



Hamilton

Minutes

Status of Women Advisory Committee

Thursday, September 23, 2021

6:00pm-8:00pm

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Virtual Meeting**

Present: Stephanie Bertolo, Yulena Wan, Jan Lukas, Deanna Allain.

Regrets: Anna Davey

Absent: Autumn Getty

Also Present: Kim Manderson - Staff Liaison

Betsy Pocop – Diversity and Inclusion Office

Taline Morris - Admin Assistant

1. Welcome/Introductions

A round of introductions and welcoming of members.

2. Ceremonial Activities (Item 1)

S. Bertolo provided the Land Acknowledgement

3. Approval of the Agenda (Item 2)

Added items to 10.1: CCR respecting changes to the committee's name, mandate and Strategic objectives; and

update on the All Advisory Event to be added under business arising from previous minutes.

Added Item 10.4: Motion respecting adding more members to the committee.

Added item 13.1: Member resignation to be added as Other Business.

(S. Bertolo/D. Allain)

That the Agenda of September 23, 2021 be approved with amendments.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes (Item 4)

i. Minutes of May 27, 2021

(J. Lukas/D. Allain)

That the Status of Women Committee approves the Minutes of May 27, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED

ii. Minutes of August 17, 2021

(D. Allain/S.Bertolo)

That the Status of Women Committee approves the Minutes of August 17, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED

5. Communications (Item 5)

i. Social Determinants of Health in COVID-19 (Item 5.1)

The Social Determinants of Health in COVID-19 is an information report from the clerk's office.

(D. Allain/S. Bertolo)

That the Social Determinants of Health in COVID-19 report, be received.

CARRIED

6. Discussion Items (Item 10)

i. Business Arising from Previous Minutes (Item 10.1)

Name Change Report: Committee members reviewed the final draft of the citizen committee report respecting changes to the committee's name, mandate and the strategic objectives.

(D. Allain/ S. Bertolo)

That the citizen committee report respecting changes to the committee's name, mandate and strategic objectives be submitted to Audit, Finance and Administration standing committee.

CARRIED

All Advisory Committee Event: S. Bertolo provided an update that the presentation respecting the committee's mandate, challenges and current initiatives will be all set for the all advisory event.

ii. Terms of Reference (Item 10.3)

Completed.

iii. Motion respecting adding more members to the committee (Added Item 10.4)

(D.Allain/ S.Bertolo)

WHEREAS, the Status of Women committee has seen a steady decline in membership since the beginning of its term.

WHEREAS, the Status of Women committee prioritizes hearing from as many community members as possible through participation in the committee.

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ committee previously pursued adding members to their committee through a recruitment centred around a equity, diversity and inclusion framework.

AND WHEREAS, the Status of Women committee seeks to include more women and gender diverse individuals in this advisory role and empower them to engage with their local government through committee work.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED;

A) That council proceed with a similar model to the LGBTQ committee approach to pursue adding members to the Status of Women committee, and;

B) That the committee be permitted to welcome new members to the maximum permitted which is 15.

CARRIED

7) Genera Information/Other Business (Item 13)

i. Stephanie Frisina (Added Item 13.1)

(S. Bertolo/ D. Allain)

That the Status of Women Committee receive the resignation of S. Frisina.

CARRIED

8)Adjournment (Item 15)

(S. Bertolo/ D. Allain)

That the Status of Women Committee be adjourned at 6:43p.m.