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**MINUTES**  
**Aboriginal Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday May 7, 2015 – 5:30 P.M.**  
**City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 264**

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**Present:** Deborah Elmes, Connie Bellamy, Cindy Sue Montana McCormack, Marilyn Wright, Yvonne Maracle

**Regrets:**

**Absent:** David Bentley, Allan Loft

**Also Present:** Maxine Carter, Barb Smoke – Access & Equity Office, City of Hamilton

**Guests:** Lynn Winstanley, Janet Pilon – Clerks, City of Hamilton, Mark Weingartner, Neighbourhood & Community Initiatives, City of Hamilton

**Chairperson:** M. Wright

**1. Opening.**

- M. Wright called the meeting to order, at 6:00 p.m.
- Y. Maracle 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

**MOTION #1**

**Y. Maracle/D. Elmes**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee agenda, of the May 7, 2015, meeting be accepted, as presented.

**CARRIED.**

**5. Presentations – Consultation/discussion re: Re-establishment of City Volunteer Advisory Committees - Janet Pilon, Manager, Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk; Mark Weingartner, Senior Policy Analyst, Neighbourhood and Community Initiatives.**

Following through on direction from Council, Janet Pilon and Mark Weingartner conducted a consultation for the next 75 minutes with the committee to get their input and feedback regarding the reestablishment of Council volunteer advisory committees

The AAC presented an overview of their mandate and accomplishments over the past 3 years.

**6. Approval of Minutes.**

**(a) April 16, 2015.**

- Review of minutes
- Page 2, item 5, Discussion about Medicine Wheel, first bullet should change "4" to "6" , for the size of the Medicine Wheel

**MOTION #2**

**C. Bellamy/D. Elmes**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee approve the minutes of the April 16, 2015 meeting, as amended.

**CARRIED.**

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

- M. Wright will contact D. Bentley, regarding his intentions to continue with the AAC.

**7. Outstanding Business:**

**(a) Beaded Medicine Wheel.**

- D. Elmes brought in the holder that she made, for the Medicine Wheel

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

- Y. Maracle participated in a test relay and provided an overview of the trial run.
- Y. Maracle submitted a draft invitation letter regarding the Drum Fest to be sent to additional cultural groups, M. Carter had previously sent invitation letters to a number of cultural group on behalf of the AAC
- A. Loft will forward any contacts or interested groups to Y. Maracle
- BOND meetings will take place every Tuesday, 5 p.m., at HRIC
- Y. Maracle submitted a Pan Am NAD Activity expenses request but declared a conflict of interest and left the room during discussion of this item

The budget is as follows:

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| Tent (10x10), with table & 2 chairs .....   | 300.00     |
| Luncheon Contribution .....                 | 1,000.00   |
| Aztec & local Aboriginal Entertainment..... | 1,000.00   |
| Total Contribution .....                    | \$2,300.00 |

### **C. Montana McCormack/D. Elmes**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee accept and approve the June 21, 2015, hosting the Pan Am Torch Relay celebration budget, in the amount of \$2,300.00, to be payable to Branches of Native Development.

**CARRIED.**

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

- No update

#### **(d) Aboriginal Justice Strategy – Councillor Aidan Johnson.**

- Councillor A. Johnson not available to provide an update on the Aboriginal Justice Strategy
- Councillor A. Johnson's motion regarding the Hamilton Aboriginal Justice Strategy, at the GIC meeting, on March 30/15, was distributed, for information purposes

#### **(e) 100 Years of Loss, Legacy of Hope Foundation.**

- M. Carter to schedule a meeting, for next week with the planning committee to discuss the , opening and promotions of the exhibit
- Still working with the Foundation to sort out details of shipping
- Display to be here from June 8 to July 10 2015

#### **(f) National Aboriginal Awareness Month – June 2015.**

- M. Carter sent the request on behalf of the AAC to Andy Makino, of Sign Works, to make the NAD banner for across Main Street
- The City logo and the NAD logo was also sent to Andy Makino
- Andy said it would take a week to make the banner
- The banner will be put up from June 7-13, 2015
- The cost of the banner is \$500.00

#### **(g) Stolen Sisters/Sisters in Spirit Inquiry – Councillor M. Green.**

- No report

### **8. New Business.**

#### **(a) Witness Blanket Exhibit.**

- M. Carter attended a meeting with Councillor A. Johnson, Cat Love, from HRIC and a representative from the Hamilton Public Library (HPL)

- Sponsors of the project are McMaster University, Mohawk College HRIC, the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Community Foundation
- The exhibit will be placed at the HPL on the first floor from July 11 or 12 until the end of August, with an opening launch and events scheduled throughout the 6 weeks
- Councillor Johnson has asked that the AAC provide some direction around the role the committee wants to have in the project
- The AAC wants to participate and would like to get more information regarding the Witness Blanket

**9. Correspondence.**

- There was no correspondence

**10. Information Sharing.**

- The Aboriginal Health Centre had a successful building launch.

**11. Next Meeting.**

(a) Thursday June 4, 2015, 5:30 p.m., room 264

**12. Adjournment.**

- Meeting adjourned, at 8:12 p.m.

**C. Montana McCormack/C. Bellamy**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting, of May 7, 2015, be adjourned, at 8:12 p.m.

**CARRIED.**