



# Hamilton

**MINUTES 22-004**  
**Indigenous Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, April 7, 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
- Absent with Regrets:** Beth Dockstator, Project Manager, Indigenous Initiatives, Healthy and Safe Communities, Children's Services and Neighbourhood Development Division, (staff)
- Also Present:** Jennifer DiDomenico, Senior Project Manager, Indigenous Relations, Healthy and Safe Communities (staff)  
Shelly Hill, Manager, Indigenous Relations, Healthy and Safe Communities (staff)  
Sonya Baldwin, Program Secretary, Healthy and Safe Communities, Children's Services and Neighbourhood Development Division (staff)
- Guests:** Cari Vanderperk, Director of Watershed Management, Public Works  
Nick Winters, Director (Acting), Hamilton Water, Public Works

**1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item 1)**

**(i) Land Acknowledgement (Item 1.1)**

A. Loft began with the City of Hamilton Land Acknowledgement.

**(ii) Call to Order (Item 1.2)**

M. Wright called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

**(iii) Opening Address/Prayer (Item 1.3)**

A. Loft asked staff to time his opening address /prayer.

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

S. Baldwin reported that the length of the opening address/prayer was 8.24 minutes.

**(iv) Welcome Guests and Introductory Remarks**

M. Wright welcomed guests C. Vanderperk and N. Winters and expressed appreciation for their return to complete the Hamilton Water presentation they began at the Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting in February 2022.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)**

M. Wright noted that the agenda continues to misidentify the meeting coordinator.

S. Baldwin will continue to investigate the issue.

**(C. Bellamy/A. Loft)**

That the Item 9.2 Public Works Presentation be moved up the agenda to follow immediately after Approval of the Agenda.

**CARRIED**

**(C. Bellamy/A. Loft)**

That the agenda for April 7, 2022 be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)**

None

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

**(i) Minutes of March 3, 2022 (Item 4.1)**

**(C. Bellamy/S. Cruickshank)**

That the minutes of the March 3, 2022 meeting of the Indigenous Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5. COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)**

**(A. Loft/S. Cruickshank)**

That the following Correspondence items be received:

- 5.1. Notification re Urban Indigenous Community Event: The Gifting: from B. Dockstator, Urban Indigenous Strategy/Healthy & Safe Communities Department (March 15, 2022)
- 5.2. Expression of Interest in Joining the Indigenous Advisory Committee: from C. Corbeil
- 5.3. Request for IAC's approved minutes to update the Audit, Finance, and Administration's Advisory Committee Tracker: from A. McCrae, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk (March 16, 2022)
- 5.4. Online Code of Conduct Training with the Integrity Commissioner at the David Braley Center: from Loren Kolar, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk (March 22, 2022)
- 5.5. Online Code of Conduct Training with the Integrity Commissioner re Online Training Options: from Loren Kolar, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk (March 23, 2022)
- 5.6. Request to Attend April 7 Indigenous Advisory Committee Meeting re Discovery Centre Opportunity Study: from A. Smith, Senior Consultant, West Harbour Redevelopment (March 30, 2022)

**CARRIED**

**6. CONSENT ITEMS (Item 7)**

**(i) Report: Meeting re Indigenous Advisory Committee Minutes Archives and Webpage (Item 7.1)**

In B. Dockstator's absence, P. Lawlor:

- reported that she and B. Dockstator discussed these matters in a telephone meeting on March 16, 2022
- noted that B. Dockstator has advised that she will report on follow up to the meeting at the Indigenous Advisory Committee's meeting on May 5, 2022
- recapped the reasons for the meeting previously approved by the Indigenous Advisory Committee

S. Baldwin will follow up with P. Lawlor about accessing approved minutes online.

**7. Staff Presentations (Item 9)**

**(i) Public Works (continuation of water issues presentation)**

N. Winters and C. Vanderperk attended the meeting to complete a water issues presentation they began at the Indigenous Advisory Committee's February 2022 meeting.

M. Wright thanked L. Minor, N. Winters, and C. Vanderperk for sharing their time and knowledge.

**(C. Bellamy/A. Loft/)**

That the Public Works presentation be received.

**CARRIED**

**(ii) Staff Liaison Response to Questions Arising from Public Works Presentation in February 2022 (Item 9.2)**

B. Dockstator advised in a written task assignment report provided to the committee that, after Public Works staff completes its Water Issues presentation at the Indigenous Advisory Committee meeting's April 7, 2022, she will obtain information about appropriate Planning and Economic Development contacts to provide answers to the committee's questions regarding the status of planning for the Mountain and urban boundary expansion as it relates to concerns, including water pipe volume and runoff.

**(iii) City Department Appropriate for Information about Indigenous Consultations (Item 9.3)**

B. Dockstator advised in her task assignment report that, after the Public Works staff completes its Water Issues presentation at the Indigenous Advisory Committee's April 7, 2022 meeting, she will obtain information about appropriate contacts to provide answers to:

- What can you tell us about the ways the City consults with and/or seeks input from the Indigenous/Aboriginal community?
- What was the "indigenous communities" outreach and input experience in the case of the Valley Inn Road bridge?
- Regarding the Valley Inn Road Bridge, can you tell us whether there was a request for a higher-level study and, if so, who made the request and what's happening in that regard?

**8. Discussion Items (Item 10)**

**(i) Land Acknowledgment Inclusion on Agenda Templates and at All Advisory Committee Meetings (Item 10.1)**

B. Dockstator advised in her task assignment report that:

- she asked S. Baldwin to add the land acknowledgment to the Webex Agenda template for the Indigenous Advisory Committee
- each Advisory Committee decides on whether it uses the city's land acknowledgment

**(ii) Indigenous Advisory Committee Webpage Consultation (Item 10.2)**

B. Dockstator advised in her task assignment report that:

- staff has no update on the City's website update project
- staff will ensure that the appropriate people are aware that the Indigenous Advisory Committee has requested a pro-active meeting to discuss its page
- she is requesting that the Indigenous Strategy Unit webpage update include a link to the Indigenous Advisory Committee page

**(iii) Indigenous Advisory Committee/Urban Indigenous Strategy Banner Development (Item 10.3)**

B. Dockstator advised in her task assignment report that:

- it is not a conflict of interest for Indigenous Advisory Committee members to respond to the call for banner design proposals if they note a conflict prior to and don't participate in the selection process
- she can proceed with banner design and production when Indigenous Advisory Committee members complete their input, respond to it, and give her direction on how to proceed
- she is investigating whether the wording "City of Hamilton" needs to be on the banner

J. DiDomenico will re-send Indigenous Advisory Committee members ideas and feedback already circulated by B. Dockstator, A. Loft, and P. Lawlor.

**(iv) Indigenous Advisory Committee Logo Development (Item 10.4)**

B. Dockstator advised in her task assignment report that:

- it is not a conflict of interest for Indigenous Advisory Committee members to respond to the call for logo design proposals if they note a conflict prior to and don't participate in the selection process

- she can proceed with logo design and development when Indigenous Advisory Committee members complete their input, respond to it, and give her direction on how to proceed
- the Indigenous Advisory Committee can design its own logo
- it is possible that the City's Communications Department, with input from the Indigenous Advisory Committee, can assist with logo development and design

**(v) City Hall Plaza HAMILTON Sign Modification**

B. Dockstator advised in her task assignment report that:

- A. Loft sent her contact information for the sign
- she will follow up with the mayor's office to see if changes are feasible

**(vi) Ceremonial Activities Inclusion in You Tube Streaming of Meetings (Item 10.6)**

B. Dockstator advised in her task assignment report that L. Kolar, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk, has confirmed that the ceremonial activities at the start of Indigenous Advisory Committee meetings should be included in live stream meetings.

**(vii) Task Assignment List Review (March Meeting) (Item 10.7)**

There was brief discussion about reasons and possible solutions related to the length of the Task Assignment List.

Review of the March 3, 2022 Task Assignment List was deferred to the Indigenous Advisory Committee's meeting on May 5, 2022.

**(viii) Revised Code of Conduct Training for Citizen Appointees (Item 10.8)**

P. Lawlor reported that:

- Principles Integrity advised her to direct questions she had sent them about the revised Code of Conduct Training to the City Clerk's Office
- she forwarded the questions to L. Kolar who responded on April 4, 2022

She read the questions and answers at the request of members of the Indigenous Advisory Committee.

**(ix) Staff Presentation Request from A. Smith, Senior Consultant, West Harbour (Item 10.9)**

**A. Loft/P. Lawlor)**

That the Indigenous Advisory Committee direct staff to:

- invite A. Smith, Senior Consultant, West Harbour Redevelopment to attend the Indigenous Advisory Committee's meeting on May 5, 2022
- arrange for A. Smith to provide her presentation material prior to the meeting

**CARRIED**

**(x) In-person Meetings**

The Indigenous Advisory Committee asked whether the promotion of In-person training sessions for the revised Code of Conduct means that it is now possible for Advisory Committees to meet in person.

Staff will advise prior to the Indigenous Advisory Committee's next meeting on May 5, 2022 if meeting in-person is an option.

**9. General Information / Other Business (Item 13)**

**(i) Gifting Event Report (Item 13.1)**

M. Wright attended the Gifting event at Pier 4 Park on Sunday, March 20, 2022. She reported that:

- the gift was a beautiful, large tepee from the Indigenous organizations and community in Hamilton
- the event was a success

**(ii) Hamilton Water Event (Item 13.2)**

M. Wright will distribute information about a Water Walk Solidarity Day event prior to the Indigenous Advisory Committee's meeting on May 5, 2022.

**(iii) Upcoming Urban Indigenous Strategy Events Update (Item 13.3)**

S. Hill reported that focus has been on the following initiatives:

- Spring solstice/Gifting event (March 20, 2022)
- Indigenous Language Day (March 31, 2022) and the promotion of articles and resources to support information about and the learning of Indigenous Languages
- report to council on the Indigenous Landmarks and Monuments Review
- upcoming Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Day (May 5, 2022)

**(iv) May 5, 2022 Meeting**

M. Wright and P. Lawlor gave notice that they may not be available for the Indigenous Advisory Committee meeting on May 5, 2022.

**10. Adjournment (Item 15)**

**(i) Closing Address (Item 15.1)**

A. Loft said a prayer in Mohawk and English.

**(ii) Adjournment (Item 15.2)**

**(C. Bellamy)/A. Loft)**

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

**CARRIED**

Marilyn Wright, Chair  
Indigenous Advisory Committee

Patty Lawlor, Secretary  
Indigenous Advisory Committee

Next Meeting: May 5, 2022