



Hamilton

**Minutes**  
**Status of Women Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, November 26, 2020**  
**6:00pm-8:00pm**  
**Virtual Meeting**

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**Present:** Autumn Getty, Jan Lukas, Stephanie Bertolo,  
Yulena Wan, Anna Davey, Deanna Allain

**Regrets:** Doreen Ssenabulya, Stephanie Frisina

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

**Also, Present:** Betsy Pocop (staff liaison), Diversity and Inclusion Office  
Taline Morris (Admin Assistant), Diversity and Inclusion Office

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**Land Acknowledgement**

A. Getty provided the Land Acknowledgement

**Welcome/Introductions**

A round of introductions and welcoming of members.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

Add the following:

Item 1- A.Getty- Donations to the community activities during COVID

Item 2- J.Lukas- inviting speakers to present to the committee

**(A. Davey/Y. Wan)**

Motion: That Item 1 which refers to donations to community activities during COVID and item 2 which refers to inviting speakers to present to the Hamilton Status of Women committee be added to the November 26, 2020 agenda.

**CARRIED**

The Status of Women Committee accepts the agenda of November 26, 2020 as amended.

**Declaration of Interest**

As conflicts of interest may arise when discussing donations to community organizations, members agree to identify conflicts of interest as they arise and remove themselves from the vote.

## **2. Approval of Minutes**

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

That the Status of Women Committee accepts the minutes of October 22, 2020 as presented.

**CARRIED**

## **3. Presentations**

None

## **4. Business/ Discussion Items**

### **4.1 Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

- Members inquired to understand if research ideas are still needed for a request from the Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council (HIPC). B.Pocop advised that she followed up with HIPC however, have not received a response to date, indicating if request is still in need.

### **4.2 Donations**

- Committee was able to confirm, that they can give a onetime donation to an organization that is aligned with committee's mandate and goals.
- The Status of women Committee have a total of \$4000 to donate. These funds are made up of unused dollars from the 2020 budget and 2020 reserve amounts.
- The committed discussed and created a list of 9 community organizations to donate to
- For organizations that are not primarily women serving, the donation will be directed toward a specific program within the organization
- The committee also agreed that each organization must be a registered charity

**(S. Bertolo / J. Lukas)**

- Motion: That the Status of Women Committee allocate the remainder of their annual Budget and reserves amount for 2020 of approximately \$4000 as one-time donations of \$444.00 to each of the following organizations that are in alignment with the mandate and

goals of the committee and are working to promote the safety and well-being of woman-identified and non-binary Hamiltonians.

- 1) Native Women's Centre – Honouring the Circle program
- 2) SACHA
- 3) Hamilton Jewish Family Service
- 4) Interval House
- 5) Good Shepherd Centres: Martha House
- 6) Mission Services Hamilton: Inasmuch House
- 7) Mission Services Hamilton: Willow's Place
- 8) Care-mongering
- 9) Keeping 6

**CARRIED (unanimous)**

**(S. Bertolo / J. Davey)**

- Motion: That the Status of Women Committee support A. Getty, as the Chair, to find out who the flow through charities are for Keeping 6 and Care-Mongering, and to then contact the flow through charities, to provide donation of \$444.00 each to Keeping 6 and Care mongering on behalf of the Status of Women Committee.

**CARRIED (unanimous)**

**5. Announcements and Information Sharing**

- J.Lukas shared that when the committee resumes in the new year she would like to re-visit the topic of Gender based budgeting. She would also like to discuss inviting speakers to present to the committee in the new year.
- A. Getty advised that at next meeting, there will be a vote for new leadership

**6. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.  
(J. Lukas / Y.Wan)**

Next meeting scheduled for January 2021