



Hamilton

MINUTES

Aboriginal Advisory Committee

Thursday, December 03, 2020 – 5:30 P.M.

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

Regrets: Allan Loft

Also Present: Cole Gately –Diversity & Inclusion (staff)
Shelly Hill and Nicole Jones– Urban Indigenous Strategy
Taline Morris- Admin. Assistant., Diversity and Inclusion

1. Ceremonial Activities

Laura Workman provided an opening.

2. Approval of Agenda (C. Bellamy/L. Workman)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee approves the agenda of December 3, 2020 as presented.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

P. Lawlor provided typographical and formatting corrections to the October 1, 2020 minutes.

(L.Workman/ C.Bellamy)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee approves the October 1,2020 minutes with typographical corrections.

CARRIED

5. Delegation Requests

M. Wright to follow up with previous delegation requests from another volunteer advisory committee and the legal clinic to determine if they are still interested in delegating to AAC. If so, to refer to new delegation process.

9. Staff Presentations

9.1 Urban Indigenous Strategy Update

- N. Jones reports strategy team is currently working on a landmark initiative; That the city wants to hear about indigenous perspectives on City Landmarks and consult with Indigenous communities/local first Nations around Indigenous landmarks (i.e. Sir John A MacDonald Statue).
- Strategy team has been doing consultations with partnering committees and discussing high priority item of Sir John A. MacDonald Statue as the City is asking what the indigenous community would like to see done to the statue.
- Committee members provided feedback/Ideas on questions regarding what should happen to the Sir John A. MacDonald statue
- Strategy team advised this is the first step of process, which involves attending different committees to gain input, next step is online platform, then a panel discussion with elders and youth all involved to share their perspectives on the Sir John A. MacDonald statue
- S.Hill inquired if AAC is interested in amalgamating with the Coordinating Circle to help further the work of the strategy. Committee members currently split on idea.
- P. Lawlor to submit written thoughts/questions on amalgamation to be reviewed at next meeting.

10. Discussion Items

10.1 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- P. Lawlor inquired about AAC being list as a sub-committee in certain communications. T. Morris advised that AAC is not a sub-committee and this was printed in error.
- C. Gately introduced as new staff liaison for AAC
- P. Lawlor request further proof reading of draft minutes at the staff level prior to being sent out to reduce inaccuracies

10.2 Equity Toolkit

- Some inquiries raised by committee members: re-evaluate the pictures that are included in the Equity Toolkit.
- P. Lawlor and C. Bellamy to review on behalf of the AAC and report feedback at next meeting.

15. Adjournment

(M. Wright / C. Bellamy)

That the Meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory committee be adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 7, 2021