



Hamilton

MINUTES
Aboriginal Advisory Committee
Monday February 13, 2012 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 192

Present: Connie Bellamy, David Bentley, Allan Loft, Yvonne Maracle, Cindy-Sue Montana-McCormack, Marilyn Wright
Also Present: Maxine Carter, Jaffat Hayat - City of Hamilton
Regrets:
Absent: Debra Elmes
Guests: Roger Cameron – Committee Against Racism Chairperson

1. Opening.

- A. Loft opened the meeting

2. Welcome and Introductions.

- Everyone was welcomed to the meeting

3. Declaration of Interest.

- None declared.

4. Review and approval of Agenda.

- The agenda was reviewed.
- Minutes of previous meeting was added and everything renumbered

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Motion #1

M. Wright/C. Bellamy

To accept the agenda, as amended.

CARRIED.

5. Review and acceptance of minutes.

- Review of minutes of November 17, 2011
- Page 2, item #5, Terms of Reference (used in previous term HEDAC) to be submitted, item #2 to be reworked and to include HEDAC as a liaison
- Page 3, 2nd bullet, move to item #5

Motion #2**C. Bellamy/D. Bentley**

To accept the minutes of the November 17, 2011 meeting, as amended.

CARRIED.

6. Matters arising from the minutes.

All matters are agenda items.

7. Presentations.

- Roger Cameron, CAR Chairperson attended the meeting to present a summary of the CAR Symposium and to discuss the recommendations that was brought forward at the 2003 and 2006 Symposiums to develop a Protocol to work with the Aboriginal community in Hamilton.
- R. Cameron reviewed the recommendations coming forward from the Symposium I, II & III, hosted by the Committee Against Racism (CAR), in 2004/2006/2010
 - a) Provided an overview of why the CAR would like to transfer this recommendation to the Aboriginal Advisory Committee. This protocol should come from and be in words of the Aboriginal people. That Recommendations #9 states, **“The commitment of the City of Hamilton to working with the Hamilton Urban Aboriginal Community to acknowledge meaningfully the historical and systematic discrimination of Aboriginal peoples and to create a state of understanding with respect to urban Aboriginal rights.”**
 - b) R. Cameron also provided an overview of the recommendation dealing with the development of a resource centre for the community who experience racism and need support. The recommendations stated, “That a resource centre be developed that is devoted to anti-racism research, education and training be created to operate in Hamilton.” The resource centre will have staff who will respond to the help phone line to assist callers who have experienced racism and other forms of discrimination and are seeking assistance and support.
 - c) The CAR is also working on a Public Awareness Campaign to address racism and discrimination in the city and is hoping to have the Aboriginal Advisory Committee’s support to work with them in the development of this public awareness campaign.

- d) R. Cameron invited a member of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee to attend CAR meetings, from time to time.

Motion #3

C. McCormack-Montana/David Bentley

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee addresses recommendation #9 coming out of the CAR Symposium on the Reality of Racism in Hamilton, to create a protocol for working with urban Aboriginal people.

CARRIED.

Motion #4

C. McCormack-Montana/C. Bellamy

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee establish a working relationship with the Committee Against Racism, that is mutually beneficial.

CARRIED.

- D. Bentley volunteered to work on recommendation #9 of the Committee Against Racism Symposium.

8. Review of Mission/Mandate & Terms of Reference.

(Items from TORs were taken from the previous term served by HEDAC/ACC the former advisory committee to Council)

Item #2

- Review of wording to replace this item, submitted by C. Montana-McCormack.

Motion #5

C. McCormack-Montana/A. Loft

That Terms of Reference, item #2, be adopted, to replace the existing #2 (previous TORS): "To promote and support the strategic planning of the Hamilton Executive Directors' Aboriginal Coalition (HEDAC) towards an urban Aboriginal community plan, to include the identified priority areas of: Homelessness and Affordable Housing; Education and Life-Long Learning; Community Capacity Building; Economic Development; Justice; Health; Land, Environment & Rights; and Arts & Culture; to also be inclusive of liaising, networking and sharing of information as it pertains to all of these identified priorities, for the mutual benefit of all."

CARRIED.

Directive #1

That the HEDAC representative be invited to sit at the Aboriginal Advisory Committee table.

Item #3**Motion #6****C. McCormack-Montana/C. Bellamy**

To accept the addition of the word "culture" to the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, item #3.

CARRIED.

Item #4**Motion #7****A. Loft/C. McCormack-Montana**

To add to the Terms of Reference, item #4: "To develop interrelationships amongst the Six Nations elected Band Council, Six Nations Confederacy, Mississaugas of New Credit First Nation elected band council and future relevant Aboriginal bodies, to ensure coordinated effort concerning issues in the Aboriginal community in Hamilton."

CARRIED.

Item #5

- Item #5 regarding Aboriginal Protocol, D. Bentley will edit and bring a draft to the next meeting.

Committee discussed the budget for the current year and requested that M. Carter find out the exact amount in the committee's reserve. The current year budget is as follows:

- \$1,500 – incidentals
- \$2,000 – community consultants
- \$7,000 - approximately what may be in reserve

9. Letters of Invitation.

- The Chair to prepare and send a letter to HEDAC, requesting a resource person to attend the Aboriginal Advisory Committee meetings.

- Letters to also go to the Métis Women's Circle, Métis Nation of Ontario and all Aboriginal agencies in Hamilton.

10. Work Plan Discussion

Tabled to future meeting.

11. New Business.

Nothing at this time

12. Information Sharing.

12.1 Aboriginal Youth Conference – "Our Voice Counts", Feb. 24, at 21 Rosedene, all day

12.2 Celebrate Aboriginal Business Day, March 7, 2012, 8:30 – 4 pm, LIUNA station, 360 James St. N.

12.3 Native Women's Centre Annual Conference, "Successful Strategies for Healthy Grieving and Suicide Prevention and Intervention", March 6 & 7, 2012, Suicide Prevention

12.4 Protecting Mother Earth Youth & Elders' Gathering, April 20 & 21, 2012. Location to be determined

12.5 Our Health Counts Urban Aboriginal Health Database project

13. Next Meeting.

- Either 2nd Tuesday or 1st Thursday. M. Carter to confirm by Friday Feb. 17.

14. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Closing by A. Loft