



## Hamilton

### **MINUTES**

**Aboriginal Advisory Committee  
Thursday, December 6, 2018 – 5:30 P.M.  
City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 264**

**Present:** Marilyn Wright, Allan Loft, Patty Lawlor, Connie Bellamy, Deborah Elmes, Scott Cruickshank

**Regrets:** Khitanya Petgrave

**Absent:** Sheryl Green

**Also Present:** Nadia Olivieri – Human Rights, Diversity & Inclusion (staff)  
Nicole Jones – Urban Indigenous Strategy

**Chairperson:** Marilyn Wright

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#### **Opening**

- A. Loft did an opening

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

- All were welcomed and introduced (6:00 pm.)

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

- (i) Add 5.7 Medicine wheel
- (ii) Add 5.8 November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 Meeting

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

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee accepts the December 2018 agenda, as amended.

**CARRIED**

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

- There were no declarations of interest

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

- 3.1. September 6, 2018
- 3.2. November 5, 2018

#### **September 6, 2018 meeting minutes**

- (i) 5.5 bullet two – add the word meeting

#### **(D. Elmes/ P. Lawlor)**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee accepts the minutes of September 6, 2018 as amended. **CARRIED**

#### **(C. Bellamy/D. Elmes)**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee accepts the minutes of November 5, 2018 as presented. **CARRIED**

### **4. Presentations**

Nicole Jones – Urban Indigenous Strategy (UIS)

- N. Jones provided an update for the work completed by the UIS in 2018

### **5. Discussion Items**

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

- As per presentation noted above.

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

- Defer to next meeting

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

- As per the minutes October 2015 Hamilton Aboriginal Advisory Committee minutes: “the Aboriginal Community leadership should manage the selection”
- The committee discussed who is the community leadership
- The Chair discussed HEDAC’s role. Given that HEDAC is getting funding from City of Hamilton would a role in the recruitment process be a conflict of interest? The Committee is unclear as to HEDAC’s role.
- Chair’s advice– anyone interested in being on this committee should fill out an application form.
- Also noted in the October 2015 minutes – this committee was to work on a process in the 2014 – 2018 term for the next recruitment. It is duly noted, that this Committee has not worked out a process. The Committee was not informed/reminded that this process had to be

established before the end of the term. They are now informed and prepared to proceed with developing the Aboriginal Advisory Community recruitment process.

- The Committee understands that they are charged with coming up with the process in the months ahead. The Committee believes they will likely require 2 -3 meetings to develop the Selection Process, make calls for expression of interest and setting up interviews, etc. and finalize membership appointment to the next term of Committee.

**(P. Lawlor/D. Elmes)**

That the present Committee extends its term to April 5, 2019, during which time it will establish a recruitment process, call for expressions of interest and determine new membership.

**CARRIED**

**5.4 City Hall Façade Banner 2019**

**(D. Elmes/ S. Cruikshank)**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee approve \$353.25 to fund the City Hall 2019 Façade Banner installation.

**CARRIED**

**5.5 Thank you letters – update**

- Staff Liaison Betsy Pocop confirmed thank you letters were sent out after the last meeting.

**5.6 Briefing notes**

- At November meeting discussed several documents
- P. Lawlor reformulated the document
- It should continue as a living document and maintained until the next committee is formed

**5.7 Medicine wheel**

- Can we add a medicine wheel to the Hamilton sign? Toronto has added a Medicine wheel to their Toronto sign.
- Loft will look into the idea and bring his findings back for further discussion at a future meeting.

**5.8 November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 Meetings**

- The Committee members did not receive the meeting notes to review and reflect on as necessary

**6. Other Business**

- None

**Next Meeting**

- Next meeting scheduled for January 3, 2019

**Closing**

- A. Loft did a closing

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.