



Hamilton

MINUTES
Aboriginal Advisory Committee
Thursday June 4, 2015 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 264

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

Chairperson: M. Wright

1. Opening.

- M. Wright called the meeting to order, at 5:55 p.m.
- A. Loft did an opening

2. Welcome and Introductions.

- Everyone introduced themselves

3. Declaration of Interest.

- No declarations of interest declared

4. Review and Approval of Agenda.

- The agenda was reviewed
- Addition of item 7h, 41 Drum Invite, Pan Am Games

MOTION #1

Y. Maracle/A. Loft

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee agenda, of the June 4, 2015, meeting be accepted, as amended.

CARRIED.

5. Presentations.

- There were no presentations.

6. Approval of Minutes.

(a) May 7, 2015.

- Review of minutes

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

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee accepts the minutes of the May 7, 2015 meeting, as amended.

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

- The new date for the report on the Re-establishment of Volunteer Advisory Committees will be on the General Issues Committee's agenda of July 6, 2015 and no longer June 17, 2015.

8. New Business.**(a) Witness Blanket Exhibit.**

- The committee discussed being present at the opening of the launch of the Witness Blanket
- Most likely, they may request to speak during the formal program, at the launch, to bring greetings, from the AAC and to express support for the Witness Blanket

7. Outstanding Business:**(a) Beaded Medicine Wheel.**

- M. Carter will follow-up with Linda Jenkins, to get appraised of the progress of the Medicine Wheel

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

- Coralee Secore attended the BOND meeting. Coralee Secore is organizing the lacrosse sticks that will be used to make the arch as the runner is coming into the park
- The trial run was completed and was successful
- There is a small amount of funding, provided by the city, that will help BOND with expenses associated with the event
- Aztec dancers and hoop dancers will be part of the entertainment
- The sunrise ceremony will take place June 19, 20 & 21, at 7:00 a.m.
- Y. Maracle was asked to investigate the possibility of the Aboriginal community having access to the Pan Am events to sell their products

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

- No update

(d) Aboriginal Justice Strategy – Councillor Aidan Johnson.

- No update

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

- There was discussion regarding the Exhibit upon arriving on June 8

- The exhibit will be set up, between 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., at City Hall
- The opening will be catered with light refreshments and snacks – M. Wright to engage Tracey House, to cater the launch
- M. Wright will arrange to have drummers
- Committee still needs to engage local survivors to attend the event and to find a speaker/presenter for the opening
- Y. Maracle volunteered to arrange for the AACs exhibit on the second floor glass cabinet – this year will focus on children's art & poems
- Opening date to be confirmed

MOTION #3**Y. Maracle/A. Loft**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee approve \$700.00, to cover the cost of the 100 Years of Loss Exhibit Opening, with \$500.00 going towards the cost of catering.

CARRIED.

(f) National Aboriginal Awareness Month & Banner – June 2015.

- Andy Makino, of Signworks, has not finished the banner yet
- M. Carter and A. Loft to follow-up with Andy, to confirm when the banner will be completed and delivered. The Banner is needed for Friday June 5 (tomorrow) but can be as late as Sunday
- AAC Table and tent is to be finalized and organized for NAD at Gage Park
- B. Smoke to send out the schedule for Saturday & Sunday, for committee members to sign up
- The Banner used for the tent is still missing, M. Wright to connect with Y. Maracle to investigate possible locations of where the banner may be stored.

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

- No update.

(h) 41 Drum Invite – Pan Am.

- M. Wright has contacted the ethno cultural organizations, by e-mail, to confirm their interest in participating in the Drum Fest on June 21, 2015.

9. Correspondence.

- There was no correspondence

10. Information Sharing.

- There was no information circulated

11. Next Meeting.

- (a) Thursday July 2, 2015, 5:30 p.m., room 264

12. Adjournment.

A. Loft/C. Bellamy

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting, of June 4, 2015, be adjourned, at 7:30 p.m.

CARRIED.