



Hamilton

MINUTES

Aboriginal Advisory Committee
Thursday June 6, 2013 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 264

Present: Connie Bellamy, Marilyn Wright, Yvonne Maracle, David Bentley, Cindy-Sue Montana-McCormack
Regrets: Debra Elmes, Allan Loft
Absent:
Also Present: Maxine Carter, Barb Smoke - City of Hamilton
Guests: Jennie Vengris, Senior Policy Analyst, Housing Services
Chairperson: Marilyn Wright chaired the meeting.

1. Opening.

- Y. Maracle opened the meeting at 5:47 p.m., with a prayer

2. Welcome and Introductions.

- M. Wright welcomed everyone
- Everyone introduced themselves

3. Declaration of Interest.

- None declared

4. Review and Approval of Agenda.

- Review of the agenda

MOTION #1

Y. Maracle/D. Bentley

That the agenda be accepted, as presented.

CARRIED.

5. Presentations:

(a) Housing and Homelessness Report – Jennie Vengris, Housing Services.

- Jennie provided some background to the Action Plan. There is a Planning Group that helps steer this work. C. Montana-McCormack and Melanie McAulay are also on this Planning Group
- The project started almost three years ago, where they consulted with various City of Hamilton Volunteer Advisory Committees

- The AAC was not yet formed so they were not part of the initial consultation
- The project has a ten-year plan
- The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has mandated each community in Ontario to develop a ten-year plan
- They will be taking this to a Council meeting, either October 8 or 22
- The range is from street outreach to affordable home ownership
- It was important to have community engagement
- Consulted with more than 800 people – many sectors were involved
- It was recognized that the needs of the Aboriginal community, in housing, are different
- It was noted that, in regards to page 15 of the report, not a lot of homeless people are found at recreation centres – Jennie explained that the surveys were meant to get the perspective of the general public, not a specific population
- They did not connect with people who are not associated with an agency
- The end goal/product is a comprehensive report, with 5 outcomes and 54 strategies
- Developed Work Plans – an equity section, with some specific elements related to Aboriginal people, was included
- Q – Did you consider life-leases?
- A - That is more detailed than our Plan – could inform an action within the work plan
- Q – Would support from the AAC help this project?
- A – It would be helpful to have people in attendance when it's presented to Council
- Presentation ended at 6:20 p.m.
- Further discussion took place
- After the June 20th planning group meeting, C. Montana-McCormack can report back to the AAC at their next meeting, regarding next steps
- Committee members wanted to know how long it would take to get delegation status for the Emergency and Community Services Committee.
- M. Carter informed the committee that they can send an on-line e-mail request to the Clerk's office indicating what the delegation would be speaking about and the date of such a delegation. The longer the lead time the better to increase your chances of getting on the desired committee of Council agenda.

MOTION #2**C. Montana-McCormack/C. Bellamy**

That the Committee make a request to City Clerks, for a delegation to appear before the Emergency and Community Services Committee, to speak to the Housing & Homelessness Action Plan.

CARRIED.

MOTION #3

C. Bellamy/Y. Maracle

To accept the Housing & Homelessness Action Plan update, as presented by Jennie Vengris.

CARRIED.

6. Approval of Minutes.

(a) May 9, 2013.

- Review of minutes
- Change of Page 3, item 7c, last sentence in the last bullet before motion #3, to read "Y. Maracle will inquire with Luke Johns if he has any eagle feathers, as a second option"

MOTION #4

Y. Maracle/D. Bentley

To accept the minutes of the May 9, 2013 meeting, as amended.

CARRIED.

(b) Business Arising from the Minutes.

- Page 2, item 7a, Terms of Reference; M. Carter explained that the committee's newly revised Terms of Reference did not go forward to the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee, due to questions raised about the committee's objectives and possibly other missing information
- M. Carter will report back after she has more information.
- Page 3, item 7c, Eagle Feather; M. Carter explained that she contacted the Province to verify if it is necessary for AAC or the City staff to obtain a license or permit to possess an eagle feather. She will update the committee regarding the outcome, at the next meeting
- M. Wright reported that Melanie Sandy was unable to find a student to make a box for the eagle feather
- B. Smoke brought sample pictures of eagle feather boxes
- Walter Cooke will be doing the Aboriginal opening at the City Council meeting on June 12, at 5:00 p.m., in Council Chambers
- Discussion took place regarding which groups should be presented certificates
- Y. Maracle will help M. Wright with the presentation of certificates, M. Wright will read the agency bios

- Handouts will include information about eagle feathers and notes about National Aboriginal Day/Month history
 - It was decided to use the #5 sample certificate, with the Native border
 - The committee's NAD tent banner was not returned from the NAD 2012 event
 - M. Wright was not able to attend the Protecting Mother Earth event and she apologized for missing the event. C. Bellamy and D. Elmes were also not able to attend
- 7. Outstanding Business:**
- (a) Terms of Reference - Report Update.**
- Discussed during Business arising from the minutes
- (b) Work Plan.**
- Tabled until the Terms of Reference is approved.
- (c) National Aboriginal Day.**
- i. City Council Mtg. of June 12 – Aboriginal Opening.
- Already captured under Business arising from the minutes
- ii. Soaring Spirit Aboriginal Festival - National Aboriginal Day, June 21-23, Gage Park.
- Y. Maracle provided an update
 - The BOND Committee does not have the band shell for NAD this year, for Sat. 11am until 5 pm
 - Funding has decreased
 - Need a stage area or funds to rent a stage, from \$700 – 2,000
 - Need 3-5 generators
 - Need food for volunteers
 - It was suggested to ask Horizon Utilities for generators
 - It was suggested to ask the City's emergency preparedness, for funds
 - An invoice for \$300 was issued to the committee for the AAC's table
- 8. New Business.**
- (a) Summer Meetings.**
- Clerks have advised all committees that they are to suspend meetings in the summer.
- 9. Information Sharing.**
- (a) Hamilton Pride 365 Events flyer**

- (b) Hamilton Urban Core Community Health Centre 15th Annual Health Street Fair, June 14, 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., 71 Rebecca St.
- (c) Adult Basic Education Assoc. Leaders in Literacy Breakfast, June 20, Convention Ctr, 8:30 a.m.
- (d) Dundas Buskerfest, June 6, 7 & 8

10. Next Meeting.

- Thursday September 5, 2013

11. Adjournment.

MOTION #5

C. Montana-McCormack/C. Bellamy

To adjourn the meeting, at 8:00 p.m.

CARRIED.