



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Committee of the Whole

From: Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services

Meeting Date: November 6, 2017

**Subject: Report CSD17-027
Hiawatha Presentation and update on discussions with Local
First Nations, Métis and Aboriginal Groups**

Purpose

A report to receive a presentation from the Hiawatha First Nation and to provide an update on communications, consultations and relations with local First Nations, Métis and Aboriginal Groups.

Recommendations

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CSD17-027 dated November 6, 2017, of the Director of Community Services, as follows:

- a) That a presentation on the Hiawatha First Nation by Chief Laurie Carr be received for information;
- b) That the Hiawatha First Nation's **Consultation and Accommodations Standards 2017** be received and deferred to staff to consider as part of the future report Council has requested; and
- c) That the update on communications, consultations and relations with local First Nations, Métis, and Aboriginal Groups be received.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budget or financial implications as a direct result of this report.

Background

Council Direction

In response to Report CSD17-017, dated June 19, 2017, Council approved the following recommendations:

- a) That staff be directed to prepare a future report on the City's role in implementing action items relating to municipal mandate in response to the **Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Cover Letter, Reconciliation Principles, and Calls to Action**;
- b) That staff be encouraged to use the Ministry of Municipal Affairs publications, **Municipal-Aboriginal Relationship: Case Studies** and **Municipal-Aboriginal Relationships** Presentation as a resource guide relating to City/Local Aboriginal relations;
- c) That the Curve Lake First Nation document, **Consultation and Accommodation Standards** be adopted to guide City consultations with the Curve Lake First Nation on matters of mutual interest or concern be deferred;
- d) That the Curve Lake First Nation document: **Archaeological Protocol: Curve Lake First Nations** be adopted to guide City interactions with the Curve Lake First Nation regarding archaeological heritage, sites, or resources within the City that relates to local aboriginal heritage be deferred;
- e) That the Curve Lake First Nation Document, **2014/16 Curve Lake First Nation Community Report** be received for information;
- f) That staff be directed to continue the development and/or initiation of relationships with the following local First Nations, Métis Associations, and Aboriginal service organizations including:
 - Curve Lake First Nation
 - Hiawatha First Nation
 - Other signatories of the Williams Treaty including: Alderville First Nation, Scugog Island First Nation, Rama First Nation, Georgina Island First Nation, and Chippewas of BeauSoleil First Nation
 - Peterborough and District Wapiti Métis Council

- Nogojiwanong Friendship Centre
- Nijkiwendidaa Anishnabekwewag Services Circle
- Lovesick Lake Native Women's Association, and
- other local aboriginal groups as may be identified through this process

Relations with Hiawatha First Nation

The City of Peterborough has a relatively close working relationship with the Hiawatha First Nation as a result of major exhibits at the Museum and Art Gallery of Peterborough celebrating First Nations' heritage and artists over the past three decades. Hiawatha Band Council members and staff worked closely with City staff in the re-interment of human remains at the Brock Street Burial Site, the formal establishment of Aboriginal Peoples Burial Ground at the site (together with the Curve Lake First Nation).

Increasingly, Hiawatha has become an active partner in a range of City and County regional initiatives including: the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan, the Climate Change Action Plan, the Age Friendly Plan, and Healthy Kids Community Challenge.

City staff, including the C.A.O., the Director of Planning, and the Director of Community Services, visited the Hiawatha First Nation on June 28th, 2017 as part of the City's consultation process with local First Nations, Métis and Aboriginal groups. They met with Chief Carr, Councillors Jeff Loucks, Kathryn Wilson, and Donald Paudash, and three Band Council staff. Key discussion points will be identified later in the report.

Chief Laurie Carr will attend Committee of the Whole and will provide a presentation on the Hiawatha First Nation.

Key Messages from Meeting with Hiawatha First Nation (HFN)

Chief Carr, Band Council members, and staff identified the following key messages during the meeting:

- The City should adopt their consultation protocol
- HFN should have been on the City's Emergency Notification List during 2004 flood
- They appreciated invitation to join Official Plan Steering Committee
- Letters or meetings are not the best form of consultation; the City should go to them
- When dealing with Williams signatories, closest community takes the lead
- The HFN should be advised of all land issues/ subdivisions/ annexations
- City staff should be educated on Indigenous culture, heritage, and contemporary issues
- HFN works with OSM, DD, CM
- Treaties are about sharing resources
- Can there be a Mutual Aid agreement with Fire?

Hiawatha First Nation's Consultation and Accommodations Standards 2017

Staff recommends that this document be received at this time and that a decision to adopt be deferred. Staff will provide specific direction for Council's consideration once the initial rounds of consultation are completed. By then, there should be a better understanding of the implications and potential costs.

Key Messages from Meeting with Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN)

Chief Williams, Band Council members Gary Williams and Arnold Taylor, and staff identified the following key messages during the meeting:

- Honour and respect Territory and Treaty 20
- Reconciliation is call to action; opportunity to train staff
- Appreciate involvement with Health Unit, Canadian Canoe Museum, Sustainable Peterborough, local Veterans events
- Need path to resolve issues
- CLFN Council meets with Selwyn and Trent Lakes Councils bi-annually (Tri)
- There is no wrong way to ask!
- Blanket Ceremony should be considered
- Recognition should be Mississauga Anishinabeg
- City should re-start Archaeology Committee
- CLFN should have been involved in casino planning
- Should be consulted on all development
- City should not consult once things are a "done deal"
- City and CLFN should negotiate government to government
- Is there a place at the City/County Economic Development table for CLFN?
- CLFN needs City support on their water issues

Key Messages from the Nogojiwanong Friendship Centre (NFC)

Joanne Green, President, Board Members Georgie Morton Baptiste, Adam Hopkins, and David Newhouse, and Executive Director Lori Flynn provided the following key messages:

- NFC is 1 of 128 Native Friendship Centres across Canada
- According to the last census there are 3600 Indigenous residents in City
- They have a right to facilities and services
- Urban Indigenous residents face racism in City and County
- NFC recently completed Urban Indigenous Planning report
- They asked to be consulted on Official Plan (now on Steering Committee)
- They have asked if the Peterborough Public Library would consider installing an identified section on Indigenous culture & heritage like the Healthy Families Collection

- Is there an opportunity for recognition on City website or development of Portal?
- In City dealings, the focus should be on inclusivity not exclusivity
- Will the Fire Department support regular Sacred Fires on-site?

Indigenous Land Consultation Symposium, Trent

In September, City representatives were invited to attend an Indigenous Land Consultation process for the new Trent Research and Innovation Park. Over the past several months, under the auspices of Trent's First Peoples House of Learning, representatives from the University had been meeting with eight local First Nations, Métis, and Urban Aboriginal communities to develop consultation protocols and processes. A formal report on their findings will be presented to City Council in the near future. Key messages include:

1. Consult early and often
2. Consult face to face not by mail or letter
3. Include in development of Vision
4. Land acknowledgement needs to be accurate, respectful, and local
5. Consider Indigenous view of protection of Natural areas (protect sacred plants like cedar)
6. Interested in Archaeological studies
7. Interested in types of companies/ selection criteria for TRIP
8. Opportunity for Indigenous recognition? (Naming opportunity, interpretation)
9. Re-Introduction of native species?
10. Future voice on committees
11. Protocol for on-going consultation

Next Steps

City staff will be meeting with Alderville and Scugog First Nations, Peterborough and District Wapiti Métis Council and Nijikiwendidaa Anishnabekwewag Services Circle before year end.

Several of the recommendations outlined above are under review. The presentation and information contained in this report and ongoing discussions with Hiawatha will be considered as staff develop the next report to Council. There are also several other exciting initiatives and pilot projects involving the City, local First Nations and Urban Indigenous organizations in progress that will be referenced in the next progress report.

Summary

The City's commitment to advance communications, consultations and relations with local First Nations, Métis and Aboriginal Groups has been well received and is expected to advance over the next several months.

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Appendix A - Hiawatha First Nation's **Consultation and Accommodations Standards 2017**