MINUTES
Aboriginal Advisory Committee
Thursday March 1, 2012 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 264

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

1. Opening.
   • Allan 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.

MOTION #1
C. Montana-McCormack/D. Elmes
To accept the agenda, as presented.
CARRIED.

5. A. Approval of minutes, February 13, 2012.
   • Review and corrections of the minutes
   • C.S. Montana-McCormack noted that the motions are not numbered and were recorded in the wrong order. The motions were re-ordered.
   • The committee has $7000 in the reserve.
   • After discussion on the 2 directives, it was decided that they should be recorded as motions at the March 1/12 meeting
Directive #1 – That a HEDAC representative be at the AAC table
Directive #2 – That a financial update be provided.

MOTION #2
C. S. Montana-McCormack/A. Loft
To accept the minutes of the February 13, 2011 meeting, as amended.
CARRIED.

B. Business arising from minutes.

MOTION #3
C. S. Montana-McCormack/A. Loft
To prepare a letter to be sent to the Hamilton Executive Directors’ Aboriginal Coalition, (HEDAC), to appoint a representative from the existing members who currently sit on the Aboriginal Advisory Committee.
CARRIED.

MOTION #4
C. S. Montana-McCormack/D. Elmes
To add on to the Terms of Reference, at the end of item #2, “To this end, a representative from the Hamilton Executive Directors’ Aboriginal Coalition, will be invited to participate on the Aboriginal Advisory Committee”.
CARRIED.

6. Review of Mission/Mandate & Terms of Reference.
- Deferred to next meeting until other members are present.

7. Letters of Invitation.
- Letters to be sent to the Chair, Y. Maracle for her review and signature.

8. Work Plan discussion.
- It was previously discussed to do this after the Terms of Reference are finalized, however committee members did discuss some ideas
- $2,000 has been budgeted for an event; committee members needs to make a decision regarding what event they will host, such as a National Aboriginal Day (NAD) information table or an information pamphlet.
- The committee could consider developing a survey for the NAD, to get community input.
A banner across Main Street in front of City Hall is already booked by the Hamilton Regional Indian Centre. Cindy-Sue Montana-McCormack will confirm if Susan has booked the space (for just before June 21)

- A permanent drum arbour at Bay Front Park
- Cindy-Sue will take up the task of developing a one-page survey for the NAD information table and e-mail it to everyone for comments. Survey should include an age demographic.
- M. Carter to draft a pamphlet with TORs and activities for NAD
- The application process for the Aboriginal Advisory Committee should be on the pamphlet, with the term of office included
- Example of questions for the survey
  - Preamble
  - Who we are – Aboriginal Advisory Committee
  - Questions
    1. Demographics – age, gender, etc.
    2. What are the three most important issues that you think the Aboriginal Advisory Committee should be dealing with?

No new business.

10. Information Sharing.
  10.1 The Housing and Homelessness Action Plan Community Check in, March 7, 2012, 3-7 pm, at the Freeway Café, 333 King St. E.
  10.2 Affordable Housing Flagship, March 20, 2012, at the Chamber of Commerce, 55 Bay St. N., 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

11. Next Meeting.
- April 5, 2012.

- A. Loft closed the meeting.

MOTION #5
D. Elmes/A. Loft
To adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

CARRIED.