



Corporation of The Municipality of North Grenville

Committee Name Committee Meeting No. 6

Draft Minutes

**Thursday, June 13, 2024 4:00 p.m.**

Meeting Room 1, North Grenville Municipal Centre

**Present**

Member Phillip Seymour

Member Lorraine Rekmans

**Regrets**

Member Patti McDonald

**Guests**

Elder Aimee Bailey

**Staff Present**

Hillary Geneau, Director of Corporate Services

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**A. Open Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by consensus at 4:42 p.m.

**B. Opening Prayer**

Member Phil Seymour provided an opening prayer.

**C. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved by consensus.

**D. Disclosure of Interest**

None.

**E. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**E.1. Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2024**

The meeting minutes of May 16, 2024 were approved by consensus.

**F. Delegations**

None.

**G. Decision Items**

**G.1. Discussion with Elder Aimee Bailey – Kemptville Campus Blanket Exercise and June 22 Event**

Elder Aimee Bailey provided a number of suggestions regarding how the Circle can address the needs of the community, including:

- Identifying how many Indigenous people are in the community and dedicating the adequate amount of programming, Renfrew County is undertaking this process
- Investigate Algonquin College programs and other online programs
- Consider an Indigenous Liaison staff position,
- Instead of general call outs for Indigenous engagement, reach out to Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn of Algonquins of Ontario and they may appoint someone, they also have a consultation offices

Elder Aimee Bailey provided some suggestions for the June 22 event.

**G.2. June 22 Event**

The Circle finalized the following schedule for the June 22 event:

12:00-12:05 Drumming (welcoming song)

12:05-12:10 Opening by one of Elder Aimee's colleagues (back-up is Lorraine)

12:10-12:20 Smudging by Lorraine (back-up is Lorraine's son)

12:20-12:25 Prayer and announcement of forest (Lorraine)

12:25-12:30 Drumming (food song)

12:30 Lunch

1:30 Drumming (closing song)

Director Hillary Geneau will follow-up with the volunteers who said they could provide artwork for a silent auction, confirm a vegetarian lunch option with Catered Affairs, and get an additional tent if required.

**G.3. Draft Reconciliation Framework**

This item was not discussed and will be added to a future agenda.

**G.4. Significant Events Calendar**

Member Lorraine Rekmans suggested holding a full moon event in October.

**G.5. Communities in Bloom Event - August 7**

Director Hillary Geneau provided information about the event and Members expressed interest in attending. More information about the event will be provided closer to.

**H. Correspondence/Information Items/Reports**

Director Hillary Geneau provided information about the Ferguson Forest Centre's proposal to sell a portion of land as the matter had been brought to Circle members' attention.

Member Lorraine Rekmans provided her thoughts on the conflict of selling Algonquin land and suggested any process should include proper engagement of these original title holders.

**I. Other Business**

**I.1. Items for Next Meeting – July 18**

Planning and Official Plan Discussion – this item will likely take the entire meeting.

The members agreed by consensus to amend all future meetings to begin at 4:00 p.m.

**J. Public Questions**

None.

**K. Adjournment**

Member Lorraine Rekmans provided a closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.