



Hamilton

MINUTES
Aboriginal Advisory Committee
Thursday February 6, 2014 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 264

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

Chairperson: Marilyn Wright chaired the meeting.

1. Opening.

- M. Wright called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.
- A. Loft did an opening

2. Welcome and Introductions.

- M. Wright welcomed everyone

3. Declaration of Interest.

- None declared

4. Review and Approval of Agenda.

- Review of agenda
- Addition of 8b, UNH 35th Anniversary

MOTION #1

C. Bellamy/D. Elmes

That the agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED.

5. Presentations.

- None

6. Approval of Minutes.

(a) December 5, 2013.

- The committee members reviewed the minutes
- Page 3, item 8a, the name "Liebers" was corrected to "Huibers", the Hamilton Civic League and the Neighbourhood Action Planning

- Group, to be added to the list of groups involved. The subject to be corrected to reflect: "Voter Awareness Update"
- Change of item 7a, 2nd bullet to be changed to read "...be forwarded to the Audit, Finance & Administration Committee, (AF&A) for consideration and approval"

MOTION #2

A. Loft/C. Bellamy

To accept the minutes of the December 5, 2013 meeting, as amended.

CARRIED.

(b) Business Arising from the Minutes.

- All business arising will be dealt with on the agenda.

7. Outstanding Business:

(a) Terms of Reference - Report Update.

- The TORs and the Citizen Report will be presented to AF&A Council Committee, on March 24, 2014

(b) Work Plan – Discussion of the 10 Priority Areas.

- C. Montana-McCormack was unable to attend the meeting. However, she sent the draft work plan to all committee members. M. Wright, will review and add her suggestions and then send it on to the next committee member, to do the same. The last person will send the document to M. Carter, to bring to the next meeting

(c) Housing & Homelessness Report to Council.

- This report was presented to the Emergency and Community Services Committee on Dec. 9/13. C. Bellamy provided an update and informed us that a Housing and Homelessness video was shown at E&CSC

8. New Business.

(a) National Aboriginal Day/Month.

- The cost of the banner will be investigated and staff will find out which week is available, in June, for the banner across Main Street
- Sign Works (Andy) did previous signs for Aboriginal agencies & BOND, Al Loft will contact him to get a quote
- The committees signs that were previously purchased, need to be located, in time for the 2014 events
- The Chair to craft a letter to be sent to HEDAC, asking if they want to partner, on the cost of the NAD banner

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

That the Chairperson writes a letter to the Hamilton Executive Directors' Aboriginal Coalition (HEDAC), regarding partnering of the two groups on the cost of the National Aboriginal Day banner, that will be hung across Main Street, in front of City Hall.

CARRIED.

- B. Smoke to investigate which weeks are available, in June, for a banner across Main Street, across from City Hall
- M. Carter will have the budget for 2014 and the amount of funds in the reserve account, at the next meeting

(b) Urban Native Homes (UNH) 35th Anniversary.

- The Committee discussed UNH's 35th anniversary celebration, to be held on Friday Feb. 7/14
- The committee selected C. Bellamy and D. Elmes to attend on their behalf

Motion #4**A. Loft/C. Bellamy**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee purchase 2 tickets, to Urban Native Homes' 35th anniversary celebration, scheduled for Friday February 7, 2014, at the cost of \$90.00, for 2 committee members to attend.

CARRIED.

(c) Aboriginal Advisory Committee Membership.

- It was reported that a member of the community showed interest in applying for membership to the committee
- M. Carter will investigate and report back at the next meeting, if the Clerks will allow new members, with less than a year remaining in the term

Next meeting agenda items:

- Under Outstanding Business, add NAD sign
- Display – cost to be available for next meeting
- A Medicine Wheel (beaded) is still needed, for the AAC

9. Correspondence.

- None, at this time

10. Information Sharing.

(a) Healing Journey Certificate Program, Aboriginal Health Centre.

- Review of enclosed flyer

(b) The Gathering, 2014, March 20/14, 1-4 pm at Woodend, Ancaster

- Review of enclosed flyer

11. Next Meeting.

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12. Adjournment.

MOTION #5

D. Elmes/C. Bellamy

To adjourn the meeting, at 7:12 p.m.

CARRIED.