



Hamilton

MINUTES

Aboriginal Advisory Committee

Thursday, October 01, 2020 – 5:30 P.M.

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Present: Marilyn Wright, Laura Workman, Patty Lawlor (non-voting), Allan Loft, Connie Bellamy

Regrets: Scott Cruickshank and Cat Cayuga

Also Present: Betsy Pocop – Human Rights, Diversity & Inclusion (staff)
Shelly Hill and Nicole Jones– Urban Indigenous Strategy
Nabila Akbary- Admin. Assistant., Diversity and Inclusion

1. Ceremonial Activities

- Allan Loft provided an opening.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Addition of item 10. 5 – Integrity Commissioner Media Discussion
- Addition of item 13.1 - WebEx Training Sessions and City's WebEx advisory committee meeting experience to date.

Motion #1

M. Wright / A. Loft

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 Meeting

4.1 March 5, 2020

- Item 6 – clarification of wording for 'delegate' to be changed to 'attend'
- Numerical order of items be corrected.

Motion #2

C. Bellamy/ A. Loft

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee accepts the minutes of March 5, 2019, as amended.

CARRIED

8. Public Hearings/Delegations

8.1 Delegation Request from C. Kroetsch

- Accepts the delegation request from Cameron Kroetsch submitted in March 2020.

9. Staff Presentations

9.1 Urban Indigenous Strategy Update

- S. Hill and N. Jones provided an update
- Report to Council with some changes proposed for Indigenous engagement
- Meeting on October 2 regarding Indigenous landmarks.
- Request for feedback from committee on suggestions on actionable items to put forth in a strategy, regarding these different landmarks, such as the Sir John A. MacDonald monument, in the current cultural landscape.
- Consulting about these monuments today with the committee for ideas to put forth as deliverables.
- Honouring our Sisters - Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls red dress exhibit: at the Central Police Station October 5 - November 5, 2020.

10. Discussion Items

10.1 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- January 2020 Minutes: Invitation still pending for youth to attend an advisory committee meeting.

10.2 Equity Toolkit

- Some inquiries raised by committee members: re-evaluate the pictures that are included in the Equity Toolkit.
- Equity toolkit to be resent to committee members to receive input on editing notes.
- Betsy to confirm if Equity Toolkit still requires feedback, and if so then committee will provide content input.

10.3 2021 Budget

- Maintain the same budget request for 2021 as requested for 2020 (3500.00).
- There is a cost associated with the display of the 'Banner'. To add Banner category under Special Events section on the budget.

- Remove 'Home and Events' and just keep the other three bullets and under community led engagement events (community at large).
- Update the membership list and still have the same numerical categories listed. On c. budget request update - special event and update costs, reaching home projects and events possibility of replacing with Urban Indigenous events, if permissible, that we can be of assistance with.

Motion #3

L. Workman / C. Bellamy

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee approves the budget request for 2021.

CARRIED

10.4 General Membership

- Member inquired about process for opening recruitment for new members to the committee
- The suggestion from the committee is to try and recruit new youth members.

10.5 Integrity Commissioner Media discussion

- Representative from Hamilton Legal Clinic wants to inform committee as to what is occurring with other Volunteer Advisory Committees.
- What are the rights of a Chair and members of committees and what can and cannot be said at meetings.

11. General Information/Other Business

11.1 Addition of WebEx Training Sessions and City's WebEx Advisory Committee Meeting Experience to Date

- Questions raised from WebEx Orientation sessions concerning members wanting to meet in person in City run facilities such as libraries.
- Meetings being more public more than they ever have (e.g. YouTube livestream)
- Does the City offer liability for volunteers during these meetings as they are being recorded?
- Technical aspect of using this WebEx platform and not asking committee members how they feel conducting business this way.
- Information is still being gathered to answer these questions.

12. Adjournment

(M. Wright / C. Bellamy)

That the meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory committee be adjourned at 8:05pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 5, 2020