



SIoux LOOKOUT
Hub of the North

Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee Meeting

Monday, August 23 2021 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, Lynmarie Manitowabi, Darlene Angecone, Candace Widmeyer, Mario Rasetti, Joyce Timpson

Absent: Victor Lyon  
Chief Clifford Bull

Staff: Michelle Larose- Resource, Tiffany Thompson

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm.

**2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Mayor Lawrance provided a land acknowledgement.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**a. Confirmation of Agenda**

**Moved By: Candace Widmeyer**

**Seconded By: Joyce Timpson**

THAT the Agenda for the August 23, 2021 Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee meeting be approved.

**CARRIED**

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



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### 5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**Moved By: Mayor Doug Lawrance**

**Seconded By: Mario Rasetti**

THAT the Minutes of the July 19, 2021 Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee meeting be approved.

**CARRIED**

### 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) **Update on proposed Truth and Reconciliation week events leading up to the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, September 30<sup>th</sup> – Michelle Larose**

Michelle deferred this item to Darlene Angeconeb to comment on.

Darlene suggested the following events for the week leading up to September 30<sup>th</sup>:

- Proclamation in the Sioux Lookout Bulletin for the week
- Committee to introduce themselves via the Sioux Lookout Bulletin
- Movie night
- Blanket Ceremony
- Sunrise Ceremony and Prayer
- Orange Shirt Day Walk
- Residential School Survivors Speak Live stream event
- Arts, Poetry or Essay contest for the Youth
- Scavenger Hunt
- Contact the Schools and have the students put together colloques that can be displayed
- Reclaiming of Language and Culture Ceremony
- Singers or Artists to preform
- Have NODIN involved to provide messages of hope and self care
- Event at Pelican Falls First Nations High School
- Equay-Minnis celebration with Sisters in Spirit



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Darlene suggested having a couple events a day leading up to September 30<sup>th</sup>. The week would start on Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup> and end on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Darlene will undertake:**

Organizing the Orange Shirt Day walk (tentative for Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the Travel Information Centre).

Contacting Renee Southwind about a Language event.

### **Lyn-marie will undertake:**

Speaking with her supervisor at Sioux Lookout First Nation Health Authority to see if there is some way they can contribute to the week of events and report back to the Committee.

### **Aileen will undertake:**

Arranging the Blanket Ceremony with Terry Jewell and Victor Lyon (tentative date for Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> and the location is TBD).

Contact the people involved with Sisters in Spirit to help with the Equay-Minis Celebration (tentative date October 4<sup>th</sup> and location is TBD).

Contact Nadine about setting up a possible movie night (the tentative dates are Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> or Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup> and the location would be in the Library parking lot)

### **Michelle will undertake:**

Following up with AMO to see if she can get a copy of the video that was shown at the conference regarding residential schools (Mohawk Institute Film). If she can obtain a copy of this video, the Municipality could live stream it on their social media pages on a day leading up to September 30<sup>th</sup>.



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### **Candace will undertake:**

Contacting the local schools to see if they are interested in creating colloquies for the week events.

Darlene suggested that there would be no event on September 30<sup>th</sup> and it be a day of reflection.

Lyn-marie suggested that perhaps Mayor Lawrance can speak with James Morris, the Executive Director of Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority, so that he can get all the different departments involved in these events.

Michelle suggested getting copies of booklet for the 94 Calls to Action from the National Truth and Reconciliation Commission to distribute to the community.

Candace advised that the booklets can be purchased at a cost of \$8.00 per booklet.

Aileen suggested maybe seeing if there are some local agencies or organizations that would sponsor the purchase of these booklets to distribute to the community.

Michelle advised that the Municipality's role would be to promote the events on their social media pages and Municipal Website. Also to create a pamphlet of all the activities that would be going on that week. The Municipality would make them available to the public at all Municipal buildings and facilities.

All event schedules and dates would have to be into the Municipality by a certain date though in order for this to be created in a timely manner.

### **b) Update on the Motions to Council regarding changing the MTO population sign, Airport signage and Way Finding signage – Michelle Larose**

Michelle advised that these motions will be brought forward to Council at the September meeting.

If Council approves the motions they will have to be put into next years' budget, as there is no room in this years' budget to undertake these projects.



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Michelle will update the Committee at the September meeting about the out come of the motions.

**Mayor Lawrance left the meeting with regrets at 5:10 pm due to technical difficulties**

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

### **8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **a) Change to Cemetery By-Law to permit a fence around graves – Joyce Timpson**

Joyce advised that she would like to see a change to the Cemetery By-Law to allow residents to put a fence around the graves as well as other traditional practices.

A discussion happened within the Committee and it was decided that this item would be brought back to the next meeting for further discussion.

Michelle will distribute the current Municipal By-Law to the Committee for review as well as bring back other Municipalities/Towns By-Laws for review.

#### **b) Restoring and Touching up the old SLARC signs at the entrance to town – Joyce Timpson**

Joyce asked if the Committee could undertake getting the SLARC signs at the entrance of town touched up.

The Committee discussed the initiative at length and it was decided that Michelle would have Municipal Staff look into what it would take and the cost of restoring the signs and bring it back to the Committee for the next meeting.

#### **c) Street Naming – Aileen Urquhart**

Aileen asked the Committee if they knew how Wellington Street in Sioux Lookout got its name.



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She believed it was named after General Wellington and if so should be a street name the Municipality should consider changing due to General Wellingtons' history.

The Committee members were unsure about how the street name came about.

Aileen advised she would research it and come back to the Committee with what she was able to find out.

### 9. WORK PLAN

Michelle advised that she would revise the Work Plan to include reviewing the Cemetery By-Law.

### 10. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee will be held on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 5:00pm via Zoom.

The Committee will meet sooner than the proposed date to make sure everything is ready for the week of September 25<sup>th</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup> events.

A date is to be determined after the minutes have been circulated to the Committee.

### 11. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved By:** Lyn-marie Manitowabi

**Seconded By:** Joyce Timpson

THAT the August 23, meeting of the Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee be adjourned at 6:45 pm.

**CARRIED**

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

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Darlene Angecneb, Chairperson

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Michelle Larose, Staff Resource