



Hamilton

**Minutes**

**Status of Women Advisory Committee**

**Thursday, January 23, 2020**

**City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 192**

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**Present:** Deanna Allain, Autumn Getty, Jan Lukas, Stephanie Bertolo,  
Yulena Wan, Doreen Ssenabulya

**Regrets:** Stephanie Frisina, Anna Davey

**Absent:** Councillor Nann  
Daniela Giuliatti, Councillor Nann's Office

**Guests:** Cheryl (YWCA)

**Also, Present:** Betsy Pocop (staff liaison), Diversity and Inclusion Office

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The Status of Women Advisory Committee Approved the Following:

**Women of Distinction Awards**

**(D. Allain / S. Bertolo)**

The Status of Women Committee buy a table in the amount of \$1300.00 for the 2020 Women of Distinction Awards.

**CARRIED**

**Land Acknowledgement**

Autumn Getty provided the Land Acknowledgement

**Welcome/Introductions**

A round of introductions and welcoming of members and guests.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

Addition of items:

Item 5.2 – Amend to include election of Recording Secretary

Item 7 - Sisters in Spirit and Ancaster Food Drive

Item 5.3.1 - Working Group

**(D. Allain / J. Lukas)**

That the Status of Women Committee accepts the agenda of January 23, 2020 as amended.

**CARRIED**

**2. Declaration of Interest**

- None

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**(D. Allain / D. Ssenabulya)**

That the Status of Women Committee accepts the Minutes of September 26, 2019 and November 5, 2019 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. Presentations**

- None

**5. Business/ Discussion Items**

**5.1 Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

- None

**5.2 Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Recording Secretary**

- Nominations for Chair: Yulena Wan (declined) and Autumn Getty (accepted)
- No other nominations put forward
- Nominations for Vice-Chair: D. Allain (accepted), no other nominations presented
- The Status of Women Committee members unanimously declare Chair for 2020 to be A. Getty and Vice Chair D. Allain. They were uncontested and with no objections.
- Communication to be included in next email reminder to Status of Women Advisory Committee members for open secretary position.

**5.3 2020 Workplan**

**5.3.1 Working Group**

- Reach out to Chair of LGBTQ committee for an update.

- D. Allain to write letter in preparation for Citizen Committee Report
- D. Allain was connected with V. Nikolskaya and follow up to continue.
- A list from LGBTQ committee of which organizations they have requested information from or have connected.
- Identify a list of barriers that impact why women may not apply or be able to participate.
- Additional Items for consideration on Workplan:
  - Childcare for Volunteer Advisory Committees a pilot project: potential for 2020 and review information for consideration.
  - Free Menstrual products and provide advice to staff
  - International Women's Day, in which A. Getty will obtain information.
- Shelters

#### **5.4 Member Resignation**

- The committee members shared words of acknowledgement and kindness in regard to contributing member Marie Robbins and news of her recent passing.
- Members were advised of resignation of member, K. Hood

**(S. Bertolo / D. Allain)**

That the Status of Women Committee accept resignation of committee member Katie Hood.

**CARRIED**

#### **5.5 Review of Terms of Reference**

**DEFERRED**

#### **5.6 Equity Toolkit Review**

**DEFERRED**

### **6. Communication**

#### **6.1 Correspondence from Dina Honig, Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council (HIPC), respecting a Request for Study/ Research Ideas for HIPC's Research and Evaluation Committee**

**Recommendation: Be Received.**

**(D. Allain / J. Lukas)**

The Status of Women Committee receive the correspondence and add the item to February 2020 Agenda for discussion.

**CARRIED**

**7. Announcements and Information Sharing**

- **Sisters in Spirit**

Announcement and event to be held on February 14, 2020 at the David Braley Centre. Request for monetary support.

**(D. Allain / D. Ssenabulya)**

That the Status of Women Committee support the Sisters in Spirit event of February 14, 2020 by way of a \$200.00 contribution for the cost of buttons.

**CARRIED**

- **Ancaster Food Drive**

Request for donations and to please share information within your respected communities.

**8. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.**

**(D. Allain / D. Ssenabulya)**

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2020