



Hamilton

MINUTES

**Aboriginal Advisory Committee
Thursday June 7, 2012 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 264**

Present: Connie Bellamy, Allan Loft, Cindy-Sue Montana-McCormack,
David Bentley, Yvonne Maracle, Marilyn Wright
Also Present: Maxine Carter, Barb Smoke - City of Hamilton
Regrets:
Absent: Debra Elmes
Chairperson: David Bentley

1. **Opening.**
 - A. Loft opened the meeting at 5:49 p.m.
2. **Welcome and Introductions.**
 - Everyone was welcomed to the meeting.
3. **Declaration of Interest.**
 - None declared.
4. **Review and approval of Agenda.**
 - The agenda was reviewed

MOTION #1

Y. Maracle/C. Montana-McCormack

To accept the agenda, as presented.

CARRIED.

5. **A. Approval of minutes, May 3, 2012.**
 - Review of the minutes
 - Page 3, last bullet to be changed, to read, "C. Montana-McCormack questioned the purpose of the survey at this time" and delete, "However" on the next sentence.
 - Page 5, item 10.3, 1st bullet, change "is" to "was"
 - Page 5, item 10.4, change heading to read, "Social Service Worker's Certificate Program, add "regarding Aboriginal content"
 - Page 5, item 10.4, 2nd bullet, add "Aboriginal Peer Counselling" to the end

- Page 6, item 11.1, 5th bullet, change "\$9,500" to "\$9,700"

MOTION #2

C. Montana-McCormack/A. Loft

To accept the minutes of the May 3, 2012 meeting, as amended.

CARRIED.

6. Business arising from minutes.

- Clarification was given that sunrise ceremony will take place each morning of the National Aboriginal Day (NAD) celebrations
- A letter has been sent to the Mayor, requesting that he declare June as National Aboriginal Month and an invitation to bring greetings on June 21, 2012
- The Mayor accepted the invitation to attend June 21, at noon, to bring greetings however he has not responded regarding declaring National Aboriginal Day at Council
- M. Carter gave clarification that the city puts a message in the Spectator recognizing National Aboriginal Day and it will be done again this year. It will also go on the electronic sign board.
- Luke Johns is sending out the NAD celebrations' media press today
- Y. Maracle has had some interviews with the media
- CHCH TV aired a program "urban Aboriginals living in Hamilton"
- Some Committee members felt that this news article should have been a link on the HEDAC site
- C. Montana-McCormack will follow up with Connie McKnight to see if she can get a copy of the video and permission to put it on the HEDAC's web site
- Other places to advertise are, the View and the Community Information Services but these places cost money
- NAD has a Facebook link
- Page 5, item 5, Y. Maracle reported that she has had response to the Letters of Invitation to attend AAC meetings, responses to request Terms of Reference,
- Six Nations Council wants to know the purpose of the committee before they make the decision. Y. Maracle replied to let them know that we are working on the Terms of Reference. It was suggested to send the Confederacy letter to their Secretary. M. Carter is looking for the contacts working with the Joint Stewardship, then a letter will go out
- Letter went out to John Roberts regarding attending a meeting and is now scheduled for September
- There is now a seniors tent at NAD
- It was suggested to go directly to item #9, since #7 & 8 will be tabled

7. Finalizing of Terms of Reference.

- Tabled for the July meeting; the facilitated session which will be a 3 hour session
- Facilitator, Karen Smith, from Enmark Associates
- Karen has worked with Aboriginal Agencies previously, as well as with 3 other city advisory committees

8. Work Plan discussion

- Tabled

9. National Aboriginal Day.

- The seniors tent will be funded by the Aboriginal Health Centre
- We have 2 groups of seniors who have organized themselves; Sunday Koo gaa da win will be running the tent
- There will be used clothing available
- Children's tent will be funded by BOND, with NYA WEH and Niwasa doing programs
- Maple Leaf Food and it President are making financial contributions
- GREAT is also contributing
- BOND is doing the food tent and raffle
- Tents are to be prepaid
- The Birds of Prey will be there Friday and Saturday
- E-mail was sent from M. Carter that there would be no banner up across the street this year due to cost
- BOND has been meeting every Tuesday since March
- The banner for the table is 3' x 10' is ordered
- The tent that we have will be shared with have HEDAC, The city's A&E & AAC
- The AAC will not administer a survey. Instead will place long white paper across the table for people to write on. The demographic form will be prepared by C. Montana-McCormack and she will send to M. Carter and B. Smoke, to print
- Work schedule to be sent out for everyone to sign up

Brochure

- to include Objectives.
- Pictures to not be stereotypical.
- We can't use other logos. Do you need to get authorization or reference where you got graphics from?

June 21

- Free BBQ, with up to 700 hamburgers and hot dogs
- The Hamilton Police will bring their horses

10. New Business.

- None at this time

11. Information Sharing.**11.1 Soaring Spirit Art Show and Auction.**

- At 337 Sketch Gallery, at Ottawa/Barton, June 1-24
- Auction June 16, 6-9 pm

11.2 National Aboriginal Day.

- NAD activities June 15, 16 & 27 at Gage Park and June 21 at city hall
- Itinerary to be sent to M. Carter to send to advisory committee members
- M. Carter suggests that the committee can do a display of Aboriginal items at City Hall. A. Loft asked if there were easels available

11.3 HEDAC AGM.

- June 13, 6 pm at HRIC's new building on Ottawa St.

11.4 Feed the Dream Partners in Nutritional School Breakfast.

- SPRC harbour cruise, live & silent auction fundraiser, June 16, 11:30 at the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club, 555 Bay St. N.

11.5 Celebrate Your Pride – Hamilton Pride Festival 2012.

- June 16, 12-6 pm, at Pier 4 Park (north of Bayfront Park, at the end of Bay St.). Presented by The Well

11.6 Media Advisory Council.

- Y. Maracle was accepted on the Hamilton Media Advisory Council

12. Next Meeting.

- Thursday July 5, 2012, 3 hour facilitated session on Terms of Reference, 5:30 -8:30 p.m., room 264
- Next regular meeting, August 2, 5:30 p.m., room 264

13. Adjournment.

- Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

MOTION #3**C. Montana-McCormack/A. Loft**

To adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

CARRIED.