



Hamilton

MINUTES: **Status of Women Committee (SWC)**
Thursday, March 23, 2017
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Room 193, City Hall

PRESENT: Doreen Ssenabulya, Janice Lukas, Katherine Kalinowski, Micaela Corcoran, Marie Robbins, Laura Cattari, Yulena Wan, Denise Christopherson, Zenaida Roque Cruz

REGRETS: Funmi Akiode, Councillor Aidan Johnson, Councillor Matthew Green

ABSENT: Alexandra MacLean

ALSO PRESENT: Maxine Carter- Access & Equity

CHAIRS: Micaela Corcoran

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS.

The Chairs welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

The agenda was reviewed by members and approved, as presented.

(L. Cattari/J. Lukas)

That the Status of Women Committee approves the March 23, 2017 agenda, as presented.

CARRIED.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

4.1 Minutes of February 23, 2017.

(K. Kalinowski/Y. Wan)

That the Status of Women Committee approve the minutes of February 23, 2017 as presented.

CARRIED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

5.1 Deferred to April meeting

- Babysitting Policy to be on work plan

6. PRESENTATION

There was no presentation.

7. Business / Discussion

7.1 Gender Equity Budget Conference

- To be discussed as part of the work plan discussion

7.2 Work Plan

- K. Kalinowski developed a draft work plan for the Committee to review, discuss and build on
- Committee members discussed each objective in more detail
- K. Kalinowski will take the suggestions and populate the work plan and bring it back to the next meeting
- Elect More Women-February 2018-possibly a workshop

Additions to Work Plan Activities

1) City Manager and Manager of Finance and Administration to attend the April meeting

2a) General Manager of Community and Emergency Services to attend SWC April meeting to discuss services/gaps of specific concern to women in Hamilton

b) Review provincial, national, and international examples of where budget equity lens are being used

c) Host community event in October 2017 to inform women on municipal budgeting process and collect feedback on priorities, perspectives for report back to Council-write/invite Councillors to attend and to invite 10 and inform their ward

d) Present to Council on SWC activities/recommendations in November 2017

3a) May-Sexual Assault Prevention Month-IWD Support-May Mental Health Week-Refugee/Immigrant

b) Elect More Women (February 2018) but if we are going to do this activity then it must not be no later than March 2018

c) Show support - Mental Health Week – focus on newcomers

4) Babysitting Policy-for all volunteer advisory committee members (Denise Christopherson)

5) Invitation of the Urban Indigenous Strategy Project Manager to SWC

6) Bill 6 – Laura Cattari would like to discuss further

7.3 Gender Identity and Gender Expression Protocol: Transgender and Gender Non-conforming Individuals and SWC delegation

- Councillor A. Johnson reached out to the Chair regarding support for the Protocol and SWC delegation
- M. Corcoran was commended by the Committee for her presentation/delegation on behalf of the SWC

- Audit, Finance and Administration March 6, 2017 meeting:
<http://hamilton.siretechnologies.com/sirepub/mtgviewer.aspx?meetid=1137&%3Bamp%3Bdoctype=AGENDA>)

7.4 Election of Co-Chair

- L. Cattari expressed interest in the Co-Chair position

D. Ssenabulya/Y. Wan

That L. Cattari be approved as the Co-Chair for the Status of Women Committee until November 2017 or until Council appoints a new committee.

CARRIED.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

- No new business

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS and INFORMATION SHARING.

9.1 Mental Health Week

- Z. Roque Cruz reported that Mental Health Week will be hosted at City Hall on May 6, 2017; cultural groups will be hosting tables at this event

9.2 Women of Distinction Awards

- D. Christopherson thanked those who attended the Women of Distinction Awards and reported that there was a record attendance of 800 people; the Women of Distinction Awards began at the Status of Women

9.3 UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

- L. Cattari will be going to Geneva to attend the delegate for the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

9.4 Prayer Breakfast

- J. Lukas informed the Committee that there is a Prayer Breakfast on May 2, 2017 from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m.; J. Lukas will send the Committee the link to the flyer

10. ADJOURNMENT

M. Robbins/D. Christopherson

That the Status of Women Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 27, 2017, 5:30 p.m.