



Mayor's Advisory Committee for Black History

FOR: 2013 / 1st MEETING of the Mayor's Advisory Committee for Black History

HELD: Thursday, March 19, 2013 – City Hall

PRESENT: Donna Ford, Chair; Mathew Siscoe; Councillor; John Richmond; Ada Summers

REGRETS: Brian McMullan, Mayor; Jeff Burch, Councillor; Rochelle Bush; Christiana Fixon-Owoo; Karen Moncur; Richard Ndayizigamiye; Rosemary Sadlier

CIRCULATED TO: Dan Carnegie, Director Corporate Support Services

IN ATTENDANCE: Kathleen Powell, Supervisor Historical Services/Curator
Phil Cristi, Manager Programs & Cultural Services, RCS
Karen Cockerham, Secretary

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:44 pm by the Meeting Chair.

2. **Confirmation of Minutes**

MOTION: RICHMOND/SUMMERS

THAT the minutes of the Meeting held January 10, 2013 be approved.
Carried.

3. **Next Steps**

a. **Report to Council - Update**

- Consideration of hiring a consultant to prepare feasibility reports was approved at 50% of the original request
- Extension of term for this Committee to December 31, 2014 was approved by Council
- Recruitment for new membership has been publicized

b. Terms of Reference – Feasibility Study

- Draft Deliverables document is based on discussions in Committee in respect to what worked and didn't in other similar studies
- Review of the document noted:
 - Study will focus on the downtown core (urban growth sector)
 - Study will focus on City-owned unused buildings
- To be added to document:
 - Clearer definition of "downtown core"
 - Successful application requirements, such as experience, knowledge of subject
- Final review and edits of document will be at the next Committee meeting. All members are requested to attend prepared to discuss.

c. Site Visits

- Dates of May 4th or May 11th were proposed. Survey Monkey will be used to solicit preferences from absent Committee Members.
- Site visits will be made to Uncle Tom's Cabin and Buxton Museum

4. New Business

a. Central Ontario Network for Black History – D. Ford

A tribute to Harriet Tubman will be performed by *The Weary Travelers* on April 21, 2013 at Salem Chapel. For more information or tickets, contact Donna Ford or the St. Catharines Museum.

b. Lester B. Pearson Park - Tribute– K. Powell

The carpet bed at Pearson Park will be planted to feature the "running man" image and the words "Harriet Tubman" and "Freedom Seekers." The bed will be planted the first week of June.

c. Public Arts Advisory Committee – K. Powell

- The Public Arts Committee has requested an appointment at the next Committee meeting to give an update on plans re Pierpoint.

5. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 11, 2013, 6:30 pm

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 pm.

Certified Correct (Secretary): _____

Confirmed by (Chair): _____