



Hamilton

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

- Present:** Marilyn Wright, Connie Bellamy, Patty Lawlor, Allan Loft, Khitanya Petgrave
- Regrets:** Shylo Elmayan, Scott Cruickshank, Sheryl Green, Councillor A. Johnson
- Absent:** Councillor Green, Deborah Elmes
- Also Present:** Jodi Koch & Betsy Pocop – Human Rights, Diversity & Inclusion (staff)
John Ariyo (on behalf of Shylo Elmayan) - Urban Indigenous Strategy, Community and Emergency Services
- Guests:** Hannah Martin, Pierce Kreps, Maggie Powless-Lyons, and Victoria Bomberry – Cooperative of Indigenous Studies, Students, and Alumni - McMaster University
Evelyn Myrie – Consultant for the Mayor's Office

Chairperson: Marilyn Wright

- 1. Opening.**
 - A. Loft did an opening
- 2. Welcome and Introductions.**
 - All were welcomed
 - Round of introductions
- 3. Declaration of Interest.**
 - There were no declarations of interest
- 4. Review and Approval of Agenda.**
 - Removal of item 5.1 – B. Doolittle unable to attend
 - Change to items 6.1 & 6.2: Items presented by John Ariyo on behalf of Shylo Elmayan

MOTION #1

P. Lawlor/C. Bellamy

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee agenda of the October 5, 2017 meeting be accepted as amended.

CARRIED.

5. Review and Approval of Minutes

MOTION #2

(a) Minutes of September 7, 2017

- Scott Cruickshank should be shown as absent
- 5(b)(i): Addition to minutes –P. Lawlor charged with task of book display and will provide update

C. Bellamy/K. Petgrave

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee minutes of September 7, 2017 be approved as amended.

CARRIED.

5. Presentations.

Evelyn Myrie – Equity and Inclusion Lens Tool Kit

- E. Myrie provided background information regarding the development of the Tool Kit. The objective is to help the City achieve its equity goals and to help listen to the diverse voices of the community
- E. Myrie is seeking feedback for the Tool Kit before the end of October
- The Tool Kit is a living document and will continuously be updated
- E. Myrie requested that the Tool Kit document be shared with other community members for feedback
- Feedback: How does the Tool Kit deal with conflicting value systems of different groups; demographic data and statistics provided reflect negative aspects of Indigenous communities and do not reflect the resiliency of the communities and their people;
- Feedback provided by K. Petgrave: concern raised about how to deal with conflicting agendas for example scent free and smudging is missing
- E. Myrie requested that all feedback from the Committee and community members be sent to J. Koch.
- Additional feedback to be provided at November meeting

6. Discussion Items

6.1 Urban Indigenous Strategy – John Ariyo

- Looking to implement TRC recommendations and the hope is to have a guiding document
- Moving forward with a partnership circle with other organizations because it is also about relationship building

- Looking at other cities and their response to the TRC recommendations
- Shortlisting the calls to action for municipalities

6.2 Use of Indigenous Medicines Policy – John Ariyo

- Work is being done on the use of indigenous medicine policy by S. Elmayan
- J. Koch provided update that the City of Hamilton Fire Department leadership unanimously supports practice of smudging

6.3 Banner over Main Street

6.3.1 Liability Insurance- J. Koch confirmed the AAC is covered for insurance and liability waived as long as the AAC remains Council sponsored as per email from Risk Management

6.3.2 Location of Banner – Banner was located and is now stored in the Human Resources storage located at 120 King Street West

6.4 Work Plan Discussion – Work Plan to be located and redistributed by staff to all AAC members – discussion tabled for November 2nd meeting

6.4.1 Add Recruitment Process for new term of AAC

6.5 Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action

- J. Koch provided binders on the Calls to Action for all Committee members to bring to each meeting. Priority will be given to calls that are most important to AAC and the City of Hamilton
- Committee intends to review and discuss Calls to Action and then submit report to Council on the AAC endorsement of the Calls to Action and request Council support on these initiatives

6.6 2018 Budget Submission-

- Copies of the 2017 Budget and Year to Date Actuals provided to Committee
- Tabled for November 2nd meeting

6.7 Apology – Councillor A. Johnson

- J. Koch shared Councillor A. Johnson's written apology with the Committee
- Concern raised by committee members that there have now been two incidents which were incorrectly attributed to the AAC

6.8 Aboriginal Literature Display

- Hamilton Public Library (HPL) appointed staff to work with P. Lawlor on the Book Display for Ontario Library Week; looking to have display for October 17 or 18
- Staff will need to confirm availability of one or two cases for the display

MOTION #3

C. Bellamy/K. Petgrave

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee use the Committee's display cabinet located in City Hall for the temporary book display.

CARRIED.

7. Notices of Motions

8. Motions

9. Other Business

9.1 Amos Key Jr Presentation to Corporate Leadership Team

Update from J. Koch regarding presentation to the City's Corporate Leadership Team by Amos Key Jr. and spoke of the impact the presentation had and had positive feedback for the speaker.

9.2 Residential School Survivor Series

J. Koch provided information regarding a Residential School Survivor speaker series taking place during the months of October and November at the Woodland Cultural Centre. Admission is \$10.

9.3 Inuit Art Display – Art Gallery of Hamilton

J. Koch provided update on initiative by S. Elmyan to facilitate a staff visit to the Art Gallery for an educational tour and activity

9.4 Email Contact Information

Committee members present provided consent to sharing of personal emails with the group for correspondence.

10. Next Meeting

- Next meeting scheduled for November 2, 2017 at 5:30 pm.

11. Closing

- A. Loft did a closing

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.