



## Hamilton

### **MINUTES**

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

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**Present:** Connie Bellamy, Yvonne Maracle, Allan Loft, Debra Elmes

**Regrets:** David Bentley, Cindy-Sue Montana-McCormack, Marilyn Wright

**Absent:**

**Also Present:** Maxine Carter, Barb Smoke - City of Hamilton

**Chairperson:** Yvonne Maracle chaired the meeting.

**1. Opening.**

- Y. Maracle called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- Y. Maracle did an opening

**2. Welcome and Introductions.**

- Y. Maracle welcomed everyone

**3. Declaration of Interest.**

- None declared

**4. Review and Approval of Agenda.**

- Review of agenda

**MOTION #1**

**D. Elmes/C. Bellamy**

That the agenda be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED.**

**5. Presentations.**

- None

**6. Approval of Minutes.**

**(a) February 6, 2014.**

- The committee members reviewed the minutes
- Page 2, item 7b, line 3, change "the" to "then"

**MOTION #2****C. Bellamy/A. Loft**

To accept the minutes of the February 6, 2014 meeting, as amended.

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

## 7b. Work Plan.

- C. Montana-McCormack sent a draft work plan to all committee members
- M. Carter will remind M. Wright that she is to add her ideas and suggestions to the document and then forward to other members, who will then add their suggestions to the draft work plan. Each member will forward the document until everyone has had the opportunity to add their suggestions. Please remember to copy M. Carter prior to forwarding the document.

## 7a. Terms of Reference.

- The report and draft Terms of Reference will appear on to the Audit, Finance & Administration Committee meeting agenda, on March 24, 2014

## 8a. National Aboriginal Day/Month.

- This letter has not been sent. The Committee asked that staff draft a letter, prior to the April meeting, for the chair to review, finalize and sign. The letter will be sent to HEDAC, regarding partnering on the cost of the National Aboriginal Day banner, that will be hung across Main Street, in front of City Hall, for a week in June, 2015.

8b. Urban Native Homes' 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

- C. Bellamy and D. Elmes attended this event, on behalf of the Committee and provided a verbal report. The event was well attended and was worthwhile for the committee to be represented.

## 8c. Aboriginal Advisory Committee Membership.

- M. Carter informed the committee, that Clerks will not be recruiting new members for advisory committees, at this stage. The municipal elections are being held in October, 2014 and the new committees will be recruited soon after the elections.
- AAC members will share this information with interested individuals regarding the recruitment process for the 2014 – 2018 term.

**7. Outstanding Business:****(a) Terms of Reference - Report Update.**

- This was dealt with under business arising from minutes

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

- This was dealt with under business arising from minutes

**(c) Housing & Homelessness Report to Council.**

- This report was presented to the Emergency and Community Services Committee on Dec. 9/13.
- Defer this item to the next meeting, for an update from C. Montana McCormack.
- C. Bellamy provided an update regarding the Homelessness Partnership Strategy meeting that she attended recently. The main focus is now on individuals who face absolute homelessness.

**8. New Business.****(a) National Aboriginal Day/Month.**

- Y. Maracle gave an update of BOND's activities:
  - BOND is working on a festival, for Gage Park only, for June 21 & 22
  - BOND will not host any events at City Hall
  - It is likely that HRIC may consider having the NAD event at City Hall on June 21<sup>st</sup>, Y. Maracle will confirm at the April meeting
  - BOND will be hosting an Appreciation fundraiser on April 19, at the cost of \$10. per ticket, from 1-5 pm, at the Steelworkers Hall
  - HEDAC is applying for funding, for a June 21 event
  - HRIC's anniversary is in June and HEDAC's AGM is in June
  - Native Women's Centre will also be hosting their conference in June
- It was suggested to investigate funding for the Native Veterans' 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, for 2014.
- C. Bellamy volunteered to call the Veterans' Council to find out if they are interested
- It was suggested to have a fundraising event, similar to the NYA WEH music fundraiser
- Work plan idea: investigate funding for a project to cover the cost to hire a college student to record urban Aboriginal history. This should also be added to the work plan. The AAC could consider sponsoring a plaque, for someone who gave significant contributions to the community

**MOTION #3**

**C. Bellamy/D. Elmes**

That staff book space with the appropriate City department, for 2015 and 2016, for the National Aboriginal Day banner to be put up across Main St., in front of city hall, for the first week of June or as close to June 21, as possible.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION #4****A. Loft/D. Elmes**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee purchase a table of ten tickets, at the cost of \$100.00, for the Friends of BOND (Branches of Native Development) Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, that will be held on April 19, 2014.

**CARRIED.**

**(b) National Aboriginal Day Sign.**

- A. Loft will investigate the cost of the banner from Sign Works (Andy Mikino) and was directed to bring this information back to the next meeting for committee to discuss.

**(c) Display.**

- M. Carter is getting prices for display cabinets

**(d) Beaded Medicine Wheel.**

- Staff was asked to contact Linda Jenkins, to get a quote for designing and making a 6" medicine wheel.

**9. Correspondence.**

- None, at this time

**10. Information Sharing.**

- (a) NYA WEH Fundraiser, Madawechigewin Music & Silent Auction, March 28/14, at SJAM.
- Review of enclosed flyer

**11. Next Meeting.**

Thursday April 3, 2014, 5:30 p.m., room 264.

**12. Adjournment.****MOTION #5****D. Elmes/A. Loft**

To adjourn the meeting, at 7:10 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

A. Loft did a closing.