



## Hamilton

### **MINUTES**

**Aboriginal Advisory Committee  
Thursday, September 7 – 5:30 P.M.  
City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 264**

**Present:** Deb Elmes, Connie Bellamy, Patty Lawlor, Allan Loft, Khitanya Petgrave, Marilyn Wright  
**Regrets:** Sheryl Green  
Councillor A. Johnson  
**Absent:** Councillor Green  
Scott Cruickshank  
**Also Present:** Shylo Elmayan – Staff  
Jodi Koch – Staff  
Kristeen Sprague - Guest

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**Chairperson:** Marilyn Wright

**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.**

- Correction to 7 (d) – should read “use” rather than “youth”

**MOTION #1**

**C. Bellamy/P. Lawlor**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee agenda of the September 7, 2017 meeting be accepted as amended.

**CARRIED.**

**5. Review and Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION #2**

**(a) Minutes of June 1, 2017**

- Next meeting date should read September 7, 2017

**A. Loft/D. Elmes**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee minutes of June 1, 2017 be approved as amended.

**CARRIED.**

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

**(i) First Nations Communities Read Program**

- Posters did not go up. Staff requested to locate if possible.
- P. Lawlor to investigate book display and report back to Committee.

**(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

**(iii) Canada Day Celebration Feedback**

- Good event with tall ships, concert and fireworks. D. Elmes represented the AAC.

**6. Presentations.**

- There were no presentations

**7. Outstanding Business**

**(a) Beaded Medicine Wheel – Update**

- M. Wright indicated it is likely a lost cause.

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

- M. Wright reported that no update available at present. She will extend invitation to a spokesperson (B. Doolittle) to attend next month's meeting.

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

- S. Elmayan shared she presented the Urban Indigenous Strategy to the Emergency and Community Services Sub-Committee of Council in June with a planned follow up in December 2017.

- S. Elmayan reported on the Aboriginal Games as well as the Institute of Public Administration Conference she attended this summer
- S. Elmayan reported on a number of presentations made to various City departments.
- S. Elmayan reported on the Coordinating Circle

**MOTION #3**

- **C. Bellamy/A. Loft**

That the Committee include Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action as an ongoing discussion item on the monthly agenda.

**CARRIED.**

**(d) Use of Indigenous Medicine Policy**

- S. Elmayan provided update on progress. Concern raised about past issues with Fire Marshall prohibiting smudging.
- Question raised if new Equity Lens toolkit included smudging.

**(e) Stolen Sisters/Sisters in Spirit Inquiry**

- D. Elmes to email out information on event at end of September.

**(f) Banner over Main Street**

- M. Wright confirmed that Y. Maracle does not have the banner. Staff are requested to attempt to locate and to confirm need for liability insurance.
- Staff requested to locate key for display case in order for Y. Maracle to remove personal belongings.

**(g) Work Plan**

- Staff are requested to bring samples of recruitment language to next meeting.

**8. New Business.**

- None

**9. Correspondence**

- None

**10. Information Sharing**

**(a) Draft Motion on Indigenous Art for LRT**

- Staff provided a copy of draft motion from Councillor Aidan Johnson regarding Indigenous Art for the LRT
- Committee suggested interactive educational exhibits that would assist in educating the public

**11. Next Meeting**

- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 5, 2017.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was closed by A. Loft and adjourned at 8:10 p.m.