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**MINUTES**  
**Aboriginal Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday December 4, 2014 – 5:30 P.M.**  
**City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 264**

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

**Chairperson:** M. Wright chaired the meeting.

**1. Opening.**

- M. Wright called the meeting to order, at 6:05 p.m.
- A. Loft did an opening

**2. Welcome and Introductions.**

- M. Wright welcomed everyone
- Everyone introduced themselves

**3. Declaration of Interest.**

- No declarations of interest declared.

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

- The agenda was reviewed
- Item 11, Next meeting, “2014”, to be changed to “2015”

**MOTION #1**

**C. Bellamy/Y. Maracle**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee agenda, of the December 4, 2014, meeting be accepted, as amended.

**CARRIED.**

**5. Presentations.**

- There were no presentations

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

- Review of minutes

**MOTION #2**

**D. Elmes/C. Bellamy**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee accepts the minutes of the November 6, 2014 meeting, as presented.

**CARRIED.**

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

M. Wright noted that the committee has not has a Pan Am Games update in quite a while. Staff was asked to invite Cora Lee Secore to a future meeting in 2015 to provide an update.

HRIC Non-insured Health Benefits Session [10(e)]

- The Nov. 24 session was cancelled

Beaded Medicine Wheel [7. (c)].

- No update however M. Carter will follow-up with L. Jenkins concerning the final design, cost and timeframe.

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

- M. Wright provided an update to the committee
- The Board is in the process of hiring someone to do the Turtle dedication and land survey
- Meetings are held every 3 months, the next meeting is March 2015 and anyone can attend
- S. Longboat gave committee members pens and magnets
- It was suggested that they may have teachings, drumming and sunrise ceremonies at the site
- Certain trees were cut down, because they were diseased
- Most of the trees have been transplanted
- Hereditary Chiefs Sky and Bomberry, were involved
- Crawford Lake does not have any Aboriginal people working there
- It was recommended to Crawford Lake, that they work with Grand River Employment and Training (GREAT), Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) and the Niagara Peninsula Aboriginal Area Management Board (NPAAMB), to get funding to hire members of the Aboriginal community, including summer students

**7. Outstanding Business:**

**(a) Beaded Medicine Wheel.**

- M. Carter will follow-up with L. Jenkins

**(b) Pan Am Games - Update from Yvonne Maracle.**

- Y. Maracle provided an update
- BOND have secured the Aboriginal Health Centre as its sponsor;
- An application for the City's Enrichment Fund was submitted, in the amount of 23,000.
- BOND received their official letter, from the City of Hamilton
- They are applying to Heritage Canada, for June 21 activities, as well as to the DreamCatcher Fund
- The torch activities will take place, on June 21, 2015, from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m., at Gage Park, entering from the sign at the corner of Main/Gage
- BOND is in discussions with Shawn Longboat, who is a descendant of Tom Longboat, to participate in the activities
- Toronto Pan Am Games will be unveiling a sculpture of Tom Longboat
- There will be a tent of indigenous food samples
- BOND has purchased their own torch for the event
- The City of Hamilton agrees to do publicity for the June 21 events
- Committee wants to ensure that the NAD banner will be hanging across from City Hall over Main Street for a week in June 2015. The dates are to be confirmed. At the January meeting, committee will discuss the cost of creating a banner and how it will be funded.

**(c) Joint Stewardship Board - Update from Marilyn Wright.**

- Discussed under the matters arising from the minutes.

**(d) Report to the Audit, Finance & Administration.**

There is nothing to report. This item will be removed from future agenda.

**8. New Business.****(a) BOND.**

- BOND had approximately 60 participants helping with the Santa Claus parade. The HRIC donated pizza; NWC donated water; AHAC donated hot chocolate.
- Luke Johns laid the wreath at the Remembrance Day event, that was held at City Hall
- BOND is planning a potluck New Year's Eve Social, to possibly be held at the HRIC. Includes a penny sale and musical talent.

**(b) Chronic Disease Prevention Report From Public Health.**

- M. Carter shared this information with committee regarding the report from the September 24th minutes, regarding Aboriginal health issues and chronic disease prevention
- Minutes, with the link to Council and committee meetings, to be forwarded to committee members

**9. Correspondence.**

- There was no correspondence to report.

**10. Information Sharing.**

(a) The Aboriginal Health Centre is having a kid's penny sale, on Sunday Dec. 7, from 12-5 p.m., 678 Main St. E. Chili, corn soup, cookies and donuts will be available.

(b) Volunteers are needed to co-ordinate Christmas hampers.

**11. Next Meeting.**

Thursday January 8, 2015, 5:30 p.m., room 264.

**12. Adjournment.**

- A. Loft closed the meeting
- Meeting adjourned, at 7:30 p.m.