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

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 1st, 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 1st, 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.