



**MINUTES**  
**Aboriginal Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, April 6, 2017 – 5:30 P.M.**  
**City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 264**

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**Present:** Deb Elmes, Marilyn Wright, Connie Bellamy  
**Regrets:** Lisa Chung, Sheryl Green  
**Absent:**  
**Also Present:** Maxine Carter, Jennifer Mak – Human Rights, Access & Equity (staff), Shylo Elmayan - Urban Indigenous Strategy, Community and Emergency Services

**Chairperson:** Marilyn Wright

- 1. Opening.**
  - Shylo Elmayan did an opening
- 2. Welcome and Introductions.**
  - All were welcomed
- 3. Declaration of Interest.**
  - There were no declarations of interest
- 4. Review and Approval of Agenda.**
  - Addition of Item #6.1 – Tourism and Culture
  - Addition of Item #7(f) – Banner over Main Street
  - Addition of Item #10(a) – Lynn Wynstanley

**MOTION #1**

**C. Bellamy/D. Elmes**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee agenda of the April 6, 2017 meeting be accepted as amended.

**CARRIED.**

- 5. Review and Approval of Minutes**  
**MOTION #2**  
**(a) Minutes of January 16, 2017**

**D. Elmes/C. Bellamy**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee minutes of January 16, 2017 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED.**

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

- Reported in Item #7 - Outstanding Business

**6. Presentations.****6.1 Tourism and Culture – Jen Anisef**

- Jen Anisef, Cultural Projects Specialist at Tourism and Culture, is coordinating the Canada Day celebration at Bayfront Park and Pier 4
- J. Anisef requested the Committee's input and guidance on how to include Hamilton's Indigenous community in the event's opening ceremony and/or programming as well as assistance with developing a territorial acknowledgement statement that will be read at the opening ceremony
- The Committee suggested:
  - Inviting both Ava Hill, Chief of the Six Nations of the Grand River, and R. Stacey Laforme, Chief of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, to participate in the opening ceremonies
  - A drumming circle
  - Singers from the Native Women's Centre
  - A discussion of some of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's calls to action in terms of what the City of Hamilton should be doing to help carry out/facilitate the calls to action; the discussion could be led by the Chief of the Six Nations of the Grand River and the Chief of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nations
  - The territorial acknowledgement statement should be inclusive of both the Six Nations of the Grand River and the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nations
  - J. Anisef mentioned that an Indigenous events coordinator may be hired to help coordinate the event; the Committee suggested that J. Anisef contact Luke Johns at the Branches of Native Development
  - It was suggested that the Committee be officially included in the opening ceremony
  - J. Anisef will provide a status update on the event in June

**7. Outstanding Business****(a) Beaded Medicine Wheel – Update**

- M. Wright is still awaiting a response from Linda Jenkins regarding the Beaded Medicine Wheel

**(b) Joint Stewardship Board – Update**

- Awaiting a response from Brian Doolittle regarding if/when he can attend a Committee meeting

**(c) Urban Indigenous Strategy (now Urban Indigenous Strategy) – Update Shylo Elmayan**

- M. Wright has joined the planning circle to help develop the Urban Indigenous Strategy and plan
- Currently trying to find elders and youth to help support the planning process
- The Urban Indigenous Strategy's website is being developed
- Partnerships are being sought with both Indigenous and non-Indigenous groups
- Working with Recreation to get the City of Hamilton involved in the North American Indigenous Games

**(d) Stolen Sisters/Sisters in Spirit Inquiry – Update Councillor M. Green**

- Stolen Sisters/Sisters in Spirit members will be invited to a Committee meeting to provide an update at the May meeting

**(e) Recruitment Process for New Term of AAC**

- Letters of notification have been sent to the three new members to attend the May meeting

**(f) Banner over Main Street**

- If there is an opportunity to hang the banner over Main Street in mid-June, the Committee would be interested in hanging the banner

**C. Bellamy/D. Elmes**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee install the banner over Main Street, should an opening become available in mid-June 2017.

**CARRIED.**

**8. New Business.****(a) Work Plan Discussion**

- Tabled until the new members are on board; a summary of activities to date will be provided to the new members

**9. Correspondence.**

**(a) Invictus Games**

- C. Bellamy indicated that she received an invitation to the Invictus Games and would like to approach Indigenous participants from Reserves
- S. Elmayan will look into approaching Indigenous athletes

**10. Information Sharing.**

**(a) Lynn Wynstanley**

- Committee member, Lynn Wynstanley recently passed away
- The Committee would like to send a condolence card to L. Wynstanley's family

**C. Bellamy/D. Elmes**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee acknowledge the passing of Aboriginal Advisory Committee member Lynn Wynstanley and send a card of condolence to her family.

**CARRIED.**

**(b) Hamilton Executive Directors' Aboriginal Coalition (HEDAC)  
Representative on the Committee Against Racism**

- Monique LaVallee, Board President of HEDAC, will see which Board member would like to be a resource person on the Committee Against Racism

**11. Next Meeting.**

May 4, 2017

**12. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.