



Mayor's Advisory Committee for Black History

FOR: 2014 / 1st MEETING of the Mayor's Advisory Committee for Black History

HELD: Thursday, Feb. 13, 2013 – City Hall

PRESENT: Donna Ford, Chair; Rochelle Bush; Christiana Fixon-Owoo; Elizabeth Freeman-Shaw; John Richmond; Ada Summers

REGRETS: Brian McMullan, Mayor; Jeff Burch, Councillor; Mathew Siscoe; Councillor; Gord McGinn; Richard Ndayizigamiye; Rosemary Sadlier

CIRCULATED TO: Dan Carnegie, Director Corporate Support Services

IN ATTENDANCE: Kathleen Powell, Supervisor Historical Services/Curator
Karen Cockerham, Secretary

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm by the Chair.

2. **Confirmation of Minutes**

MOTION: RICHMOND/FREEMAN-SHAW

THAT the minutes of the Meetings held Nov. 25, 2013 be approved.

Carried.

3. **Corporate Accessibility Training**

Any members who have not yet completed and/or handed in paperwork re Corporate Accessibility Training are asked to do so as soon as possible.

4. **Peter J. Smith & Co. – Consultants**

The meeting was turned over to Peter Smith and Eve Holberg, project team for the Black History Interpretive Centre Feasibility Study.

Handouts: Agenda; Best Practices Comparison; Draft Survey Instrument

- a. Review Vision Session & Vision
 - Draft vision statement will be sent to members by email
- b. Review Best Practices
 - Overview of handout
- c. Review Tourism Potentials
 - Information re tourism statistics for region, city, St. Catharines Museum
- d. Discuss Public Outreach
 - Focus Groups: planning two meetings, to include tourism and economic development sectors; March
 - Interactive Public Outreach: community open house; venue to be determined; March
 - Survey: will need to be submitted to City Communication Dept. prior to publishing; March
- e. Review Regional and Local Attractions
- f. Review Site Analysis & Access
 - Models of currently operating similar sites were examined
 - Review of suggested sites; examined possibility of using area around Salem Chapel to construct centre and/or heritage site with focus on black history

5. **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be held Thursday, March 20, 2014, 6:30 pm

6. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Certified Correct (Secretary): _____

Confirmed by (Chair): _____