



SIoux LOOKOUT
Hub of the North

Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee Meeting

Monday, June 14, 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, Chief Clifford Bull

Absent: Victor Lyon  
Kelly Anderson

Staff: Michelle Larose- Resource, Tiffany Thompson

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm.

**2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Mayor Lawrance provided a land acknowledgement.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**a. Confirmation of Agenda**

Item 8 ( e ) Indigenous People's Day  
Item 8 (f) Canada Day  
Were added to the agenda

**Moved By: Aileen Urquhart**

**Seconded By: Joyce Timpson**

THAT the Agenda for the June 14, 2021 Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee meeting be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**



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

#### 5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**Moved By: Joyce Timpson**

**Seconded By: Candace Widmeyer**

THAT the Minutes of the May 17, 2021 Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee meeting be approved.

**CARRIED**

#### 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

##### a) Returning to Spirit Funding Update – Aileen Urquhart

Aileen advised the Committee that she had spoke with the United Church and there is funding available, but applications don't open until September. She will put a proposal together and bring it back to the Committee for review and approval.

##### b) Flag Pole additional costs update – Michelle Larose

Michelle advised the Committee that she had spoke with Richard Fenelon and he said the additional costs for the concrete, hole digging etc would be around \$1,200. She advised that the money can probably be found in the Municipal budget under Facilities to cover this cost.

They will be proceeding with ordering of the flag poles after Richard Fenelon gets back from his holidays.

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



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### 8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a) **Memorial – Wellington Street (re: Kamloops Residential School Children’s remains) – Mayor Doug Lawrance**

Mayor Lawrance acknowledged and thanked Chair Darlene Angecneb for all the hard work she put in and others in maintaining the memorial at Wellington Street.

He also wanted to acknowledge and thank Garnet Angecneb for talking to him about how to proceed with a memorial there. Also for joining him at the memorial site to lay a wreath in memory of all the children that were found.

The Mayor acknowledged Chief Bull for inviting him to a memorial service in the community of Frenchman’s Head.

Chair Darlene Angecneb advised that the memorial started with just the laying down of orange t-shirts and flowers. After the first day people came and laid down shoes, by the ending of the second day there was 32 pairs of shoes.

People gave donations as they were handing out the orange t-shirts and they collected \$651.00 that will be donated to the band to bring home the missing children found to their homes.

215 pairs of shoes formed the heart at the memorial and that was suggested by Garnet Angecneb. The rest of the shoes were lined up with the flowers.

b) **Memorial – Centennial Park – Mayor Doug Lawrance**

Mayor Lawrance advised that he would like to re-establish a park like setting in Centennial Park and he would like to set up a permeant memorial to the Residential School system and the history of the damage done to be commemorated in Centennial Park.

He would take direction from the Indigenous members of the Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee on how to go about setting up this memorial.



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The park would include benches, a memorial, fire pit, possibly the Grandfather stones, have some washrooms and some nice landscaping.

Mayor also suggested that this would be a good time to rename the park from “Centennial Park” to “Reconciliation Park.”

Chair Darlene Angeconeb advised that she believes that right now in the park there are seven rocks and that each rock represents one of the seven teachings.

She advised that the park should be a place of healing and suggested that there be pictures put up like those found under the bridge leading to downtown Sioux Lookout. Also have calming and healing words for those that use the park to read.

### **c) Update on Pow Wow meeting with NGFC – Michelle Larose**

Michelle advised that she followed up with Jennifer Thomas with regards to the Pow Wow and feast in conjunction with the Northway Cemetery Memorialization.

Jennifer indicated to Michelle that they are very much interested in collaborating with Municipality and other agencies in the community in this joint endeavor.

The Elders in the community will be involved in this to make sure everything is done correctly.

The Mayor and Michelle have put in a delegation with the Minister of Indigenous Affairs at the upcoming AMO Conference to see if the Municipality can get some funding from the Provincial government to help with this Memorialization and to start a regular Pow Wow to be done every year or every second year.

Mayor Lawrance advised that he had a teleconference with our MP Eric Melillo and discussed the Kamloops situation and the all party’s willingness to provide funding for the investigations into other residential school sites.

He asked Eric Melillo if the funding could possibly be used to search areas like the old zone hospital and the TB sanatoriums that were established across the country.



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Chief Bull advised that there have been discussions with Norma Kejick, who is the Executive Director of the Pelican Falls First Nation High School, about searching the site on the school grounds.

He said they are going to make a plan and would like the Municipality involved as there are children in the cemetery in Sioux Lookout that went to Pelican Falls as well. This has to be a co-ordinated effort between everyone.

**d) Memorial walk from Sioux Lookout to Pelican Falls First Nations High School – Chair Darlene Angeconeb**

Chair Darlene Angeconeb advised that this idea was brought to her from a person in the community that wanted to do a walk and she wanted to hear from the Committee if there was anything upcoming or if there were any ideas on what we could do with this walk.

Chief Bull advised that he would prefer if everyone either drove or were bused to Pelican Falls School first and do the recognition ceremony and then walk from there to the First Nation.

He feels that if people were told to walk to the school it would trigger some bad feelings, but if they were to walk from the school to home it would be more a motivation to walk.

Joyce advised that a walk like this is a very complicated thing to organize in terms of safety, getting police escorts and having check points. There is a lot of risk in something like this.

Chair Darlene Angeconeb advised that perhaps this is too large of an undertaking to co-ordinate.

**e) Indigenous People’s Day – Mayor Doug Lawrance**

Mayor Lawrance advised that at 10:30 am on Monday June 21<sup>st</sup>, himself, Chief Bull and Garnet Angeconeb will meet at the Tourist Information Centre for the raising of the Lac Seul Flag.



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The Municipal IT employee will be there to tape it and then post it to the Municipal YouTube page. Unfortunately, there will be no live feed this year.

Mayor Lawrance asked Chief Bull if he would like to say a few words at the Flag raising ceremony.

Chief Bull advised that he would prepare something.

### **f) Canada Day – Mayor Doug Lawrance**

Mayor Lawrance advised that usually the Lion's Club do a drive through cake pick up and asked Michelle if she knew if there was anything planned this year?

Michelle advised things will be low key again this year because of the restrictions and there will be no fire works at the Town Beach.

Mayor Lawrance asked the Committee if there was anything they knew of that was going on in Sioux Lookout for Canada Day?

Chief Bull advised that he was going to present to the Council that they do a walk from Pelican Falls back to the community in support of the Kamloops discovery. There also will be activities in the community and a fish fry.

Chair Darlene Angeconeb advised that she has heard in the community that people are not going to celebrate Canada Day and that they will be wearing orange that day.

Aileen advised that Keewaywin is observing it as a Day of Mourning.

## **9. WORK PLAN**

### **Northway Section 1 Cemetery Memorialization Event:**

Michelle advised that due to unforeseen circumstances the meeting with staff to discuss this had to be postponed again. She will have an update for the Committee at the July meeting.



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### **Develop Relationship with Nishnawbe Gamik Friendship Centre:**

Michelle advised the Committee that she had the follow up meeting with Jennifer Thomas and she will be updating the Work Plan with more information for the Committee.

### **Sub-Committee – review and put forward a new name for Umfreville Park:**

Michelle advised that the Sub-Committee met last week and Garnet brought up making a Work Plan for the Sub-Committee to achieve the specific goal of renaming the park.

Michelle will make up a Terms of Reference on how we will go about doing the consultation process to arrive at a name that can be presented to the TRC.

There was an informative presentation to the Sub-Committee from a member of the Dryden Working Circle on how they went about the renaming of Colonization Avenue and the Sub-Committee will take those steps and implement them in our process.

### **Workshop – Returning to Spirit:**

Michelle advised that Aileen updated the Committee at this meeting about possible funding from the United Church. It will be followed up on when the funding is available, so that the workshop can happen possibly later this year.

## **10. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee will be held on Monday, July 19, 2021 at 5:00pm via Zoom.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By: Joyce Timpson**

**Seconded By: Mario Rasetti**

THAT the May 17, meeting of the Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee be adjourned at 6:39 pm.

**CARRIED**



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

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Darlene Angeconeb, Chairperson

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Michelle Larose, Staff Resource