



## Hamilton

### **MINUTES**

**Aboriginal Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, November 2, 2017 – 5:30 P.M.**  
**City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 264**

**Present:** Marilyn Wright, Connie Bellamy, Allan Loft, Scott Cruickshank,  
Deborah Elmes  
**Regrets:** Patty Lawlor, Khitanya Petgrave  
**Absent:** Sheryl Green  
**Also Present:** Jodi Koch & Betsy Pocop – Human Rights, Diversity & Inclusion  
(staff)  
Shylo Elmayan - Urban Indigenous Strategy; Community and  
Emergency Services

**Chairperson:** Marilyn Wright

#### **Opening**

- D. Elmes did an opening

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

- All were welcomed

#### **1. Changes to the Agenda**

- Addition of Item 6.5 – Aboriginal Literature Display Update

##### **Motion #1**

##### **C. Bellamy/A. Loft**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee accepts the Agenda of November 2, 2017, as amended.

**CARRIED**

#### **2. Declaration of Interest**

- There were no declarations of interest

#### **3. Approval of Previous Minutes**

- Change to Item 5 – That the minutes reflect the feedback for the Equity Toolkit on how to deal with conflicting agendas for example scent free and smudging is missing, was provided by K. Petgrave

**MOTION #2****C. Bellamy/A. Loft**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee's minutes of October 5, 2017 be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**4. Consent Items**

- J. Koch provided an explanation of what consent items are and the implementation of a standardized agenda format moving forward for all VACs
- There were no consent items

**5. Presentations**

- There were no presentations

**6. Discussion Items****6.1 Budget**

- J. Koch/ B. Pocop provided copies of 2017 Budget, YTD Actuals, and template for 2018 Budget
- Committee members discussed:
  - 2018 Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) conference to be held in Hamilton; possibility of partnering or collaborating on this initiative, looking specifically at Aboriginal homelessness issue; no further details available yet
  - HPS also planning Point in Time Count with Social Planning and Research Council in April; Amanda DiFalco (City staff) is the contact person; the Committee discussed if it would be possible to accommodate members to participate
  - Committee events for 2018 to include: National Aboriginal Day, Homelessness conference, TRC projects, and the municipal election
  - The Housing First Model and its effectiveness
  - Committee members discussed that the Committee aligns itself with all corporate goals outlined in the budget proposal
- Committee members were in agreement to request 1.5% increase for the 2018 budget
- Committee asked for clarification to access reserve funds:
  - Staff clarified that reserve funds can be accessed by making a request to Council for the funds to be distributed and the Committee would need to advise what the funds are to be used for
- Committee members discussed reducing incidental costs to \$1000 and allocating the remaining funds to projects and events for 2018
- A. Loft opposed the motion

**Motion #3****D. Elmes/C. Bellamy**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee allocates \$1000.00 for incidental costs and allocates the remaining funds including the request for 1.5% budget increase to project and event costs.

**CARRIED**

**6.2 Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action**

- S. Elmayan provided an update
- There will be a community consult on December 13, 2017 from 10am-1pm at the Regional Indian Centre with Indigenous community members only; discussion will be about the community strategy and what reconciliation means to community members in attendance; S. Elmayan will send invitation to J. Koch to circulate once prepared; once invitation has been circulated AAC can go on record to say it supports the initiative and the Urban Indigenous Strategy
- Committee discussed showing support for the consult through member participation for those who are able to attend

**6.3 Urban Indigenous Strategy Update**

- S. Elmayan is working on Indigenous medicine policy
- Work is being done to hire someone to work with S. Elmayan
- There was recently a partnership circle and additional calls to action for municipalities were identified, an updated list will be shared with the Committee

**6.4 Feedback on Equity Lens Toolkit**

- Consultation is ongoing
- Committee members advised guests from McMaster University who attended the October meeting took a copy of the Toolkit document with them and they may have feedback; feedback provided by the guests is separate from the Committee's feedback

**6.5 Aboriginal Literature Display**

- J. Koch/ B. Pocop provided copy of memo from P. Lawlor
- Committee members provided positive feedback for the Literature display
- Committee requested the Literature display remain for one more month if possible; this request is contingent on book availability from HPL and Goodminds.com
- Committee discussed having photographs taken of the display with the possibility of sending them to Aboriginal organizations in the community or to put on a website
- J. Koch/B. Pocop tasked with contacting the City's Communications Department to see if photographs can be taken of the book display
- Copy of the complete book list is still outstanding but will be uploaded to the HPL site once completed, as well as, distributed to the Committee

- Discussion regarding P. Lawlor's proposed motion to draft and send letters of thanks to those involved in putting together the literature display- Committee discussed that a motion is not needed as it would be considered common courtesy to send letters thanking those involved
- The Committee discussed reimbursement for P. Lawlor's expenses associated with organizing the literature display
- Staff informed the Committee of the City's travel expense procedure for mileage reimbursement

**Motion #4****C. Bellamy/ D. Elmes**

That the Committee reimburse P. Lawlor for her expenses associated with organizing the book display.

**CARRIED****7. Other Business****7.1 Correspondence from Native Women's Centre**

- Staff distributed letters from the Native Women's Centre to each Committee member
- Correspondence requested a financial contribution
- Committee members discussed providing individual donations or supporting the Native Women's Centre Gala by purchasing a ticket and making the ticket available for a community member to attend

**Motion #5****D. Elmes/C. Bellamy**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee purchases a ticket to the Native Women's Centre's gala and donate the ticket for a community member to attend.

**CARRIED****7.2 Next Meeting**

- Next meeting scheduled for December 7, 2017
- Committee members decided to have a seasonally appropriate potluck at the next meeting
- An email will be sent to coordinate what members will each be bringing
- J. Koch/B. Pocop will arrange for beverages – coffee and tea

**7.3 Sharing Email Addresses**

- Members present at the meeting who were not present at the October meeting consented to sharing their email addresses with the group for correspondence

**Closing**

- A. Loft did a closing

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.