



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, June 14, 2018, Board Room, Education Centre

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pauline Fontaine, Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Dolores Wawia, Brandon Moonias, Skylene Metatawabin, Brittany Collins, Chris Larocque, Ashley Nurmela, Jasmine Sgambelluri, Trustee Marg Arnone, Donna Flasz, Elder Gerry Martin, Serena Essex, Selena Baxter, Lawrence Baxter, Trustee Ellen Chambers, Anna Fern Kakegamic, Kathleen Andrews, Donica LeBlanc, Cheryl Zewiec

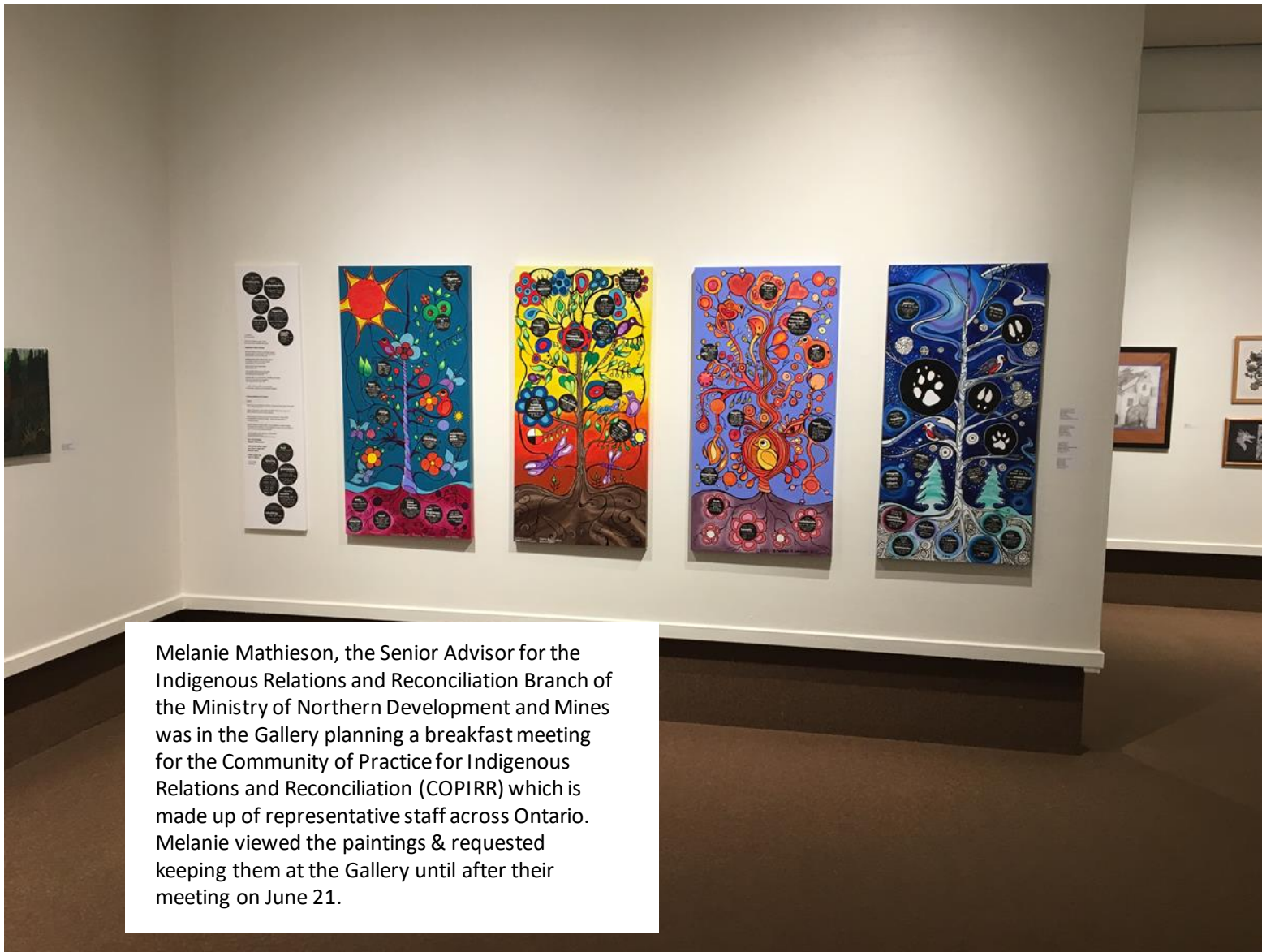
ABSENT WITH REGRET: Elliott Cromarty, Kathy Beardy, Rita Fenton, Nicole Walter Rowan, Mike Judge, Leslie Hynnes, Jane Lower, Elder Isabelle Mercier, Sharon Kanutski

GUESTS: Keith Ailey; Bruce Nugent; Kelly Green

	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.	Opening Ceremonies	Sherri-Lynne Pharand called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and asked Elder Martin to conduct the opening.	
2.	Welcome and Introductions	2.1 Sherri-Lynne Pharand thanked Elder Martin for the opening. She welcomed everyone, including our guests and introductions were made. Regrets and substitutions were noted and the attendance sheet was circulated.	
3.	Agenda / Minutes		
	3.1 Approval of Agenda – June 14, 2018	Moved by Pauline Fontaine and seconded by Serena Essex that the agenda for the June 14 th meeting be approved. Carried.	
	3.2 Approval of Minutes – May 17, 2018	Moved by Selena Baxter and seconded by Pauline Fontaine that the minutes for the May 17 th , 2018 AEAC meeting be approved as written. Carried.	

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4.	Correspondence	The correspondence file was circulated.	
5.	Presentations		
	5.1 Anika Guthrie – Birch Bark Baskets	- deferred to September	Anika Guthrie
	5.2 Keith Ailey	<p>Keith Ailey shared how the presentation by Niigaan Sinclair inspired the art project that his students produced incorporating the written thoughts about reconciliation from community members, staff and students. A picture of this art is attached to the minutes.</p> <p>Thank you to the students, Tianna Brethour, Raya Beaver-Johnup, Riley Lem and Sarah Rowan (Hammarskjojd); Maya Bragnalo, Sara Gilbert, Sarah Plummer, Amber Nayanookeesic and Brooke Ailey (Superior); Aaliyah Rae, Alex Shonias and Kexin Yang (Sir Winston Churchill) and Hailey Currie, Christine Hari, Anna Johnson-Boissoneau and Haiden Paavola (Westgate) for donating their time and talent to this worthy project.</p>	
6.	Business Arising from the Minutes		
	6.1 PIC Funding for 2017 – 2018	PIC Funding \$1,125.00 - deferred to September meeting.	Sherri-Lynne Pharand Ashley Nurmela
	6.2 Anti-Racism Follow-up	<p>Generator incorporated the additional suggestions that were made at the last meeting into the work plan.</p> <p>Bruce Nugent reviewed the information and all questions were answered.</p>	Sherri-Lynne Pharand Bruce Nugent Ashley Nurmela
7.	New Business		
	7. Work Plan	<p>The committee divided into two groups to discuss where we are in our work plan and to prioritize remaining items.</p> <p>The groups shared their findings and Ashley will incorporate the discussion topics in the work plan.</p>	Sherri-Lynne Pharand

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8.	Updates		
	8.1-8.6 Ashley Nurmela	8.1 NAD Education Day 8.2 NAD 8.3 Global Competencies (meetings – June 14) 8.4 FNMI Presence in Our Schools	Ashley Nurmela provided a written account of her updates.
9.	Information and Inquiries		
	9.1 Partnership with IFC	A new opportunity for a partnership with the Indigenous Friendship Centre is being developed. More information will be forthcoming.	
	9.2 Indigenous Trustee	Sherry-Lynne will ask the Director for information from the Board.	
	9.3 Medicine Garden	The grand opening of Woodcrest's Medicine Garden took place on June 12 with elders Gerry Martin and Hazel Baxter (resident gardener with the Garden Club) presiding over the opening ceremony.	
	9.4 O Canada (O zaaganaashiiaki)	The sounds of O zaaganaashiiaki will be heard at Hammarskjold High School on June 18, 2018 at 2:15 p.m. as the students launch their version of O Canada, also known as O zaaganaashiiaki. The students worked with local elders to write and record an Ojibwe version of O Canada.	
10.	Closing	Elder Martin closed the meeting with a prayer.	
11.	Next Meeting	Thursday, September 20, 2018	
12.	Adjournment	12:10 p.m.	



Melanie Mathieson, the Senior Advisor for the Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Branch of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines was in the Gallery planning a breakfast meeting for the Community of Practice for Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (COPIRR) which is made up of representative staff across Ontario. Melanie viewed the paintings & requested keeping them at the Gallery until after their meeting on June 21.