



Hamilton

MINUTES
Aboriginal Advisory Committee
Thursday April 3, 2014 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 264

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

Chairperson: M. Wright chaired the meeting.

1. Opening.

- M. Wright called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.
- Y. Maracle did an opening
- Y. Maracle submitted a written copy of her opening

2. Welcome and Introductions.

- M. Wright welcomed everyone
- Introductions were done

3. Declaration of Interest.

- None declared

4. Review and Approval of Agenda.

- Review of agenda

MOTION #1

C. Montana-McCormack/D. Elmes

That the April 3, 2014 agenda, of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee, be approved, as presented.

CARRIED.

5. Presentations.

- None

6. Approval of Minutes.**(a) March 6, 2014.**

- The committee members reviewed the minutes

MOTION #2**Y. Maracle/D. Elmes**

That the March 6, 2014 minutes, of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting be accepted, as presented.

CARRIED.

(b) Business Arising from the Minutes.

New Business item 8b.

- The tickets for the BOND Volunteer dinner were submitted to the Chair, for distribution. It was suggested that, any extra tickets are to be donated to children, so they can attend the dinner with their parents

Business Arising, item 6b. Urban Native Homes' 35th Anniversary

- Staff will check if an invoice was received for this, so that payment could be made

Work Plan item 7b.

- M. Wright stated that she did provide input on the work plan but could not send it, as her computer has a virus. Marilyn advised that no one should send anything to her home e-mail. A hard copy of the plan was given to Marilyn, to complete and return. Marilyn will return the work plan to M. Carter.

Housing & Homelessness Report to Council.

- C. Montana-McCormack will contact Jennie Vengris to invite her back to the AAC, to provide an update on the implementation plan

National Aboriginal Day/Month, Business Arising, item 8a.

- M. Wright reported that she contacted HEDAC and spoke with the Chair about partnering on the cost of designing and printing a banner that would hang over Main Street in front of City Hall. HEDAC is unable at this time, to provide any monetary contributions towards this activity.
- The committee directed the Chair to contact HEDAC, regarding having a representative at the AAC meetings as a resource, since there is no one on the AAC committee who is involved with HEDAC any longer.

- The space to hang a banner, across Main St., in front of city hall, has been secured for June 7-13, 2015
- Beaded Medicine Wheel.
- A. Loft reported that he discussed with L. Jenkins the possibility of her designing and making a beaded medicine wheel for AAC. L. Jenkins provided a cost of \$75.00 for the creation and beading of the medicine wheel.
- A. Loft to follow-up with her, to get a description of what the medicine wheel will look like and to confirm the size.

MOTION #3

Y. Maracle/C. Montana-McCormack

That a cost of \$75.00 be approved, in principle, for the design and making of the beaded medicine wheel for the Aboriginal Advisory Committee, by designer, Linda Jenkins, pending follow up for further details.

CARRIED.

7. Outstanding Business:

(a) Terms of Reference - Report Update.

- The report and draft Terms of Reference was submitted to the Audit, Finance & Administration Committee meeting, on March 24, 2014 and committee referred the report to staff to report back at a later date.

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

- It was suggested to have a working meeting to work on the plan
- Y. Maracle suggested that a conference to be considered, for September, 2014. The focus could be regarding political understanding of municipal government (including voting, education, community involvement, services) by the Aboriginal community
- The NAD, June 21, 2014, will provide a good opportunity to gather input from the attendees. Y. Maracle volunteered to prepare a survey with approximately 4 questions that would be directly related to the theme(s) of the conference.

(c) Housing & Homelessness Report to Council.

- See Business Arising from minutes

8. New Business.

(a) National Aboriginal Day/Month.

C. Montana-McCormack/D. Elmes**MOTION #4**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee host a booth at Gage Park during NAD on June 21st and 22nd at a cost of up to \$300.

CARRIED.

(b) Pan Am Games.

- M. Carter provided an update regarding the committee's request to find out more about the Aboriginal community involvement in Pan Am Games. M. Carter informed the committee that Kevin Sandy was hired to work with the Aboriginal community with respect to the Pan Am Games.
- The committee requested that staff invite K. Sandy to the May 1st meeting to make a presentation to the committee regarding the process and protocols of the Pan Am Games and the Aboriginal community's involvement. M. Carter to request that any available information be sent in advance to the committee for review.

(c) Community Partnership Program.

- The city is currently undertaking a review of the Community Partnership Program (grant program). One member of each Advisory Committee has been invited to participate in either a face-to-face focus group, on Tuesday April 15, from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., at city hall, room 193 or a webinar, on April 23, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- Y. Maracle volunteered to attend the face-to-face focus group on April 15

MOTION #5**C. Montana-McCormack/D. Elmes**

That Yvonne Maracle represent the Aboriginal Advisory Committee at the City's Community Partnership Program's Focus Group, on Tuesday April 15, from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., at city hall, room 193.

CARRIED.

9. Correspondence.

- None, at this time

10. Information Sharing.

(a) Red Hill Valley Stewardship Spectator article & exhibit.

- Article was e-mailed to members
- Sheri Longboat to be invited to attend the June AAC meeting, to give a presentation

11. Next Meeting.

Thursday May 1, 2014, 5:30 p.m., room 264.

12. Adjournment.

MOTION #6

C. Montana-McCormack/Y. Maracle

To adjourn the April 3, 2014, Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting, at 7:30 p.m.

CARRIED.