



Hamilton

MINUTES

Aboriginal Advisory Committee
Thursday, June 1, 2017 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 264

Present: Deb Elmes, Connie Bellamy, Patty Lawlor, Scott Cruickshank, Allan Loft, Khitanya Petgrave
Regrets: Lisa Chung, Marilyn Wright
Absent: Sheryl Green
Also Present: Jennifer Mak – Human Rights, Access & Equity (staff)

Chairperson: Connie Bellamy

1. Opening.

- A. Loft 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 8(a) Resignation
- Addition of Item 9(a) Metis Nation of Ontario Clear Water Metis Council
- Addition of Item 10(a) Human Rights, Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Plan
- Addition of Item 10(b) First Nations Communities Read Program

MOTION #1

K. Petgrave/A. Loft

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee agenda of the June 1, 2017 meeting be accepted as amended.

CARRIED.

5. Review and Approval of Minutes

MOTION #2

(a) Minutes of May 4, 2017

- Item 7(c): Remove parentheses "(now Urban Indigenous Strategy)" because this is a duplication

A. Loft/K. Petgrave

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee minutes of May 4, 2017 be approved as amended.

CARRIED.

(b) Business Arising from the Minutes**(i) Canada Day Celebration**

- Staff reported that J. Anisef from the City of Hamilton's Culture and Tourism sent an invitation to the Haudenosaunee Confederacy to participate in the Opening Ceremony at the Canada Day Celebration and is awaiting a response
- Staff shared an invitation letter from Culture and Tourism inviting the Aboriginal Advisory Committee to attend the Canada Day Celebration

(ii) Mayor's Office Equity and Inclusion Lens Tool – Evelyn Myrie

- Staff asked Evelyn Myrie to provide an executive summary of the Equity and Inclusion Lens document in addition to three questions to help the Committee more effectively review the document and provide feedback; staff is awaiting a response
- For greater accessibility, the Committee asked that staff send the document in PDF format
- Because the document is extensive, the Committee would like to review portions of the document that would be applicable to the Committee instead of reviewing the document in its entirety

A. Loft/S. Cruickshank

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive the updates from the Business Arising from the Minutes.

CARRIED.

6. Presentations.

- There was no presentation

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

- No update

(b) Joint Stewardship Board – Update

- No update; M. Wright was not present

(c) Urban Indigenous Strategy– Update Shylo Elmayan

- No update; S. Elmayan was not present

(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 Committee members have signed-up for the Volunteer Advisory Committee Orientation Sessions
- Regarding the Committee developing their own recruitment process, this item will be discussed in the work plan meeting

(f) Banner over Main Street

- Staff reported that the three-year banner application has been replaced with an annual banner application
- The Committee would like staff to submit a banner application for June 2018
- Yvonne Maracle currently has the banner; staff will contact Y. Maracle

8. New Business.**(a) Resignation of L. Chung**

- Lisa Yim Chung submitted her resignation from the Aboriginal Advisory Committee, effective immediately

A. Loft/K. Petgrave

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee accept the resignation of L. Chung with regret.

CARRIED.

9. Correspondence**(a) Metis Nation of Ontario Clear Water Metis Council**

- Staff shared with the Committee that the Metis Nation of Ontario Clear Water Metis Council is planning a celebration of life for Lynn Winstanley and will provide celebration details once plans are finalized

10. Information Sharing**(a) Human Rights, Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Plan**

- Staff provided an overview of the Human Rights, Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Plan

(b) First Nations Communities Read Program

- P. Lawlor shared information on the First Nations Communities Read Program

- This program encourages literacy, intergenerational storytelling and information sharing, promotes the importance of First Nation, Metis, and Inuit writing, illustration, and publishing, the sharing, publication, and understanding of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit experiences, as well as awareness of the titles the program honours
- There is an annual title selection for the titles for children, young adults, and adults, which are announced in May
- P. Lawlor will try and find a recent poster to display in the Aboriginal Advisory Committee's glass display case

11. Next Meeting

- The Committee decided to suspend meetings for July and August and restart in September

A. Loft/S. Cruickshank

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee suspend meetings for July and August and reconvene meetings on September 7, 2017.

CARRIED.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.