



Hamilton

MINUTES

Aboriginal Advisory Committee
Monday, January 16, 2017 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 193

Present: Deb Elmes, Lynn Wynstanley, Marilyn Wright, Lisa Chung
Regrets: Connie Bellamy, Sheryl Green
Absent:
Also Present: Maxine Carter, Cindy Mercanti, Jennifer Mak - Customer Service 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 #9 Correspondence: M. Carter to share correspondence
 - Revision: Presentations by Cindy Mercanti and Shylo Elmayan to be moved from Item #8 New Business to Item #5 Presentations

MOTION #1

D. Elmes/L. Wynstanley

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee agenda of the January 16, 2017 meeting be accepted as amended.

CARRIED.

- 5. Presentations.**
 - (a) Cindy Mercanti, Customer Service – Discussion regarding City's Corporate Mobile Apps**
 - Cindy Mercanti consulted with the Committee regarding the corporate mobile app strategy, which is currently being developed
 - Input was sought from Committee members regarding the types and functions of apps that Committee members currently like and use, what

City of Hamilton apps members would be interested in using, what kinds of accessibility features on apps would be useful, and which City of Hamilton webpages members currently frequent. The committee thanked Cindy Mercanti for the opportunity to provide input.

(b) Shylo Elmayan, Sr. Project Manager, Neighbourhood and Community Initiatives, Indigenous Strategy – Overview of the portfolio

- Shylo Elmayan provided a background of her role as the Senior Project Manager of the Urban Indigenous Strategy
- The Strategy will address how the City of Hamilton can better collaborate with Urban Aboriginals
- Develop the Strategy by determining how the City of Hamilton is aligned with the visions of Aboriginal community organizations and groups
- Build relationships with Aboriginal community organizations and groups to understand the visions of these organizations and groups as well as the needs of Aboriginal peoples in Hamilton
- Open to collaborating with the Committee
- S. Elmayan has been invited to attend the Committee's monthly meetings

6. Review and Approval of Minutes

MOTION #2

(a) Minutes of November 3, 2016

- Revise Motion #3 removing the word "send", as this is a typo

D. Elmes/L. Chung

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee minutes of November 3, 2016 be approved as amended.

CARRIED.

(b) Business Arising from the Minutes

- M. Wright will draft the thank you letter to Yvonne Maracle

7. Outstanding Business

(a) Beaded Medicine Wheel – Update

- M. Wright will follow-up to see if the medicine wheel is ready

(c) Joint Stewardship Board – Update

- The Joint Stewardship Board has not had any recent meetings; M. Wright will follow-up on the status of the next meeting

(d) Aboriginal Justice Strategy (now Urban Indigenous Strategy) – Update Councillor A. Johnson

- S. Elmayan will be reporting on the Urban Indigenous Strategy
- (e) **Stolen Sisters/Sisters in Spirit Inquiry – Update Councillor M. Green**
 - The Committee would like to invite members of the Stolen Sisters/Sisters in Spirit Inquiry to attend a future meeting for an update
- (f) **Recruitment Process for New Term of AAC**
 - Applicants who previously submitted applications for the Committee will have to resubmit their applications; applications will be accepted from January 19 – February 24, 2017

8. New Business.

8.1 Work Plan Discussion

- M. Carter will share a copy of the Committee's work plan from last term
- M. Wright will ask Cindy Sue of the Social Planning and Research Council to facilitate the work plan brainstorming session

8.2 Inclusion Policy on Traditional First Nations Ceremonies (moved by Councillor Green)

- The Inclusion Policy on Traditional First Nations Ceremonies in all public buildings will be developed in consultation with the Committee

9. Correspondence.

- John Hannam, City Clerk from the City of Thunder Bay, would like to discuss the possibility of the City of Hamilton purchasing the Walk-A-Mile Film Project, an Aboriginal awareness training series
- The Committee will first view the film series; S. Elmayan was invited to view the film series

10. Information Sharing

- (a) The Aboriginal Health Centre will be hosting a seminar on homelessness in collaboration with the SPRC in June at Gage Park; more details to come
- (b) The Committee's banner will not be going up in 2017

11. Next Meeting.

February 2, 2017

12. Adjournment.

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