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**Aboriginal Advisory Committee
Thursday, April 4, 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)
Nicole Jones – Urban Indigenous Strategy

Chairperson: Marilyn Wright

Welcome and Introductions

- All were welcomed

Opening

- A. Loft did an opening

1. Changes to the Agenda

Motion #1

P. Lawlor/ C. Bellamy

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee accepts the April 4, 2019 agenda, as presented.

CARRIED

2. Declaration of Interest

- There were no declarations of interest

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Revisions noted for March 7, 2019 minutes
 - Changes to attendance to reflect that N. Jones is a guest
 - The previous agenda was accepted as amended, not as presented
 - Spelling revisions made

Motion #2

D. Elmes/C. Bellamy

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

CARRIED

4. Presentations

- No presentations

5. Discussion Items

5.1 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

HPL National Indigenous Peoples Galleries Display Collaboration 2020

- P. Lawlor connected with N. Jones about a potential collaboration for the display
- P. Lawlor followed up with contact at HPL, no further questions identified by HPL contact

Display Cabinet

- B. Pocop advised community cabinet available to the committee for their display in June
- the Committee will need to decide on a theme
- S. Cruickshank and P. Lawlor to coordinate the cabinet display with the potential theme of 'Indigenous Contributions' in areas such as unions and sports

Banner Display

- The committee will have their banner displayed outside City Hall and have a digital display also

5.2. Urban Indigenous Strategy Update

- N. Jones provided update
- The Strategy report is in the final stages and will be shared with SLT on April 25, it will then go to Council on June 20. Committee members are welcome to attend the June 20 Council meeting to show support
- The Strategy shares key findings from the community. There are 17 Calls to Action identified in the Strategy and there are 47 recommendations made
- The Strategy will look to community partners and community members involvement moving forward
- The Committee will review the strategy at their June meeting prior to endorsing the final Strategy
- Urban Indigenous Strategy looking to partner with the Committee this year for National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21

- N. Jones will prepare the agenda for the event to be discussed at the Committee's May meeting
- N. Jones advised there is a Full Moon ceremony being planned for May 30
- N. Jones advised the Committee of the possibility of having Indigenous flags permanently installed at City Hall – N. Jones requested the Committee's support with this initiative if they were agreeable.

Motion #3

D. Elmes/A. Loft

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee supports the permanent installation of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy flag, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Flag, the Metis flag and the Inuit flag in front of City Hall to acknowledge the territory on which the City of Hamilton is located.

CARRIED

- Display Panels will go up again this year around 2nd foyer at City Hall during National Indigenous Peoples History Month
- The panels will recognize Indigenous contributions and landmarks in Hamilton
- The land acknowledgement has been updated following a consultation
- Final wording for the land acknowledgement was provided by Chief Ava Hill
- N. Jones shared the land acknowledgement with committee members
- Recruitment for Senior Project Manager position is underway
- The Committee acknowledged and expressed gratitude to N. Jones for the work done and her contributions at the committee meetings

5.3 Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action

- Item deferred until after the Urban Indigenous Strategy is presented to Council to discuss the adoption of the identified Calls to Action

5.4 2018-2022 Committee Appointment Process

- B. Pocop advised that based on when the selection process letter was disseminated to identified organizations, the submission deadline was rescheduled to one week later
- Based on feedback through the Urban Indigenous Strategy community engagement sessions, there is a lack of awareness about the committee and what they do
- Members discussed the retention of current non- Indigenous members on the Committee, although they have been grandfathered into the committee there is recognition that they may vacate their seat for an Indigenous community member who applies and is successful in joining
- B. Pocop to send N. Jones selection process information to distribute amongst her networks with the Urban Indigenous Strategy

- Members further discussed the re-application to the committee for current members for consideration during the selection process

Motion #4

C. Bellamy/D. Elmes

That Sheryl Green be removed from the Aboriginal Advisory Committee as a result of lack of attendance at committee meetings, and in accordance with the roles and responsibilities of appointed committee members.

CARRIED

5.6 Hamilton Paramedic Service Request

- M. Wright to provide B. Pocop with contact information for potential contacts to attend the New Recruit Badge Ceremony

Closing

- A. Loft did a closing

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm

Next Meeting

- Next meeting scheduled for May 2, 2019