



Hamilton

MINUTES

Aboriginal Advisory Committee Thursday, January 16, 2020 – 5:30 P.M. City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 264

Present: Scott Cruickshank, Marilyn Wright, Laura Workman, Cat Cayuga, Patty Lawlor (non-voting)

Regrets: Allan Loft, Deborah Elmes, Connie Bellamy

Also Present: Betsy Pocop – Human Rights, Diversity & Inclusion (staff)
Shelly Hill and Nicole Jones– Urban Indigenous Strategy

1. Ceremonial Activities

- S. Hill did an opening

2. Approval of Agenda

- Addition of item 10. 5 – Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2020

Motion #1

L. Workman/ C. Cayuga

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee accepts the January 16, 2020 agenda, as amended.

CARRIED

5. Declaration of Interest

- There were no declarations of interest

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Minutes

4.1 November 7, 2019

- Item 5.1 – clarification that M. Wright extended invitation to two Aboriginal youth to attend a future meeting
- Item 6 – M. Wright has invited the two youth to the December meeting to observe how the committee operates
- Second point under item 6 removed – related to event in October

Motion #2

L. Workman/ C. Cayuga

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

CARRIED

5. Communications

- None

6. Delegation Requests

- none

7. Consent Items

- none

8. Public Hearings/Delegations

- none

9. Staff Presentations

9.1 Urban Indigenous Strategy

- S. Hill and N. Jones provided an update
- Urban Indigenous Strategy will be going to SLT on January 31 to propose action items
- 6 working groups developed as a result of the implementation plan
- S. Hill and N. Jones to present to the Committee at the next meeting about the implementation plan
- A total of \$1700 was raised through the Exhibit held at Dundurn Castle
- On February 11, staff will meet with police services about aligning their anti-racism strategy with the Urban Indigenous Strategy, also initiatives for the future
- Initiatives for 2020: Indigenous Staff Day and doc series with guest speakers
- S. Hill and P. Lawlor met with HPL staff to discuss possible display for 2020 at the library; S. Hill has been reaching out to artists and encourages committee members to share with artists they may know who may be interested in displaying their work.

10. Discussion Items

10.1 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- M. Wright will connect with Six Nations Chief and representatives to follow up on meeting with HSR representative and invite them to attend in February to discuss transit
- Thank you letter for partners in book display have been sent out
- P. Lawlor removed personal items from display cabinet; members will need to discuss and decide what items to place in the cabinet; invite S. Hill and N. Jones if there are items they would like to display, including items related to the Urban Indigenous Strategy

10.2 Equity Toolkit

- Item deferred

10.3 Member Resignation

- The Committee was advised that member, Deborah Elmes, has resigned.
- Members expressed gratitude for D. Elmes contribution to the work of the committee and requested a card be sent to D. Elmes

Motion #3

C. Cayuga/L. Workman

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee regrettably accepts the resignation of member, Deborah Elmes.

CARRIED

10.4 Elections of Chair and Vice Chair for 2020

- Item deferred

11. Motions

- none

12. Notices of Motion

- none

13. General Information/Other Business

- M. Wright shared that there will be a Full Moon Ceremony at Princess Point on February 10, 2020 at 6pm; women are invited to attend to make prayers for the water

14. Private and Confidential

- None

15. Adjournment

- L. Workman provided a closing

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 6, 2020