



# Hamilton

## **MINUTES**

### **Aboriginal Advisory Committee Thursday, February 7, 2019 – 5:30 P.M. City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 264**

- Present:** Marilyn Wright, Allan Loft, Patty Lawlor, Connie Bellamy, Scott Cruickshank,
- Regrets:** Khitanya Petgrave, Deborah Elmes
- Absence:** Sheryl Green
- Also Present:** Nadia Olivieri – Human Rights, Diversity & Inclusion (staff)  
Nicole Jones – Urban Indigenous Strategies
- Chairperson:** Marilyn Wright
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#### **Opening**

- A. Loft did an opening

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

- All were welcomed and introduced

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

- (i) Add 5.7 Medicine wheel

#### **(P. Lawlor/ C. Bellamy)**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee accepts the February 2019 agenda, as amended.

**CARRIED**

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

- There were no declarations of interest

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

3.1. December 6, 2018

#### **(P. Lawlor/S. Criuckshank)**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee accepts the minutes of December 6, 2018 as presented. **CARRIED**

### **4. Presentations**

**None**

### **5. Discussion Items**

#### **5.1 Urban Indigenous Strategy Update**

- Provincial SANYAS training pilot – online modules – 8 to 9 hrs online – covers a lot of material -50 City of Hamilton frontline staff have been identified to take training. If approved by Council, the training will go corporate wide and be mandatory training for all City employees.
- National Indigenous day – will continue with Spire Awards
- May 16, 2019 target to go to Council with Strategy; members are encouraged to come and support. Nicole will bring the document to Committee for review prior to presentation to Council.

#### **5.2 Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action**

- No new updates; it will be up to the new committee to determine how to continue to support the 16 calls to action.

#### **5.3 2018-2022 Aboriginal Advisory Recruitment Process**

- HEDAC - there is no conflict with Hamilton Executive Directors' Aboriginal Coalition (HEDAC) if they are part of the selection process
- Need to determine the process for recruitment and invite HEDAC to see if they want to be involved
- This committee should be the "elders"
- Have a seat for the selection committee – have a seat for HEDAC, Mohawk, McMaster
- Urban Indigenous Strategy has 250 people on their email distribution list – can distribute any information through this mailing list
- In the past a candidate needed to be identified as Indigenous
- Majority of committee members should be Indigenous
- Committee recruitment should be staggered
- There are presently 7 out of the 8 persons from the Committee who are in good standing

- Committee size is 9 – 11 members; think that 12 is ideal
- Idea is to rotate every two years for a select number positions
- The members in good standing remain on the committee (7) and fill an additional 5 position (those 5 positions will be for the entire term)
- Members should be citizen of Hamilton or an individual who is interested in the betterment of the City of Hamilton aboriginal community

The Committee agreed to assign a working group to develop advertisement and distribution list: P. Lawlor, C. Bellamy and M. Wright.

Distribution:

HEDAC

Any Indigenous organization

Nicole's email list

Public Library, Recreation Centre

City Staff

### **Selection process to be further discussed**

#### **Motion:**

**(M. Wright/ S. Cruickshank)**

For the sake of continuity, declare the present Committee members who are in good standing (7) continue for the next two years and the present recruitment focus on identifying up to 5 new members who will continue to the end of the 2018 -2022 Council term.

**CARRIED**

### **5.4 Hamilton Public Library –National Indigenous Peoples Day Display**

- Collaborate with the book display for the month of June
- P. Lawlor will reach out to her contact and see if they would like to attend March meeting or she can bring back information to share with the group

### **5.5 2019 City Hall Façade Banner Display**

- The City Hall Façade has been double booked; members asked questions regarding the status of their booking.
- Why is the other organization given preferential treatment?
- Who is the decision maker?
- Did we not make the inquiry that it was available?
- The survey from the community said is important to have more recognition for National Indigenous day

**5.6** November 2018 Meeting notes

- Reviewed to see if there is anything notable to bring forward to this committee meeting

**5.7 Medicine Wheel**

- An image was provided for review (turtle in a colour wheel)
- Invite sponsors of the Hamilton sign to a committee meeting and see if they are amenable to inserting the colour wheel design in the "O" of the sign
- Also invite Mike Kukucska who designed the Hamilton sign to same meeting

**6. Other Business –n/a**

**Next Meeting**

- Next meeting scheduled for March 7, 2019

**Closing**

- A. Loft did a closing

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.