



# Hamilton

## **Indigenous Advisory Committee**

**September 1, 2022**

**Minutes 22-009**

**5:30 pm – 8:00 pm**

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### **In Attendance:**

Marilyn Wright (Chair) Connie Bellamy, 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)

### **Councilor(s):**

Cllr. N. Nann – no response.

### **Absent with Regrets:**

Allan Loft, Patty Lawlor.

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

### **(i) Land Acknowledgment**

M. Wright began with the land acknowledgement

### **(ii) Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

**(iii)** Opening Address/Prayer

M. Wright completed an opening address to begin meeting.

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

**The Chair requested the following item be moved up the agenda:**

\*5.1 Discovery Centre Follow Up (Planning and Economic Development, West Harbour Redevelopment)

**(Bellamy/S.Cruickshank)**

That the agenda for the September 1, 2022, meeting of the Indigenous Advisory Committee be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

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

**(i) June 2, 2022 (Item 4.1)**

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

That the Indigenous Advisory Committee approves the June 2, 2022 minutes, as presented.

**(ii) June 23, 2022 (Item 4.2)**

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

That the Indigenous Advisory Committee approves the June 23, 2022 minutes, as presented.

**CARRIED**

## 5. COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

### (i) Discovery Centre, West Harbour Redevelopment – Follow Up (Item 5.1)

J. Smith, Senior Consultant with the West Harbour Redevelopment project sent and update on the Discovery Centre Opportunity Study.

Council approved the recommendations to:

1. Initiate community and stakeholder consultation.
2. Consult with the Hamilton Public Library, the Hamilton Museum Citizens Group, as well as heritage stakeholders regarding potential partnership opportunities for co-locating civic uses and providing heritage-based visitor experiences within the Discovery Centre Opportunity Study Site.
3. Consult with the urban Indigenous community to advance Actions of 2019 Hamilton Urban Indigenous Strategy.
4. Assess capital and operational costs for the Discovery Centre building; and,
5. Prepare a commercial market assessment for the Site.

To begin the community consultation, an [Engage Hamilton website](#) with a link to a Community Survey was launched. The 10-question survey is open until September 23 after which a Community Survey Summary Report will be prepared on the responses.

Staff will send along the link to the IAC for consideration of contributing feedback to the survey.

## 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

### (i) Advisory Committee Meeting Dates for Remainder of Term (no copy) (Item 10.1)

October and November meetings have been cancelled as per Chair, M. Wright..

### (ii) 2023 Budget Request for the Indigenous Advisory Committee (Item 10.2)

- Same maintenance budget as current sufficient.
- Only specific use for funds right now is the banner production and

- booking fee.
- Staff will have to see what permissible ways are to use the committee funding.
- IAC is looking to support Indigenous Community Initiatives in the City.
  - \$250 donation to the Hamilton Regional Indian Centre's Food bank.
  - \$500 (5 x \$100 grocery gift cards) to support give away at Indigenous Social/Music Festival on October 1<sup>st</sup> – event is in recognition of Every Child Matters and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.
  - \$500 (5 x \$100 grocery gift cards) to support give away at October 4<sup>th</sup> opening the Nyaweh Programs Art Exhibit honoring Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Children.\
  - \$250 donation to the Water Walkers Event on October 28<sup>th</sup> to assist with costs of programming.
  - Funds to print promotional material for the recruitment of new members to join the Indigenous Advisory Committee.
  
- (iii) Recruitment Process for the Indigenous Advisory Committee (Item 10.3)
  - The Recruitment Committee will be: CS. McCormack-Montana, Y. Maracle and Cllr. Nann.
  - BD suggested sending a few key agencies in the community a letter to see if they are interested in participating in the selection cttee too [up to 5 people maximum].
  - IAC wants to participate in the 'tradeshow' with other Advisory committees for recruitment opportunities.
- (iv) 2018 - 2022 Indigenous Advisory Committee Accomplishments (Item 10.4)
  - ability to continue to conduct business virtually during COVID-19 pandemic and adapted well to change in processes.
  - M. Wright – in terms of dealing with city hall functions (more divisions are more aware of who we are and what we can bring), ability to make our own choices as to who's on the IAC committee, make decisions for what is best for the Urban Indigenous Community.
  - C. Bellamy – Urban Indigenous people have a voice at the table when they haven't in past – voices being heard.
  - M. Wright - participated in the community with conversations about the UIS; attended other events and brought info about the committee there (e.g. Soaring Spirits). Participated in the

'point in time counts' for homelessness.

C. Bellamy - 2 yrs in a row partnered with HPL to host indigenous literacy for children & books (display cases and sessions)

S. Cruickshank - cooperation with the UIS staff and moving with the times (e.g. changed name of committee from Aboriginal to Indigenous)

- (v) Review of Indigenous Advisory Committees Terms of Reference (Item 10.5)
- Discussed changed to TOR including: no allies, up to 9 members (max).
  - Add direct connection to Urban Indigenous Strategy in their mandate and objectives.
  - Add "Elder in Residence" role within committee if possible.
- (vi) Water Issues Wrap Up (Item 10.6)
- If it affects the environment or Indigenous People, they would like to hear about it. Cooperation and knowledge exchange between Water Division and IAC is desired outcome.
  - Setup a more regular communication schedule from them to IAC (quarterly / semi-annual basis for summary of incidents, etc.). if there is a more significant event/issue then they can share (circulate/attend) in a timelier manner.
- (vii) Indigenous Relations Team Update (Item 10.7)
- Staff B. Dockstator gave an update on September programming in the community for September 30<sup>th</sup> (Every Child Matters and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation).
  - Promotional initiatives are focused on education – "what is everyone's part in Truth and Reconciliation?"
  - 2 Woodland Cultural Centre virtual educational training sessions.
    - 1) Virtual Tour of Mohawk Institute Residential School and debrief.
    - 2) Virtual Learning Session on Truth and Reconciliation.
  - Staff Lunch and Learn – viewing Indigenous documentary by Sarain Fox re: residential schools, loss of teachings/culture.
  - Partnering with HRIC and other Indigenous agencies in the City for September 30-October 1<sup>st</sup> event/social at Gage Park in commemoration of Every Child Matters/NTRC.
  - Orange Shirts for sale for City Staff.
  - Every Child Matters Flag will be displayed at City Hall.

- Orange "HAMILTON" sign will be illuminated Orange on September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Oct 4 will be showcasing the Niwasa art exhibit in recognition of the day of action at City Hall as previously discussed with committee.

## **7. MOTIONS (Item 11)**

### **(i) Indigenous Advisory Committee Funding for Upcoming Initiatives (Added Item 11.1)**

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

That the IAC financially support upcoming community initiatives for needed items – to an upset limit of \$2,000 including above mentioned initiatives.

**CARRIED**

## **8. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)**

### **(i) Lifting Up Our Children/Indigenous Music Festival/Social (Item 13.1)**

- B. Dockstator provided an outline of activities that will be running at the Event.
- Committee is invited to attend all/some of the event as able – COH has a booth/table that IAC is welcome to sit at with IR Team/COH Public Health.
- There will be teachings, children's activities, Elders, and music performers on the Saturday (October 1<sup>st</sup>) part of the event.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

### **(i) Closing Address/Prayer (Item 15.1)**

BD offered thanks for cttee, each of members, to better lives of Indigenous Community; and to do it with good heart & mind and betterment for us all. Nya:weh (thank you in Mohawk)

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

M. Wright called the meeting to end at 7:45 pm.

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Liaison: \_\_\_\_\_