MINUTES
Aboriginal Advisory Committee
Thursday November 17, 2011 – 6:00 P.M.
City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 193

Present: Connie Bellamy, David Bentley, Debra Elmes, Allan Loft, Yvonne Maracle, Cindy-Sue Montana-McCormack

Also Present: Maxine Carter, Barb Smoke - City of Hamilton
Regrets: Marilyn Wright
Absent:

1. Welcome and Introductions.
The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m..
Everyone introduced themselves.

2. Declaration of Interest.
None declared.

3. Review and approval of Agenda.
The agenda was reviewed.

C. Bellamy/D. Elmes
To accept the agenda, as presented.

CARRIED.

4. Appointment of a Chair and Vice-Chair

Appointment of Chair
M. Carter called for nominations and volunteers for the position of Chair.

(A. Loft/D. Elmes)
That Yvonne Maracle be nominated as Chair of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee, for a period one year.

CARRIED.
That Cindy-Sue Montana-McCormack be nominated for Chair of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee, for a period one year.

\textit{CARRIED.}

On a vote, Yvonne Maracle was appointed as Chair.

Appointment for Vice-Chair:
Nominations and volunteers for the position of Vice-Chair.

\textbf{(C. Bellamy/C. Montana-McCormack)}
That David Bentley be appointed Vice-Chair of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

\textit{CARRIED.}

By acclamation, David Bentley was appointed as Vice-Chair.

\textbf{5. Review of Mission/Mandate & Terms of Reference.}

The committee members reviewed the mandate and terms of reference. The committee is satisfied for the time being and may revisit the mandate at a later date during the term.

With respect to the Terms of Reference, the members made suggestions as follows:

- Item #1
  - This is broad enough to satisfy the scope of the work of committee

- Item #2
  - Reword sentence 1 to read, “To promote and support the strategic priorities as developed by the Hamilton Executive Directors’ Aboriginal Coalition (HEDAC) that include…”
  - It was noted that representation from HEDAC should be formally invited to sit as a liaison/resource to the Aboriginal Advisory.
  - D. Bentley can bring Métis issues forward

- Item #3
  - “Culture” needs to be added

- Item #4
  - New item to be added regarding working with Six Nations, (elected Band Council and Confederacy) and Mississaugas of New Credit First Nation (MNCFN)
  - A. Loft will draft wording regarding this item for the next meeting
Item #5
- New item to be added regarding liaison with HEDAC
- C. Montana-McCormack will draft wording for the next meeting
  • Self-identification and inclusion was discussed but not needed as a separate item
  • This discussion to be continued at the next meeting
  • The Terms of Reference will be finalized before the work plan is developed

   • M. Carter provided explanation regarding the recommendation coming out of the Committee Against Racism’s (CAR) Anti-Racism Symposium, to develop a protocol to work with the Aboriginal community. M. Carter will provide a copy of the wording for the next meeting.
   • M. Carter was asked to provide information regarding the 2012 budget and business plan for the Aboriginal Advisory including the amount of dollars in the Reserves from previous years, for the next meeting.
   • Some suggestions to consider for the work plan:
     ➢ The Interpretive Centre
     ➢ Re-planting indigenous trees in Red Hill Valley
     ➢ Pursuing a seat on the Joint Stewardship Board
     ➢ Drum Arbour at Bayfront Park

   7.1 Future Meeting Dates
   It was suggested that Tuesday, at 5:30 p.m. is a good time to meet, excluding the 3rd Tuesday. If no room is available Tuesdays, then go with Thursdays, excluding the 3rd Thursday

8. Information Sharing.
   8.1 Dec. 8/11, 11:00 a.m., “Our Health Counts” release at 21 Rosedene Ave., (Native Women’s Centre’s new building)
   8.2 Urban Native Homes’ Koo gaa da win Bowl-a-thon, Dec. 9 at Sherwood Bowling Centre, 1095 Fennell Ave.
   8.3 Canadian Aboriginal Festival Nov. 18 – 21/11 at the Better Living Centre, Exhibition Place, Toronto
   8.4 Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards, Nov. 18/11 at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre, Exhibition Place, Toronto
   8.5 Turtle Island News article regarding Métis Nation flag to flutter at Regina city hall
   8.6 Aboriginal Component Radio station, Thursdays, 4-5 pm at McMaster University
   8.7 Lonnie Bomberry, from Six Nations Land Office, will be invited to make a presentation, possibly in January
9. **Next Meeting Agenda.**
   - Resource people to consider inviting – Six Nations (Council & Confederacy – Clan Mothers) & MNCFN
   - January and February to finalize the Terms of Reference, March meeting to work on the relationships
   - Next meeting to be confirmed

10. **Adjournment.**
    Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.