MINUTES
Aboriginal Advisory Committee
Thursday February 7, 2013 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 264

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

Also Present: Maxine Carter, Barb Smoke - City of Hamilton

Regrets: Yvonne Maracle

Absent:

Guests: Karen Smith - Consultant

Chairperson: Marilyn Wright

1. Opening.
   M. Carter opened the meeting at 5:34 p.m.
   A. Loft did a prayer

2. Welcome and Introductions.
   M. Carter welcomed everyone to the meeting

3. Declaration of Interest.
   None declared

4. Review and Approval of Agenda.
   • The agenda was reviewed and item 7 will be dealt with following the approval of the agenda.
   • Addition of item 10.2, Donation Request

   MOTION #1
   C. Bellamy/D. Elmes
   That the agenda be accepted as amended.
   CARRIED.

5. Presentation:
   No presentations at this time

   The Committee reviewed the minutes of January 3, 2013 and item 7a, fourth bullet, was changed to “Simpler terminology to be used”
MOTION #2  
C. Bellamy/D. Elmes  
To accept the minutes of the January 3, 2013 meeting, as amended. CARRIED.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes.  
- The Idle No More activities took place  
- C. Montana-McCormack did provide input regarding the Terms of Reference

8. Terms of Reference Workshop Update.  
Karen Smith – Facilitator – revised draft document.  
Review of 2nd and 3rd draft TOR from the January 3, meeting  
The Committee reviewed the follow two questions with the facilitator:  
“Why does this committee exists?  
“Why does this committee matter?”

- Give Collective Voice at City Hall  
- “Represents” (liaison) Aboriginal “community(s)”  
- (Hope) to be asked  
- Make beneficial changes  
- Contribute perspective  
- Not loud but important  
- Educate  
- Acknowledge  
- Share History  
- Awareness  
- Review of the draft Terms of Reference distributed by Karen Smith  
- Committee members would like to know who their Council representative is  
- M. Carter was asked to confirm if Mayor Bratina was still be the Council representative for the Aboriginal Advisory Committee  
- The committee members indicated that they very much want a Council member present at the monthly meetings.  
- Committee members believe that the committee values are not a place of division but a place for unity  
- M. Carter recommended that “Composition”, “Leadership” and the “Meetings” sections, be excluded, as these are covered in the policies handbook  
- In the “Composition” section, the first sentence can be left in, as it is not in the policies  
- In the “Committee Objectives” section, the word “To” should be put in front of each bullet
MOTION #3  
C. Bellamy/D. Bentley  
That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee’s newly drafted Terms of Reference be approved as presented and be forwarded to the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee for approval.  

CARRIED.

MOTION #4  
C. Bellamy/D. Bentley  
That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee, respectfully request that a member of Council attend the monthly meetings in order to ensure the interests of the Aboriginal community is represented at Council decision making tables.  

CARRIED.

This item was deferred

10.1 Appointment of Chairperson.  
(i) Appointment of Chair  
The Staff called for nominations and volunteers for the position of Chair.

On a motion Marilyn Wright was nominated for Chair of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee. No other nominations were made.

Marilyn Wright was appointed to Chair by acclamation.

That Marilyn Wright be appointed as Chair of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

(ii) Appointment of Vice-Chair  
The Staff called for nominations and volunteers for the position of Vice-Chair.

On a motion David Bentley was nominated for the Vice-Chair of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee. No other nominations were made.

David Bentley was appointed to Vice-Chair by acclamation.
That David Bentley be appointed as Vice-Chair for the Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

**MOTION #5**

C. Montana-McCormack/A. Loft

That Marilyn Wright elected as Chair and David Bentley elected as Vice-Chair, of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee, be for a period of one year.

*CARRIED.*

M. Wright took over Chairing the meeting

**10.2 Donation Request.**

- C. Montana-McCormack submitted a letter requesting a sponsorship for the February 15 Valentine’s Social, organized by a number of Aboriginal organizations, including Native Women’s Centre’s, Sister’s in Spirit program.
- The committee discussed purchasing tickets and/or purchasing a space for an information table to promote the committee’s mandate.

**MOTION #6**

C. Montana-McCormack/D. Elmes

That $100.00 be approved to purchase an information table for the Aboriginal Advisory Committee, at the Native Women’s Centre’s Sister’s In Spirit Valentine’s Social, on February 15, 2013.

*CARRIED.*

**11. Information Sharing.**

(a) Cayuga Language Classes, Tuesdays, Feb. 5 – Mar. 26, 34 Ottawa St. N. Flyer is enclosed for information purposes

(b) Healing Journey Certificate Program, Winter/Spring 2013 schedule. Flyer is enclosed for information purposes

**12. Next Meeting.**

Next meeting to be March 7, 2013

**13. Adjournment.**

**MOTION #7**

C. Bellamy/D. Elmes

That the meeting be adjourned, at 7:33 p.m.

*CARRIED.*