



Hamilton

MINUTES 22-007

Indigenous Advisory Committee

Thursday June 23, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

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City's YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/InsideCityofHamilton>

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

Regrets: Scott Cruickshank

Also Present: Beth Dockstator, Project Manager Indigenous Initiatives, Healthy & Safe Communities (staff)
Jennifer DiDomenico, Senior Project Manager Indigenous Relations, Healthy & Safe Communities (staff)

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

(i) Land Acknowledgment

M. Wright began with the land acknowledgement

(ii) Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

(iii) Opening Address/Prayer

A. Loft opened the meeting with a prayer of Thanksgiving in Mohawk and English

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair requested the following item be moved up on the agenda to follow Item #:

- (i) Landmarks Review
- (ii) Cancellation of May 5 meeting

(C. Bellamy/A. Loft)

That the agenda for the June 23, 2022 meeting of the Indigenous Advisory Committee be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(i) Minutes of June 2, 2022

(S. Cruikshank/C. Bellamy)

That approval of the June 2, 2022 Minutes be deferred to the July 7, 2022 meeting, for approval.

CARRIED

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- (i) Virtual Meetings for Advisories, forwarded by B. Dockstator, Urban Indigenous Strategy/Healthy & Safe Communities Department from L. Kolar, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk (April 20, 2022)
- (ii) Statement for City's Vaccine Policy for Employees, forwarded by B. Dockstator, Urban Indigenous Strategy/Healthy & Safe Communities Department, from L. Kolar, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerks (April 27, 2022)
- (iii) Complimentary Tickets, from B. Dockstator Urban Indigenous Strategy/Healthy & Safe Communities Department (April 20, 2022)
- (iv) Code of Conduct Training for Local Boards and Committees (Slide Deck), forwarded by B. Dockstator, from L. Kolar, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk (April 27, 2022)

6. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

(i) National Indigenous Peoples Celebration

Staff and those who attended gave brief highlights of how the National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration.

(ii) Landmarks Review

J. DiDomenico provided a summary and overview of the Landmarks Review

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) HAMILTON Sign Modification

- medicine wheel added to the end of the sign
- BD put the request forward to mayor's office

(ii) Indigenous Advisory Committee Web Page Update

- access to minutes on the page
- layout of info on the page (e.g. res sch letter) not enough profile
- PL expressed frustration with not getting info on how feedback is incorp into projects
- esp. work on **equity lens framework/toolkit (Evelyn Myrie)**
- BD & JD will ask for those people to come back to IAC with outcome
- PL also not heard anything back on code of conduct, many items she submitted
- PL to advise.

(iii) Water Issues Wrap Up

- MW hasn't seen anything in the paper about Chedoke but assuming it's going to get started soon ...
- check website for updates

(iv) All Advisory Committee Meetings Letter

- if there is any way that we can have that kind of mtg again.
- PL, MW – see value in quarterly all advisory meetings.

(v) Residential School Findings Letter

- MW spoke with Woodland Cultural Centre, they are looking into possible burial sites on the land and area
- when they're done they'll put out a press release about how many they found or are buried there
- when she looked into in the past, there isn't a place where all this info gets reported
- CB, make them feel the weight of the guilt that comes from our sorrow!
- BD shared that IRT will

(vi) Task Assignment List Review (March and April 2022)

- P. Lawlor reviewed and updated

(vii) Advisory Committee Meeting Dates for Remainder of 2022

- next meeting Sept 1st; then off during election period (Sept29-NovX)
- following that will be recruitment and selection of new IAC

-re: IAC, resumes and/or letters of interest will be rec'd and then a selection cttee will be struck to review and consider those to determine who they want to appoint
→solely Indigenous people to make selection
→maybe the IRT will suggest who should be selecting
-MW has heard that the community is looking for new, younger participants as part of the IAC

8. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Water Walk Solidarity Day Event (Item 13.3)

MW - she has heard the water walkers and some agencies of the city? Are planning some event over the summer.

(ii) May mtg (Item: 13.4)

Extend invite to attend the theatre – reason May meeting was cancelled by Chair, MW.

(iii) Soaring Spirit Powwow

-Sat and Sun
-MW will have a bingo tent there, even with prizes
-conference on Fri for the community include a tipi teaching, Elder Jerry.
-BD will email the link to cttee

9. ADJOURNMENT

(MW/AL)

There being no further business, the committee adjourned at 7:53 p.m., following the Closing Address and Prayer.