



## Hamilton

### **MINUTES**

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

**Present:** Marilyn Wright, Allan Loft, Deborah Elmes, Patty Lawlor, Scott Cruickshank, Connie Bellamy  
**Absent:** Sheryl Green, Khitanya Petgrave  
**Also Present:** Betsy Pocop – Human Rights, Diversity & Inclusion (staff)  
Cameron Kroetsch – community member

**Chairperson:** Marilyn Wright

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

- All were welcomed and introduced

#### **Opening**

- A. Loft did an opening

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

- Addition of Item 5.5 – Use of Indigenous Medicine Policy Presentation
- Addition of 6.1 – Lamination Project

#### **Motion #1**

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

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee accepts the March 7, 2019 agenda, as amended.

**CARRIED**

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

- There were no declarations of interest

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

- Revisions noted for February 7, 2019 minutes
  - 5.1 - remove "part" in sentence
  - 5.2 - remove "P. Lawlor will"
  - 5.3 - should read "persons"

**Motion #2**

**C. Bellamy/ S. Cruickshank**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee accepts the minutes of February 7, 2019, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**4. Presentations**

- No presentations

**5. Discussion Items**

**5.1 Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

**5.2. Urban Indigenous Strategy Update**

- Item deferred as N. Jones was unable to attend

**5.3 Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action**

- Item deferred as N. Jones was unable to attend

**5.4 2018-2022 Committee Appointment Process**

- M. Wright spoke to member of HEDAC and was advised they met last week. HEDAC expects to participate on the Aboriginal Advisory Committee (AAC) and have identified an individual to attend meetings on HEDAC's behalf. HEDAC has requested that the Committees' selection information be sent to them
- The selection committee will be comprised of current AAC members
- B. Pocop shared information that the expectation is that members continuing on the committee will remain for a four term, the term cannot be split; previously, committee indicated 1/3 returning members and 2 members to be youth representatives
- P. Lawlor provided review of draft recruitment notice (copies provided to members)
- Based on the Committee's Terms of Reference, non- Indigenous members would not be permitted to join the Committee
- The Committee recognizes and appreciates the contributions of its non- Indigenous members and would like the non – Indigenous members to continue for the well-being of the Committee
- It was noted that the information package provided to the Committee regarding their recruitment process incorrectly captured information from their 2015 motion. The information indicated that the new committee should be comprised of 1/3 of returning members and the 2015 motion indicated the committee should be 1/3 new members, meaning 2/3 could be returning members

- The Committee identified organizations to initiate outreach to for selection and appointment of new members
- B. Pocop to prepare and send letter with information to the identified organizations
- The deadline for applications will be April 4, 2019  
(For clarification: there were two motions passed by the members of the Committee in 2015, one indicated that for the 2014-2018 term 1/3 should be new members and for the 2018-2022 term 1/3 should be returning members. The information was not capture inaccurately and the motions were speaking to two different terms of Council.)

**Motion #3**

**C. Bellamy/D. Elmes**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee agrees to grandfather in current non-Indigenous members for the 2018-2022 term.

**CARRIED**

**Motion #4**

**D. Elmes/A. Loft**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee accepts the selection and appointment process discussed.

**CARRIED**

**5.5 HPL – National Indigenous Peoples Day Display**

- P. Lawlor provided update
- Due to timing the display cannot happen this year, but there is an opportunity to plan for 2020
- P. Lawlor read correspondence from HPL regarding the display
- There is a possibility for an art gallery display
- M. Wright suggest display of items with NIPA and display of A. Loft's photographs pertaining to homelessness
- M. Wright to speak with Y. Maracle about the display
- P. Lawlor suggested involving the Urban Indigenous Strategy Office on the project and P. Lawlor would connect with N. Jones
- P. Lawlor to check in about possible book display for June 2019
- B. Pocop to check availability of cabinets for the display

**5.6 Hamilton Paramedic Service Request**

- B. Pocop provided members with letter received from Superintendent of Recruitment and Professional Development regarding request
- The Committee agreed to discuss the item at the next meeting

**5.7 Medicine Wheel**

- A. Loft provided update
- A. Loft contacted C. Cutler and designer of 'Hamilton' sign
- There is consideration being given from the designer for having a dot place above the I in Hamilton to be the Medicine Wheel

- Further discussions to take place – who will fund the medicine wheel added to the sign?

**Closing**

- A. Loft did a closing, commemorating elder and community member Walter Cooke

**6. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm

**Next Meeting**

- Next meeting scheduled for April 4, 2019