Limit Policy Consultation with Community Partners.

5.2 Review of Advisory Committee Handbook

**6. DELEGATION REQUESTS: (Item 6)**

- None.

**7. CONSENT ITEMS (Item 7)**

- None.

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 8)**

- None.

## 9. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 9)

### 9.1 *Income and Asset Consultation Questions for Social Housing.* *Samuel Hanna, Social Policy Analyst, Social Housing.*

- S. Hanna met with IAC to consult on Income and Asset Consultation Questions.
- City of Hamilton service providers previous did not have an asset policy when determining eligibility for initial an ongoing geared to income rental units in the City.
- Government is implementing RGI Asset Limits in Province as a strategy to decrease number of names on waitlist and units available.
- Question posed to IAC: "If the housing income levels are adopted as an income/asset level for each household, what would be a reasonable benchmark in Hamilton?" Note: changes to asset/income levels may mean some people who were previously eligible may no longer be, however they will have a chance to retain their unit at market price. Note: ODSP/OW recipients asset limit will not be assessed.
- S. Cruickshank asked: "What percentage of income do they use to determine this currently" – 30%.
- C. Bellamy commented: "This really isn't a way to get the numbers on the list down, it's just moving game pieces around the board."
- The rest of the IAC requested further time to review information S. Hanna provided prior to the meeting. Staff Liaison B. Dockstator to email the questions to IAC for father review to submit should they have further comments.

## 10. MOTIONS (Item 10)

- Motion made by Chair M. Wright to accept the preliminary presentation vision for the Discovery Centre as made to the Indigenous Advisory Committee. IAC supports idea and feel it's worth pursuing and encouraged City staff to hold further engagement in the Indigenous Community in Hamilton.
- Motion made by Chair M. Wright – that the IAC put forward a motion on Bill 123
- send a letter asking for Council to support displeasure in Bill 123 asking that it be rescinded and advocate with other Indigenous orgs to get people riled up about the provincial government.

- to stop the potential destruction of the Greenbelt for housing purposes.
- the ICAB mtg yesterday talked about it also and would support the IAC writing to express the anger about it
- Staff Liaison B. Dockstator and J. Didomenico to assist Chair to write a recommendation to council to voice all concerns to the Province on this topic. The final report on motion should be distributed to IAC before submitting it to Clerks/AF&A

**(M. Wright, A. Loft) – CARRIED.**

## **11. NOTICE OF MOTIONS (Item 11)**

- None.

## **12. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 12)**

### *12.1 Update: West Harbour Planning and Economic Development. A. Smith and P. Talaka.*

- A. Smith and P. Takala returned to IAC meeting to give an update on Discovery Centre planning and gather insight from IAC on current plans.
- Advised consultation is underway, however an idea has come forth worth exploring involving a 3-pillar approach. City wants the area to remain accessible for everyone and not just be an area of private development.
- Idea is to have a building with three parts: 1) Indigenous Gathering Place – run/lead by Indigenous Community. 2) Heritage-based visitor experience Centre – “Hamilton Museum” – telling the stories of the City. 3) A new branch of the Hamilton Public Library.
- A. Smith and P. Takala asked the IAC if they endorsed moving forward with this plan.
- A. Loft commented: Likes the focus on an Indigenous Gathering place but feels that it should include all cultures and be a multicultural gathering place, however he is thankful for the acknowledgement of Indigenous peoples in the City.
- M. Wright commented: Appreciates for the first-time being part of meaningful consultation of what is going to happen with the Discovery Centre and supports the concept that was presented to be pursued further.
- C. Bellamy commented: that the Urban Indigenous Community has a story to tell and needs a place to do so and likes this opportunity for that reason.

### *12.2 Recruitment Update:*

- Recruitment will be taking place late Q1 2023. Staff Liaison to work with Chair on recruitment process – setting up selection committee etc.
- TOR has been updated to remove allies from composition – report has been written to support change of TOR.

**13. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 13)**

**14. ADJOURNMENT (Item 14)**

14.1 A. Loft completed closing address

14.2 Meeting closed at 8:08 pm.







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**Indigenous Advisory  
Committee**

**January 5, 2023**

**Minutes 23-001**

**5:30 p.m.**

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**In Attendance:**

Marilyn Wright (Chair), Connie Bellamy, Alan Loft, Patty Lawlor, Scott Cruickshank, Beth Dockstator (Staff Liaison), Loren Kolar (Legislative Coordinator, Clerk's Office)

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**1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item 1)**

- (i) Land Acknowledgement (M. Wright)
- (ii) Chair called meeting to order at 5:40 pm.
- (iii) A. Loft opened meeting with a prayer of Thanksgiving in Mohawk and English.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)**

**(C. Bellamy/S. Cruickshank)**

That the agenda for the January 5, 2023 meeting of the Indigenous Advisory Committee be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)****(i) December 1, 2022 (Item 4.1)****(S. Cruikshank/C. Bellamy)**

That the minutes of the December 1, 2022 meeting of the Indigenous Advisory Committee be deferred to the next meeting.

**CARRIED****5. COMMUNICATIONS: (Item 5)****(i) Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report 22-016, Item 5 (b), as Amended by Council, September 28, 2022 respecting Confidential Interview Questions for the Hamilton Police Services Board Selection Committee (Item 5.1)****(S. Cruikshank/A. Loft)**

That the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report 22-016, Item 5 (b), as Amended by Council, September 28, 2022 respecting Confidential Interview Questions for the Hamilton Police Services Board Selection Committee, be received.

**CARRIED****6. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14)**

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**(i) Confidential Interview Questions for Police Services Board Selection Committee (Item 14.1)****(A. Loft/P. Lawlor)**

That staff be directed to forward the confidential interview questions from the Indigenous Advisory Committee to the Police Services Board, and that the questions remain confidential.

**CARRIED**

**7. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

A. Loft gave the closing address.

**(S. Cruikshank/A. Loft)**

That there being no further business, the Indigenous Advisory Committee adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Next meetings:

February 2, 2023

March 2, 2023

April 6, 2023

Meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.





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## **CITY OF HAMILTON**

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

### **HAMILTON INDIGENOUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE Terms of Reference<sup>1</sup>**

**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 Indigenous Advisory Committee assists the City of Hamilton to honour and engage its Indigenous 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 Indigenous people and/or resolve municipal issues.

The Committee aligns its work to the City of Hamilton's Urban Indigenous Strategy to support the successful and meaningful implementation of the Strategic Actions.

The Committee envisions a future where Hamilton is an inclusive and culturally-aware community, where issues of importance to Indigenous peoples living here 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 Indigenous citizens;
- to provide a forum and mechanism for coordinated dialogue and consultation between and among Indigenous leaders and other stakeholders, acting as a catalyst for the

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<sup>1</sup> The Terms of Reference for the Hamilton Indigenous 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. The committee name and terminology were revised February 23, 2022.

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 Audit, Finance & Administration Committee, informed by stakeholder consultation, to support the City in determining effective municipal strategies and/or policies on issues of importance to Indigenous 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 Indigenous 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 Indigenous peoples. We value increased visibility and recognition of the importance of Indigenous peoples and cultures, as a means to eliminating stereotypes.

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

The selection process for the Indigenous Advisory Committee is to include the local Hamilton Indigenous Community leadership, which will recommend to Council the appointment of residents from the Hamilton Indigenous community and its allies, to sit on the Hamilton Indigenous Advisory Committee.

### **COMPOSITION**

The Advisory Committee will be comprised of seven (7) to nine (9) citizen appointees from the urban Indigenous community in Hamilton.