



**MINUTES**  
**Aboriginal Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, May 4, 2017 – 5:30 P.M.**  
**City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 264**

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**Present:** Deb Elmes, Marilyn Wright, Connie Bellamy, Patty Lawlor, Scott Cruickshank, Allan Loft, Khitanya Petgrave  
**Regrets:** Lisa Chung, Sheryl Green  
**Absent:**  
**Also Present:** Jennifer Mak – Human Rights, Access & Equity (staff), Shylo Elmayan - Urban Indigenous Strategy, Community and Emergency Services

**Chairperson:** Marilyn Wright

- 1. Opening.**
  - D. Elmes 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 #7(f) – Banner over Main Street

**MOTION #1**

**D. Elmes/P. Lawlor**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee agenda of the May 4, 2017 meeting be accepted as amended.

**CARRIED.**

- 5. Review and Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION #2**

**(a) Minutes of April 6, 2017**

- Item #6.1 – Chief R. Stacey LeForme should be spelled Chief R. Stacey Laforme

**C. Bellamy/D. Elmes**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee minutes of April 6, 2017 be approved as amended.

**CARRIED.**

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

- S. Elmayan reported that she has been in contact with Jen Anisef from the City of Hamilton's Tourism and Culture regarding the Canada Day Celebration
- Luke Johns from the Branches of Native Development will be participating at the opening ceremony and invitation letters to Chief Ava Hill and Chief R. Stacey Laforme will be sent out this week
- A suggestion was made to have Jen Anisef invite the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs and the Joint Stewardship Committee; J. Mak will follow-up with Jen Anisef

**6. Presentations.**

**6.1** There was no presentation

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

- Linda Jenkins is currently on sick leave; C. Bellamy will follow-up

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

- Still awaiting a response from Brian Doolittle

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

- S. Elmayan provided an overview of the Urban Indigenous Strategy's purpose and objectives to the new members
- Current activities include building a staff circle and a community circle comprised of staff and community agencies who provide services to and work with the Aboriginal community
- S. Elmayan will be presenting a staff report to the Emergency and Community Services Committee on June 12, 2017; Committee members are invited to attend the presentation
- The Urban Indigenous Strategy will launch its website in June as well as release a flyer
- S. Elmayan invited the Committee to consider collaborating on the Urban Indigenous Strategy's annual report to Council; this will take place in late fall
- May 5 is National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls; wear red in solidarity

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

- Staff will follow-up on this item

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

- All new members attended the May meeting

**(f) Banner over Main Street**

- There is no availability to hang the banner over Main Street in mid-June
- Staff will investigate whether the three-year banner application has been reinstated

**8. New Business.**

**(a) Work Plan Discussion**

- Tabled until the new members have attended the orientation session
- A summary of activities and the work plan from the previous term will be provided to the Committee

**9. Correspondence**

**(a) Equity and Inclusion Lens Consultation – Evelyn Myrie**

- Committee members requested that, if possible, the consultant develop a PowerPoint presentation, an executive summary, as well as make the document accessible for review, e.g. larger font
- The Committee can accommodate the consultant at the September meeting

**10. Information Sharing**

**(a) Indigenous Tenant Group**

- An Indigenous Tenant Group has been started in order to respond to subsidy issues and rental problems associated with Urban Native Homes (UNH)
- This serves as a forum for tenants with complaints against UNH to document complaints
- On May 16 there is a Meet and Greet with UNH staff, UNH Board members, and members of Indigenous communities who are experiencing problems with rentals

**11. Next Meeting**

June 1, 2017

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.