



Hamilton

MINUTES 22-003

Indigenous Advisory Committee

Thursday, March 3, 2022 – 5:30 P.M.

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Present: Marilyn Wright, Chair
Connie Bellamy, Vice-chair
Patty Lawlor, Secretary (Ally/non-voting)
Allan Loft, Member
Scott Cruickshank, Member

Also Present: Jennifer DiDomenico, Senior Project Manager, Indigenous Relations,
Healthy and Safe Communities (staff)
Beth Dockstator, Project Manager, Indigenous Initiatives, Healthy and Safe
Communities, Children's Services and Neighbourhood Development
Division, (staff)
Sonya Baldwin, Program Secretary, Healthy and Safe Communities,
Children's Services and Neighbourhood Development Division (staff)

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item 1)

(i) Land Acknowledgement (Item 1.1)

P. Lawlor began with the City of Hamilton Land Acknowledgement.

Staff will:

- consult with other advisory committee secretaries respecting the Land Acknowledgement and if it is used to start the meetings of other advisories
- ask why the Land Acknowledgement is not a standard part of the Webex agenda template.

(ii) Call to Order (Item 1.2)

M. Wright called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

(iii) Opening Address/Prayer (Item 1.3)

A. Loft said a prayer of thanksgiving to the Creator in Mohawk and English.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

The Chair advised of the following changes to the agenda:

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 Experience with City-led Public Engagements

11. MOTIONS

11.1 Aboriginal Advisory Committee Honorarium/Gift for Guest Speaker

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

12.1 Remove Aboriginal Advisory Committee Honorarium/Gift for Guest Speaker

13. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 Opening Prayer

(A. Loft/S. Cruickshank)

That the agenda for the March 3, 2022 meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (item 4)

(i) Minutes of January 6, 2022 (Item 4.1)

(A. Loft/C. Bellamy)

That the minutes of the January 5, 2022 meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

CARRIED

(ii) Minutes of February 3, 2022 (Item 4.2)

(C. Bellamy/S. Cruickshank)

That the minutes of the February 3, 2022 meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(i) Experience with City-led Public Engagements (Item 5.1)

J. DiDomenico clarified that the request members received to complete a survey was intended for them as members of the public rather than members of the Indigenous Advisory Committee.

Committee members gave the following feedback:

- the survey questions weren't consistent from attempt to attempt
- one question failed to include an obvious answer among its limited answer options
- the survey seemed designed to elicit confirmation rather than open input.

S. Baldwin will resend the survey link to a committee member who requested it.

6. Staff Presentations (Item 9)

(i) Indigenous Relations 2021 Program Summary (Item 9.1)

B. Dockstator spoke to a visual presentation. She will provide the visual presentation to all committee members.

(ii) Indigenous Relations Quarterly Report (December 2021 – February 2022) (Item 9.2)

B. Doxtator's Indigenous Relations Quarterly Report to the Committee was an oral one.

- work on initiatives outlined in the Indigenous Relations 2021 Program Summary continues
- work on the "Honouring Our Roots – Indigenous Landmarks and Monuments Review" also continues
- National Indigenous Languages Day is this month (March 31, 2022).

Staff and a committee member will continue discussions regarding the Landmarks and Monuments Review project.

Members asked staff to provide the Indigenous Relations Quarterly Report in writing in the future.

7. Discussion Items (Item 10)

(i) Committee Name Change: Aboriginal to Indigenous (Item 10.1)

J. DiDomenico and B. Dockstator reported that Council approved the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee's recommendation to change the name of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee to the Indigenous Advisory Committee on February 23, 2022.

B. Dockstator will send Indigenous Advisory Committee members a copy of the recommendation document.

(ii) Public Works' Presentation Respecting Hamilton Water Management and Water Issues (to be continued from the February 3, 2022 meeting) (Item 10.2)

A two-part Public Works presentation respecting Hamilton Water Management and Water Issues is the response to questions pre-submitted by the committee. Part 1 of the presentation took place at the committee's February 3, 2022 meeting. Part 2 is still to be scheduled.

Staff will arrange for Public Works staff to return to the next meeting of the committee to conclude the discussion.

(iii) Indigenous Advisory Committee Webpage Consultation (Item 10.3)

J. DiDomenico and B. Dockstator reported that they haven't received any further information about the City's webpage update project.

The Indigenous Advisory Committee asked B. Dockstator to:

- request an update on the project for its April meeting
- invite the project contact to an Indigenous Advisory Committee meeting for a proactive consultation on the Committee's webpage.

(iv) Promotional Events, Bookings, and Product Research and Development (Item 10.4)

Beth Dockstator confirmed that:

- the measurements of the out-of-date banner are 40' x 4'
- primary events for banner display are:
 - Red Dress Day (May 5)
 - the week of National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21)
 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt) Day (September 30)

She reported that, because there are several calls currently out to the community for artwork, our proposal calls for both a banner design and an Indigenous Advisory Committee logo might meet with a reduced response.

The Indigenous Advisory Committee members discussed:

- ideas for the banner graphics
- replacing the cost for banners and banner updates with a capacity for electronic messaging across City Hall
- integrating the medicine wheel into the Hamilton logo and city hall plaza sign.

Discussion resulted in the following commitments from B. Dockstator:

- to send Indigenous Advisory Committee members copies of the two calls for artwork
- to draft some banner proposals and distribute them to Indigenous Advisory Committee members early the week of March 7, 2022
- to find out whether:
 - it would be a conflict of interest for an Indigenous Advisory Committee member to respond to the calls for banner and logo design proposals
 - the Indigenous Advisory Committee can design its own logo
 - the wording "City of Hamilton" must appear on banners

(v) Task Assignment List Review (January – February 2022 Meetings (Item 10.5))

Indigenous Advisory Committee members and staff reported on the status of tasks assigned to them at the Aboriginal Advisory Committee meetings on January 6 and February 3, 2022.

City Hall Banner Space Booking

B. Dockstator confirmed that the booking of the banner space for the week of National Indigenous Peoples Day.

Meeting re Indigenous Minutes and Website Page

B. Dockstator and P. Lawlor reported that they are meeting on March 10, 2022 to about these matters.

The list resulting from this meeting will include any tasks not yet completed as well as new tasks assigned at this meeting.

Distribution of Committee's Updated Residential School Letter

Discussion resulted in the following decisions:

- not to distribute the original letter

- update the letter and improve presentation
- include an announcement of the Committee's revised name with the updated letter
- distribute the updated letter in a Coalition of Hamilton Indigenous Leadership (CHIL) meeting package

B. Dockstator will request procedure or guidelines for updating a letter already received by Council.

(vi) Committee Transfer from Diversity and Inclusion to Healthy and Safe Communities (Item 10.6)

B. Dockstator responded positively to a request from Indigenous Advisory Committee members for feedback on how the transition is going at an operational level.

(vii) Revised Code of Conduct for Citizen Appointees (Item 10.7)

P. Lawlor reported that, after reading the Hamilton Spectator article (February 4, 2022) about citizen appointees needing conduct training, she sent Principles Integrity a follow up inquiry about her own response to the call for review and feedback.

8. Motions (Item 11)

(i) Indigenous Advisory Committee Honorarium/Gift for Guest Speaker

(C. Bellamy/S. Cruickshank)

That the Indigenous Advisory Committee approve a \$100 donation to the Indigenous Studies Program at Wilfrid Laurier University in appreciation of Laurie Minor's contribution to the water issues presentation at the Indigenous Advisory Committee's meeting on February 3, 2022.

CARRIED

9. General Information / Other Business (Item 13)

(i) Opening Prayer (Item 13.1)

Discussion confirmed that Committee members consider the opening Ceremonial Activities and Adjournment Closing Address to be integral parts of the meeting and want YouTube-streamed meetings to begin and end with the ceremonial elements.

B. Dockstator will investigate the rationale for the current practice and report to the Committee.

(ii) Potential Candidate for the Committee

The Committee learned about a potential candidate for the Indigenous Advisory Committee and will follow up accordingly.

(iii) Upcoming Water Event in Hamilton

M. Wright will distribute information about the event.

10. Adjournment (Item 15)

(i) Closing Address (Item 15.1)

A. Loft spoke about the significance of the inclusive nature of the eagle feather. He concluded with a prayer, in Mohawk and English, wishing members well and a safe journey.

(ii) Adjournment (Item 15.2)

(C. Bellamy)/P. Lawlor)

That the meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee be adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

CARRIED

Marilyn Wright, Chair
Indigenous Advisory Committee

Patty Lawlor, Secretary
Indigenous Advisory Committee

Next Meeting: April 7, 2022