MINUTES
Aboriginal Advisory Committee
Thursday September 5, 2013 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 264

Present: Connie Bellamy, Marilyn Wright, Debra Elmes, Cindy-Sue Montana-McCormack
Regrets: Yvonne Maracle, David Bentley, Allan Loft
Absent: 
Also Present: Maxine Carter, Barb Smoke - City of Hamilton

Chairperson: Marilyn Wright chaired the meeting.

1. Opening.
   - M. Wright opened the meeting at 5:57 p.m., with a prayer

2. Welcome and Introductions.
   - M. Wright welcomed everyone

3. Declaration of Interest.
   - None declared

4. Review and Approval of Agenda.
   - Review of agenda

   MOTION #1
   C. Bellamy/D. Elmes
   That the agenda be accepted, as presented.

   CARRIED.

5. Presentations:
   None.

6. Approval of Minutes.
   (a) June 6, 2013.
   - Review of minutes
   - The eagle feather should be brought to all meetings
MOTION #2
C. Bellamy/C. Montana-McCormack
To accept the minutes of the June 6, 2013 meeting, as presented.  
CARRIED.

(b) Business Arising from the Minutes.
• Discussion regarding an honorarium for Elder, Walter Cooke, for his preparation and participation in the Council meeting of June 12/13

MOTION #3
C. Bellamy/D. Elmes
That $100.00 be approved, for Elder, Walter Cooke, for his preparation and presentation for the June 12, 2013 City Council meeting.  
CARRIED.

• M. Wright thanked all committee members, who attended the AF&A meeting, for their participation
• Next year, the other committees will be recognized, (Aboriginal Nurses, Pow Wow Committees and BOND), with certificates
• Discussion regarding the need for further development and promotion of a mentorship program
• There is a concern with the health of some of the Elders in the community and the need for youth to learn teachings, so that they can carry on the teachings; there should be Stoneware apprenticeships for Youth to learn and carry on this tradition.
• Page 3, motion #2, Jennie Vengris, Housing Division, will let the committee know when the Housing & Homelessness Action Plan will be going to Council (possibly in December). Discussion regarding the Aboriginal community supporting the Action Plan, which has an equity lens, to affordable housing & homelessness, with 5 focus areas. The Aboriginal Community has a unique and strong place in the discussion
• The committee now has a Métis sash, that was donated by Elize Hartley
• Committee looking into acquiring stoneware to represent the Inuit people, and D. Elmes volunteered to investigate and report back
• All three will be secured in a cabinet at city hall and will be used at every meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee (AAC)

7. Outstanding Business:
(a) Terms of Reference (TOR) - Report Update.
• M. Carter met with the Corporate Services General Manager, to discuss the Terms of Reference and mandates of all advisory committees, with a view to ensuring they are consistent and clear
• Approval by AF&A, of the AACs newly revised TOR, once changes are made.

(b) **Work Plan.**
• Discussion and brainstorming ideas for the work plan
• We should consider holding an annual ceremony at the Woodland Cemetery, where the Inuit Memorial Hamilton Sanatorium Monument is located
• Notes of the NAD 2012 community ideas to be distributed for consideration of future activities
• Members were asked to review the list of brainstorming ideas from the community and from previous meetings then shortlist it to 10 ideas, to be ready for the October 3/13 meeting. Members who are not present, to be contacted, to ask if they can also submit 10 ideas
• B. Smoke put together a list of all of the notes from previous meetings, regarding discussions about work plans and will send these out to everyone, for review
• An annual report, to Council, updating on current activities and achievements

Upcoming Speakers:
➢ Jenny Dupuis should be invited back but this will be put on hold, for now

M. Carter reviewed the list of outstanding business (motions) and provided updates to the committee.

(c) **Housing & Homelessness Report to Council.**
• This report is not going to Council in September
• C. Montana-McCormack to e-mail M. Wright, M. Carter & B. Smoke, when this is going to Council, once the date is determined; possibly December

8. **New Business.**
(a) McMaster Indigenous Studies Program has a number of events.
(b) Six Nations Polytechnic may open an office at the old Mohawk College’s Elgin St. location, in Brantford.
(c) The Hamilton Art Gallery is hosting the Indigenous Film Festival.

9. **Correspondence.**
• None, at this time.

10. **Information Sharing.**
(a) University of Waterloo Pow Wow, Sept. 28/13.

11. Next Meeting.
Thursday October 3, 2013, 5:30 p.m., room 264.


MOTION #4
C. McCormack-Montana/D. Elmes
To adjourn the meeting, at 7:02 p.m.

CARRIED.