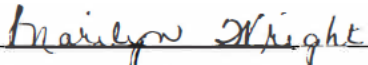




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CITIZEN COMMITTEE REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Audit, Finance and Administration Committee	
From:	Marilyn Wright Aboriginal Advisory Committee	 (signed by the Chair)
Date:	February 17, 2022	
Re:	Renaming the Aboriginal Advisory Committee (AAC22001)	

Recommendation:

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee be renamed to the Indigenous Advisory Committee and the Terms of Reference and Mandate be updated accordingly.

Background:

The Aboriginal Advisory Committee (AAC) was established to work in collaboration with the City of Hamilton on issues affecting the Aboriginal community. The committee's Terms of Reference was last updated in 2014 (with minor revisions in 2015 and 2019 to the Selection Process and Composition sections) and approved by Council.

During the January 6, 2022 meeting, the AAC passed the following motion:

That the Committee's name be changed to "Indigenous Advisory Committee" for the purposes of keeping up with the times and having consistency with the City of Hamilton's Urban Indigenous Strategy and Indigenous Relations program.

Analysis/Rationale:

Members of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee have been discussing and agree that its name should be changed for a few reasons which are outlined below.

Updating the name to "Indigenous Advisory Committee" will more visibly align it with the Urban Indigenous Strategy which the City has adopted. The strategy was developed to strengthen the City's relationship with the Indigenous community and is intended to demonstrate respect for Indigenous Knowledge and cultures and promote a better understanding among all residents. The AAC mandate to assist the City of Hamilton to

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honour and engage its Aboriginal citizens in ways that enhance the wellbeing of Aboriginal people and /or resolve municipal issues is complementary to the objectives of the UIS.

In addition, several national organizations in Canada have/are amending their names from Aboriginal to Indigenous (most notably Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada was changed to Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, which subsequently became Indigenous Services Canada and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Development Canada). Further, international organizations such as the United Nations have used the term Indigenous for many years to refer to Indigenous communities across the globe. Through the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), Indigenous has become the global standard in terminology.

For the reasons noted above, the committee would like to remain relevant and adopt the word Indigenous that is more widely used.