



SIOUX LOOKOUT

Hub of the North

Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee Meeting

Monday, January 24, 2022 at 5:00 pm

via Zoom

MINUTES

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

Chairperson: Darlene Angeconeb

Committee Members: Mayor Doug Lawrance, Joyce Timpson, Lyn-marie Manitowabi, Mario Rasetti, Joyce Timpson, Candace Widmeyer, Victor Lyon, Aileen Urquhart, Chief Clifford Bull

Staff: Michelle Larose- Staff Resource  
Tiffany Thompson

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

#### 2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Lawrance provided the land acknowledgement.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

##### a. Confirmation of Agenda

**Moved By:** Lyn-marie Manitowabi

**Seconded By:** Aileen Urquhart

THAT the Agenda for the January 24, 2022 Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee meeting be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

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



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### 5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**Moved By: Lyn-marie Manitowabi**

**Seconded By: Mario Rasetti**

THAT the Minutes of the October 25, 2021 Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

### 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - None

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

### 8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

#### a) Pelican Falls school records online project through the Sioux Lookout Public Library – Chair, Darlene Angeconeb

The discussion was lead by Joyce Timpson regarding the records gathered by Braden Te Hiwi and given to the Sioux Lookout Public Library. The Sioux Lookout Public Library unfortunately cannot continue with the project and Joyce Timpson would like to see them go to the correct agency or First Nation so they can be available to the public.

It was decided that the information should go to Lac Seul First Nation to help them with the Bringing Home the Children Project.

Chief Bull advised that the 33 First Nation Chiefs signed a resolution to make Lac Seul First Nation the lead on the project.

**Moved By: Mayor Doug Lawrance**

**Seconded By: Joyce Timpson**

THAT the Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee recommend to the Sioux Lookout Library Board to release the findings of Braden Te Hiwi to Chief Bull and Council of the Lac Seul First Nation, and further;

THAT a copy of the Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority Chief's Assembly Resolution be provided to the Sioux Lookout Library Board as additional information

**CARRIED**



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#### **b) Review of Cemetery By-Law - Everyone**

- **Committee members were to gather more research on burial traditions.**

The Committee discussed the Cemetery By-Law and it was determined that before the Committee can bring a recommendation to Council they would like to learn what the impact of such changes would mean with reference to care and maintenance as well as the financial impact of implementing the changes to the By-Law to include picket fences and wooden crosses.

Michelle will discuss this with the Municipal Clerk and once this report is done this item will be brought back to the Committee for review.

## **9. WORK PLAN**

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

Michelle advised the Committee that this item is on hold. Due to the findings of the unmarked graves and the Bringing Home the Children Project starting in Lac Seul. Once the Bringing Home the Children project is well on its way, the time line for the memorialization will be revisited.

### **Develop relationship with Nishnawbe Gamik Friendship Centre**

Michelle advised the Committee she has spoke with Jennifer Thomas, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions, they have to wait until things open up a bit more to plan anything.

### **Review of Municipal policies through a cultural lens**

Michelle advised the Committee that they are continuing to look at Municipal policies. The most recent being the Cemetery By-Law.

### **Engagement with Community Groups to raise awareness of the efforts and issues of Truth and Reconciliation**

Michelle advised that the Committee hosted numerous events in the week leading up to the first annual National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. The events were held the week of September 23<sup>rd</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup>.



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

Michelle advised that the Sub-Committee was unable to meet due to not having quorum for the meetings. She suggested that this item be brought back to the main committee in order to advance the project. Most of the members from the sub-committee are on the Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee already other than Tom Terry.

The Committee agreed to have this item brought back for discussion at the next meeting and Tom Terry would be invited as a guest to participate in that part of the meeting.

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

Michelle advised the Committee that the Nishanawbe Gamik Friendship Centre in conjunction with the First Step Women’s Shelter submitted an application for the Anti-Racism, Anti-Hate Grant to fund the workshop, but she has not heard if the application was successful.

Michelle will follow up with Jennifer Thomas and report back to the Committee next month.

### **10. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee will be held on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 5:00pm via Zoom.

### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By: Joyce Timpson**

**Seconded By: Victor Lyon**

THAT the January 24, 2022, meeting of the Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee adjourn at 6:20 p.m.

**CARRIED**



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Adopted as presented this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Darlene Angecone, Chairperson

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Michelle Larose, Staff Resource