



Corporation of The Municipality of North Grenville

Committee Name Committee Meeting No. 3

Draft Minutes

**Thursday, March 21, 2024 4:30 p.m.**

Meeting Room 1, North Grenville Municipal Centre

**Present**

Member Phillip Seymour

Member Lorraine Rekmans

**Regrets**

Member Patti McDonald

**Staff Present**

Hillary Geneau, Director of Corporate Services

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**A. Open Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by consensus at 4:30 p.m.

**B. Opening Prayer**

Member Lorraine Rekmans 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 – February 15, 2024**

The meeting minutes of February 15, 2024 were approved by consensus.

**F. Delegations**

None.

**G. Decision Items**

**G.1. Draft Reconciliation Framework**

The members agreed to discuss this item further at the next meeting.

Member Lorraine Rekmans noted the section regarding land needs to be further discussed. The focus should not be righting the wrongs of the past, but visions of spaces should include Indigenous people. There should be recognition that Indigenous knowledge has value, particularly at a time when the world is facing climate, governance, and social issues. Some land must be given back, but what state is that land in. The historical mapping exercise would recognize places Indigenous people used, including trading sites, burial grounds, and villages. Elliot Lake gave some land back to Serpent River First Nation in 2022, and could be an example to examine. The Forest Stewardship Council certification process can also be an example of applying an Indigenous lens.

**G.2. Membership Engagement**

Director Hillary Geneau advised that she had contacted Mādahòkì Farm and the organizers of the Smiths Falls Power of the Drum Pow Wow to connect with Indigenous community members but has yet to hear back.

**G.3. Significant Dates**

The members reviewed the dates and discussed whether Louis Riel Day should be recognized. The members agreed to create a communications plan for the entire calendar at the next meeting.

Member Lorraine Rekmans suggested the seasons and the thirteen (13) moons be included. As well, most of the dates recognize tragic events, there should be dates to celebrate Indigenous culture.

**G.4. Kemptville Campus Blanket Exercise**

The members suggested the Campus hold the event at the space at the Ferguson Forest Centre. Members who are available will support by attending. The members would like to have Elder Aimee Bailey attend a Circle meeting ahead of the exercise so their work can be incorporated into the exercise.

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

None.

**I. Other Business**

**I.1. Items for Next Meeting**

Carry-over items from this meeting will be added to the next meeting.

**J. Public Questions**

None.

**K. Adjournment**

Member Phillip Seymour provided a closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.