



Hamilton

MINUTES

Aboriginal Advisory Committee
Thursday November 1, 2012 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 264

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

1. **Opening.**
 - Y. Maracle opened the meeting at 5:45 p.m., with a prayer
2. **Welcome and Introductions.**
 - Y. Maracle welcomed everyone to the meeting
3. **Declaration of Interest.**
 - None declared
4. **Review and approval of Agenda.**
 - The agenda was reviewed

MOTION #1

C. Bellamy/D. Elmes

To accept the agenda, as presented.

CARRIED.

5. **Presentation:**
 - No presentations at this time
6. **Approval of minutes, October 4, 2012.**
 - The Committee reviewed the minutes of October 4, 2012

MOTION #2

M. Wright/C. Bellamy

To accept the minutes of the October 4, 2012 meeting, as presented.

CARRIED.**(b) Business Arising from the minutes.**

- Page 8, item 8b, Work Plan to be deferred
- Motion #3, to invite J. Dupuis, letter to be signed by Y. Maracle
- Motion #7, Review of copy of ad to Turtle Island News

7. Workshop Update:**(a) Terms of Reference (TOR) – review of draft.**

- Review of draft TOR submitted by Karen Smith
- Composition of committee – M. Carter will get the number, as approved by Council
- M. Carter also noted that the advertisement for membership requires members to have lived experience
- Composition – is the word “groups” the right word to be used
- Y. Maracle will e-mail the other members for their input and will ask them to review the Composition section
- Resignations should be done by sending written notice to the Access & Equity office, then it will be submitted to the committee for acceptance, then to the Council for final approval
- If a member misses 3 consecutive meetings without notification to the chair, the chair’s designate or the Access and Equity office, they will be asked by the chair of their intention to continue on the committee or be asked to step down
- The facilitator will be asked to attend the January meeting to help complete the terms of reference
- Staff was asked to reschedule J. Dupuis to attend a committee meeting later in the year, so that the TORs could be dealt with in January 2013
- Y. Maracle will contact Karen Smith
- Some suggestions were: that the mandate include the vision, the document should be grammatically correct, with simple terminology and correct punctuation and that the preamble (as well as other sections) has extremely long sentences that need to be modified. The committee did not want to lose sight of the 5th and 7th items (increased visibility and recognition of importance of Aboriginal people and culture and cultural awareness and training)

MOTION #3**C. Bellamy/D. Elmes**

To defer the invitation for Jenny Dupuis to a later date, with the date to be determined.

CARRIED.

- (b) Work Plan – Deferred until the terms of reference are completed and approved.

8. **New Business.**

- (a) Muslim Women Council of Hamilton.
 - At the Immigrant & Refugee Open House, someone from the Muslim Women Council asked if there were Aboriginal women dancers who could dance at the event, "Celebration of the Holidays" to be held on Dec. 7
 - Y. Maracle will contact Bridget Miller to follow up
- (b) Bylaw and Equity Policy Review Process
 - M. Carter explained about this project and the process requesting Aboriginal Committee participation for their input to the development of tools in the Bylaw and Equity Policy Review Process so that the process is inclusive of all of our underserved communities
 - Everyone was interested in participating in this process
 - M. Carter will send the information regarding date, time and location
- (c) Joint Stewardship Board
 - As a follow up to a previous meeting, M. Carter tried to find out who the contact person is with the Joint Stewardship and the Six Nations Confederacy
 - She was informed that the project now has a new Manager; Rick Hill is no longer the coordinator. She is to request that the Staff Liaison and the new Coordinator/Manager to attend a future advisory meeting in order to provide an update and overview of the project

9. **Information Sharing.**

- (a) Tenant Matters Workshops.
 - Review of enclosed flyer of a series of tenant-related workshops
- (b) Healing Journey Program/Circles.
 - Review of enclosed list of dates, for Monday evenings at the Aboriginal Health Centre, 6-9 p.m., with Walter Cooke
- (c) The Heart Beat of a Nation.
 - Diabetes classes, every Thursday, 6-9 p.m. at the Aboriginal Health Centre, with Walter Cooke and Ashen Chetty
- (d) Native Women's Centre AGM.
 - Nov. 4, 12-4 pm, 21 Rosedene Ave.

- (e) Hamilton Regional Indian Centre Christmas Bazaar.
 - Sat. Dec. 1, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., at 34 Ottawa St.
- (f) Hamilton Regional Indian Centre Community Christmas Dinner.
 - Thurs. Dec. 6, 5:00 p.m., Ukrainian Hall, 241 Kenilworth Ave. N.
- (g) Koo gaa da win Manitou's Bazaar & Chilli Lunch, Dec. 14, 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., \$8.00, 42 Mary St.
- (h) Hamilton Regional Indian Centre's Hamilton Native Learning Ctr.
 - Free upgrading, Mon. – Thurs., 10 am – 3 pm
 - Financial Literacy Workshop Series, Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26, 10 am – 2 pm
 - Skill Building-Crafts & Business Workshop Series, Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7 & 14, 10 am – 3 pm
- (i) Basic Advocacy Workshop Series.
 - Nov. 5, 19 & Dec. 10, 6 pm at the Aboriginal Health Centre and HRIC

10. Next Meeting.

- There will be no meeting in December
- Next meeting to be January 3, 2013

MOTION #4**M. Wright/D. Elmes**

To cancel the December 2012 meeting and reconvene on January 3, 2013, at our regular scheduled time.

CARRIED.**11. Adjournment.**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.
- Y. Maracle closed the meeting