



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018, Board Room, Education Centre

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Kanutski, Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Dolores Wawia, Ashley Nurmela, Trustee Marg Arnone, Donna Flaszka, Pauline Fontaine, Trustee Ellen Chambers, Noel Jones, Donica LeBlanc, Elliott Cromarty, Leslie Hynnes, Jane Lower, Fred Van Elburg, Chris Larocque, Elder Isabelle Mercier, Mike Judge, Trustee Ryan Sitch

ABSENT WITH REGRET: Lawrence Baxter, Brittany Collins, Kathy Beardy, Skylene Metatawabin, Jasmin Sgambelluri, Selena Baxter, Brandon Moonias, Cheryl King-Zewiec, Serena Essex

GUESTS: Sharon Smith, Al Pharand, Cory Pharand and guest, Denise Baxter, Terry Ellwood (via Skype); Amy Farrell-Morneau, Jo Jo Guillett, Judy Hill, Chief Sylvie Hauth, Colleen Kappel, Ian MacRae, Donica LeBlanc, Trustee Susan Doughty-Smith, Pat Johansen, Jeff Upton

	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.	Opening Ceremonies	Sherri-Lynne Pharand called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and asked Elder Gerry Martin to conduct the opening. The land acknowledgement was shared.	
2.	Welcome and Introductions	Sherri-Lynne Pharand thanked Elder Martin for the opening. She welcomed everyone, including our guests and introductions were made.	
3.	Election of Co-Chair	Pauline Fontaine nominated Dolores Wawia for the position of Co-chair for the 2018 – 2019 year. Dolores Wawia agreed to have her name stand. Sherri-Lynne called for other nominations. Moved by Gerry Martin and seconded by Sharon Kanutski to close the nominations for Co-Chair. Carried.	

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		Dolores Wawia was acclaimed as Co-chair for the 2018 – 2019 school year. She accepted the position and thanked the committee for their continued support.	
4.	Agenda / Minutes		
	4.1 Approval of Agenda – Dec. 13, 2018	Moved by Pauline Fontaine and seconded by Sharon Kanutski that the agenda for the Dec. 13 th meeting be approved. Carried.	
	4.2 Approval of Minutes – Nov. 15, 2018	Moved by Pauline Fontaine and seconded by Elliott Cromarty that the minutes for the Nov. 15, 2018 AEAC meeting be approved as written. Carried.	
5.	New Business	Land Acknowledgement at Board Meetings – Sherri-Lynne received a request re conducting the land acknowledgement at Board Meetings. She asked for support from AEAC with regard to this request. AEAC, through consensus is supportive of this request.	Sherri-Lynne Pharand will share this support with the Board.
6.	Presentations		
	6.1 Sacred Circle Blanket Presentation	At a Sacred Circle Blanket Presentation, Sherri-Lynne Pharand was gifted with a special blanket for her work with the Aboriginal education during the past 12 years. It was a moving ceremony, attended by her family and honoured guests. The blanket will hang in a special place in Sherri-Lynne's office.	Dolores Wawia Elder Martin Elder Mercier Ashley Nurmela Jo Jo Guillett
7.	Closing	Gerry Martin closed the meeting with a prayer.	
8.	Next Meeting	Thursday, February 14, 2019	
9.	Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am	