



**SIoux LOOKOUT**  
Hub of the North

**Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee Meeting**

**Monday, December 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.**

**via Zoom**

**MINUTES**

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**1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE**

Committee Members: Mayor Doug Lawrance, Joyce Timpson, Aileen Urquhart, Lynn-Marie Manitowabi, Candace Widmeyer, Darlene Angecone, Mario Rasetti,

Regrets: Angela Carter, Kelly Anderson, Chief Clifford Bull

Staff: Michelle Larose- Resource, Tiffany Thompson

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 pm.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**a. Introductions of Amendments to the Agenda**

- Mayor Lawrance requested to add Land Acknowledgements as item 7 e) under items for discussion

**b. Confirmation of Agenda**

**Moved By:** Aileen Urquhart

**Seconded By:** Candace Widmeyer

THAT the Agenda for the December 14, 2020 Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee meeting be approved as amended

**CARRIED**

**3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None**

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Moved By:** Aileen Urquhart

**Seconded By:** Mayor Lawrance

THAT the Minutes of the November 16, 2020 Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee meeting be approved, as circulated.



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**CARRIED**

### **5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

#### **a) Appointment of new members**

- Michelle advised that Chief Clifford Bull has been appointed as the Lac Seul representative and that a member of the Friendship Centre has put in an application to be appointed to the committee;
- This appointment will go to Council for approval at the January 2021 meeting and then Michelle will advise the committee who the representative is once approved.

#### **b) Renaming of Umfreville Park**

- Michelle advised that a report to Council for approval is on the agenda for the December 2020 meeting for the Truth and Reconciliation Committee to lobby the Provincial Government to change the name of the park;
- She has reached out to the Ministry of Transportation (“MTO”) to see what steps are required to request the name change;
- It was suggested that a sub committee be formed to help with the renaming of the park. The members for the sub committee that were suggested are: Garnet Angecone, Chief Clifford Bull, Victor Lyon, Renee Southwind, Tom and Carol Terry, Mike Lavery and Brad Hyslop;
- Michelle said she would reach out to all the named people and see if they are interested in contributing their knowledge to this project.

### **6. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS - None**

### **7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **a) Presentation of Committee Logo – Kelly Anderson**

This item was deferred to the next meeting as Kelly was not present.



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### **b) Letter of Support for Indigenous Knowledge Centre – Michelle Larose**

- Michelle asked that the Truth and Reconciliation Committee submit a letter of support for the FEDNOR Phase 2 application that the Municipality of Sioux Lookout has put in to help relocate the museum to the basement of the Library and to create an Indigenous Knowledge Centre there.

**Moved By:** Candace Widmeyer

**Seconded By:** Aileen Urquhart

THAT the Truth and Reconciliation Committee will send a letter of support to the Municipality of Sioux Lookout for their funding application for an Indigenous Knowledge Centre.

**CARRIED**

### **c) Reconciliation Workshop Information – Lynn-Marie Manitowabe**

- Lynn-Marie reached out to her contact at Return to Spirit (“RTS”) and she sent over the costing for the workshops which was distributed to the Truth and Reconciliation Committee for review;
- The National Indian Brotherhood Fund could be a source to secure funds for workshops;
- She advised that the committee could look into other ways of keeping the costs low for the participants, as it stands right now a 4-day workshop would cost each participant \$500;
- The Mayor suggested bringing the 1-day workshop instead of the 4-day one, as it may be hard to get people to be able to take 4 or 5 days off work;
- The Mayor said he would like to see this item come back to the agenda in a month or two, once there has been time to look for funding and see how much support this workshop can get locally;
- Lynn-Marie recommends that the committee look into funding for the 1-day workshop as the committee feels more people will be willing to commit to a 1-day workshop as opposed to a 4-day workshop;
- Michelle will work with Lynn-Marie to research funding and report back to the committee on how they can do a 1-day workshop and the costs associated with it.+



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### d) Land Acknowledgements – Mayor Lawrance

- Mayor Lawrance would like to include a land acknowledgement at the beginning of the Council meetings and is asking the Truth and Reconciliation for advice and suggestions;
- The Committee supported and encouraged the Mayor to include a land acknowledgement at Council meetings.

### e) Northway Cemetery Section 1 – Mario Rasetti

- Mario said that he doesn't feel that if we put up a plaque or have a memorial ceremony people will not get why we are doing this;
  - There were 10 times more Indigenous people buried there because of Tuberculosis than non-Indigenous people;
  - Back then there was a huge failure of Government providing health care to the Indigenous community in Sioux Lookout at the time;
  - He indicated that the committee needs to justify why the Municipality is spending money on a memorial by telling the story of the cemetery and the people who are buried there;
  - When he was doing his research he found names of people that are not buried in the Northway Cemetery, but in other places and would like direction on what to do with this information;
- Joyce suggested giving the information on the people not buried in section 1 to Crystal at the Library who is working on the Indigenous Knowledge Centre project. She can then add all these names to her research and display it there for all the families;
- Chair Darlene Angecone suggested bringing this topic forward to the next meeting for further discussion;
- Joyce suggested having a sub committee meeting for the Northway Cemetery to sort out where these names could possibly go;
- Michelle advised that she would organize a sub committee meeting for the new year.

## 8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee will be held on Monday, January 18, 2021 at 5:00pm via Zoom.



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**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By: Mario Rasetti**

**Seconded By: Joyce Timpson**

THAT the December 14, 2020, meeting of the Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee be adjourned at 6:30 pm.

**CARRIED**

Adopted as presented this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Darlene Angeconeb, Chairperson

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Michelle Larose, Staff Resource