



Hamilton

MINUTES

Aboriginal Advisory Committee Thursday August 7, 2014 – 5:30 P.M. City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 264

Present: Yvonne Maracle, Deborah Elmes, Allan Loft, Connie Bellamy, Marilyn Wright
Regrets: David Bentley, Cindy Sue Montana McCormack
Absent:
Also Present: Maxine Carter, Barb Smoke – Access & Equity Office, City of Hamilton

Guests:

Chairperson: M. Wright chaired the meeting.

1. Opening.

- M. Wright called the meeting to order, at 6:10 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.

- The agenda was reviewed
- The NAD survey and Joint Stewardship Board to be discussed under business arising from minutes

MOTION #1

C. Bellamy/Y. Maracle

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee agenda, of the August 7, 2014, meeting be accepted, as presented.

CARRIED.

5. Presentations.

(a) None.

6. Approval of Minutes.**(a) June 5, 2014.**

- Review of minutes

MOTION #2**Y. Maracle/C. Bellamy**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee accepts the minutes of the June 5, 2014 meeting, as presented.

CARRIED.

(b) Business Arising from the Minutes.

National Aboriginal Day/Month [7. (d)].

- The committee discussed the results of the survey that was administered at the National Aboriginal Day event
- There were a total of 32 surveys completed, with 28 people leaving their name and contact information, for future follow-up

MOTION #3**A. Loft/D. Elmes**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee accepts the survey results report collected at the National Aboriginal Day festival, on June 21 and 22, 2014, at Gage Park, as presented.

CARRIED.

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

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee present a report of the survey results that was collected at the National Aboriginal Day festival, on June 21 and 22, 2014, at Gage Park and including a list of the Committee's accomplishments over the past few years, to the Audit, Finance & Administration Committee and that the information gathered will be extrapolated to become part of the work plan of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee, for 2015.

CARRIED.

Joint Stewardship Board [5(a)] – Sheri Longboat.

- M. Wright and A. Loft attended the July 2014 meeting
- Those in attendance were Councillors Chad Collins and Russ Powers, Brian Doolittle, Hazel Hill, two City Advisors and Sheri Longboat (Joint Stewardship Board Coordinator)
- The meetings are open to the public
- M. Wright provided an overview of what was discussed at the meeting and also noted that she requested becoming a member of the Joint Stewardship Board

- On Sept. 13, 2014 there will be a dedication in the Red Hill Valley, for the Bear Paw. There will be drumming groups also participating
- Staff was asked to acquire copies of the original agreements for Red Hill Valley

7. Outstanding Business:

(a) Terms of Reference - Report Update.

- Staff explained that this report is tentatively scheduled to be on the September 8, 2014 AF&A agenda, once advised by the Clerk's office.

(b) Work Plan.

- Deferred

(c) Housing & Homelessness Report.

- Deferred

(d) National Aboriginal Day/Month.

Discussed previously.

(e) Beaded Medicine Wheel.

- This was approved, in principle, at the April 3/14 meeting, at the cost of \$75.00, for the design and making of the beaded Medicine Wheel, by Linda Jenkins, pending follow-up for further details
- M. Wright will follow-up with Linda Jenkins to provide more details

(f) Resources Invitation Letters – follow-up.

This item was tabled pending, the approval of the revised Terms of Reference.

8. New Business.

(a) Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chair.

Motion #5

Y. Maracle/C. Bellamy

That the election of a new Chairperson and Vice-Chair, for the Aboriginal Advisory Committee be taken off the agenda and be revisited in 2015.

CARRIED.

(b) Pan Am Games AAC representative.

- Y. Maracle provide an update to the committee

- Y. Maracle let the Pan Am committee know that BOND has their annual event, on June 21, at Gage Park, and invited them to partner and/or collaborate, regarding the torch run on that day
- The drumming event still needs to be discussed, as there could possibly be 40 drums, from the 40 countries participating
- They are still discussing alternate modes of transportation (i.e. canoe) for transporting the torch
- M. Wright and Y. Maracle will attend the next meeting of the Pan Am ParaPan Games, together, to discuss the details of the torch run
- Carolyn King, from New Credit, also, should be contacted, regarding events taking place
- BOND meets every Tuesday, at 5:00 pm
- Debb Elms and Marilyn Wright will meet with BOND also
- M. Wright reported that the Pan Am kick-off event went well, with 10 drummers and one dancer
- Al Loft provided the opening prayer on behalf of the Haudenosaunee; Walter Cook provided the opening prayer on behalf of the Ojibway and Carolyn provided the opening prayer on behalf of the Metis

MOTION #6**C. Bellamy/D. Elmes**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee accepts the verbal Pan Am Games updates, from Yvonne Maracle and Marilyn Wright.

CARRIED.

(c) Summer Meetings & Continuation after September 2014.

- Meetings to continue, on the first Thursday of the month, as usual

9. Correspondence.

- None

10. Information Sharing.**(a) Harvest Festival Social.**

- Sat. Sept. 22, at 21 Rosedene, 12-7 p.m.

(b) BOND/HRIC Backpack Program.

- Partnerships to work on giving out backpacks

(c) Aboriginal Health Centre, Kids Play in the Park.

- At Gage Park, Wednesdays

(d) Fix Our World Festival.

- Sept. 5, 6 & 7, at T.B. McQuesten Park, 12-10 p.m.

(e) Multicultural Festival.

- Aug. 23, at Pier 8, 10:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

11. Next Meeting.

Thursday September 4, 2014, 5:30 p.m., room 264.

12. Adjournment.

The Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting ended, at 8:25 p.m.