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**Aboriginal Advisory Committee
Thursday, May 2, 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
Regrets: Khitanya Petgrave (on leave)
Also Present: Councillor Narinder Nann
Jessica Bowen – Human Rights, Diversity & Inclusion (staff)

Chairperson: Marilyn Wright

1. Welcome and Introductions

All were welcomed

2. Changes to the Agenda

Addition of:

- Item 5.4: Update on Recruitment of New Members

(D.Elmes/P.Lawlor)

That the agenda for May 2, 2019 be approved as amended.

Carried

3. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

The following revisions were noted for minutes of April 4, 2019:

- Item 5.1 revised to state HPL National Indigenous Peoples Galleries Display Collaboration 2020
- Item 5.4 revised to state The Chair and Vice Chair would be members of the selection committee

(A.Loft/D.Elmes)

That the minutes of April 4, 2019 be approved as amended.

Carried

5. Discussion Items

5.1 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- No business arising

5.2 Urban Indigenous Strategy Update

- The committee requested to have the City's new land acknowledgement shared with them.
- The AAC proposed to draft a letter in support of 17 Calls to Action outlined by Nicole Jones during the previous meeting (April 2019) when she discussed the content that would be shared with Council on June 20, 2019.

5.3 Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action

- Deferred to the next meeting

5.4 Update on Recruitment of New Members

- The Committee was advised that during the review of applicants, the selection committee became aware of a conflict of interest. As a result of the declared conflict, a new selection committee is being put together. This committee will be composed of Cindy Sue McCormick and Yvonne Maracle, former HAAC members and currently with the Social and Planning Research Council of Hamilton. Staff will work with the new

selection committee to arrange for interviews to be conducted with the applicants, if necessary.

- Committee members discussed the role of staff during the recruitment process. Councillor Nann offered to provide support to the Committee during the recruitment process.

5.5 Business Arising

- M. Wright advised that further discussion has been happening with other community organisations, with specific questions being asked about the mandate of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee. There is a lack of knowledge about the role of the Committee.
- M. Wright advised that during a coordinating committee meeting related to the Urban Indigenous Strategy, it was noted the importance of ensuring that the key stakeholders are afforded opportunities to become involved in the AAC (formally or informally). Many stakeholders are interested in collaboration. Members noted that the call for applications went to several community organisations, and the opportunity to join the committee formally was extended. Community members are also able to join any meetings as they are open to the public.
- There is an event scheduled for June 21, 2019 at City Hall for National Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration.

(D.Elmes/C.Bellamy)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee provide financial support up to \$150.00 to cover the cost of cake for the National Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration on June 21, 2019.

Carried

- The committee engaged in a discussion about the book display and opportunities with the HPL and Goodminds.com. S. Cruickshank advised that he had reached out to the education centre but did not receive a response. The committee inquired if they could have two cabinets for the display and if the City could produce some signage to identify partners in the project.
- P. Lawlor will be gathering more information for the 2020 project.

6. Closing

A. Loft did a closing

7. Adjournment

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Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Next Meeting

- Next meeting scheduled for June 6, 2019