



Hamilton

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

Present: Deborah Elmes, Allan Loft, Connie Bellamy, Marilyn Wright
Regrets: Yvonne Maracle, Cindy Sue Montana McCormack
Absent: David Bentley
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 6:25 p.m.
- A. Loft did an opening

2. Welcome and Introductions.

- M. Wright welcomed everyone

3. Declaration of Interest.

- No declarations of interest declared.

4. Review and Approval of Agenda.

- The agenda was reviewed

MOTION #1

C. Bellamy/D. Elmes

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee agenda, of the November 6, 2014, meeting be accepted, as presented.

CARRIED.

5. Presentations.

- (a) There were no presentations.

6. Approval of Minutes.

(a) **August 7, 2014.**

- Review of minutes

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

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee accepts the minutes of the August 7, 2014 meeting, as presented.

CARRIED.

(b) Business Arising from the Minutes.

Beaded Medicine Wheel [7. (e)].

- M. Wright spoke to Linda Jenkins and clarified the wishes of the committee regarding the design of the beaded medicine wheel.
- M. Carter will follow-up with L. Jenkins to get an estimated date of completion.

Joint Stewardship Board [7 (f)] – Sheri Longboat, Coordinator.

- The Chair reported that the Bear Paw dedication was cancelled due to poor weather conditions. The dedication will be rescheduled in 2015 hopefully
- Staff distributed copies of the Haudenosaunee-Hamilton Red Hill agreement, of Sept. 19, 2003 and the Joint Stewardship Agreement of Dec. 18, 2003, to committee members as requested at a previous meeting

Pan Am Games Update [8 (b)].

- Y. Maracle and Susan Barberstock are members of this committee however, neither were present to report back to AAC
- M. Wright provided an update regarding the fact that the Hamilton Native community have the torch for one hour, of the 7 hours that the torch will be in Hamilton
- Al Loft had suggested that a Drum fest be organized for June 21, 2015, at Gage Park
- A. Loft suggested that a letter of invitation to go to the 41 countries represented in Hamilton

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

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee send a letter to the Pan Am Games Committee, recommending that they organize and host a Drum Fest and that they send invitations to the cultural communities in Hamilton to participate in the Drum fest, that will take place on June 21, 2015, at Gage Park and that the invitations be copied to the Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

CARRIED.

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

- Staff reported that the revised Terms of Reference for the Aboriginal Advisory Committee was approved by the Audit, Finance & Administration Committee (Sept 22, 2014) and then City Council (September 24, 2014).

(b) Work Plan.

- The Committee recommended that when the new Aboriginal Advisory Committee is constituted they should develop their own work plan for the new term
- Outstanding items to be deferred to the new committee

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

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee refer the work plan and any outstanding issues and or items, to the new Aboriginal Advisory Committee, when they are appointed for the new term (2014-2018) of Council.

CARRIED.

(c) Beaded Medicine Wheel.

- Discussed under the matters arising from the minutes.

(d) Resources Invitation Letters – follow-up.

- This item shall be referred to the new committee.

(e) Pan Am Games Update.

- This item discussed under matters arising from the minutes.

(f) Joint Stewardship Board Update.

- There has not been any new meetings since July 2014
- M. Wright is still interested in attending these meetings

8. New Business.**(a) Report to the Audit, Finance & Administration Committee – Establishment of Volunteer Advisory Committees.**

- Staff provided an update regarding the outcome of this staff report to the General Issues Committee September 22, 2014.
- Yvonne Maracle made a presentation to Council on Sept 22, 2014 regarding the recommendations in this report, on behalf of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee. Y. Maracle to provide committee members a copy of her presentation.

(b) Jenny Dupuis, Aboriginal Community Liaison, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board.

- A follow-up invitation will be extended to J. Dupuis to return, to provide a progress report on the implementation of the new Self-Identification Policy and its effectiveness. The invitation will be sent in the New Year.

9. Correspondence.

- There was no correspondence to report.

10. Information Sharing.

(a) BOND Update.

- BOND is organizing a float for the Santa Clause parade, scheduled for Nov. 22, they are looking for youth volunteers to help decorate the float
- It was suggested that BOND contact tenants of the Men's Residence, on Kenilworth, to volunteer
- The truck will be on Kenilworth, to decorate on Nov. 21
- BOND is also doing a wreath for Remembrance Day
- A New Year's Eve Social is also being organized

(b) Hamilton Aboriginal Education Committee (HAEC).

- This committee has disbanded

(c) 10th Annual Iroquois Lacrosse Arena Christmas Bazaar & Craft Show.

- Nov. 29 & 30, 3201 2nd Line Rd., R.R. #6 Hagersville

(d) HRIC Annual Christmas Bazaar.

- Nov. 21 & 22, 34 Ottawa St. N., Hamilton

(e) HRIC Non-insured Health Benefits Session.

- Nov. 24, 34 Ottawa St. N., 7 pm

(f) Foot Care Clinic & Family Time Social.

- Nov. 28, 1-8 pm, 21 Rosedene

(g) HRIC Four Directions Unity Celebration.

- Nov. 29, 6 pm, 21 Rosedene

(h) Intersection Conference on Entrepreneurship and Indigenous Art.

- Nov. 15 & 16, OCAD University, Toronto

11. Next Meeting.

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

12. Adjournment.

MOTION #5

D. Elmes/A. Loft

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting, of November 6, 2014, end, at 7:30 p.m.

CARRIED.