

September 9, 2019

Secretary, SPC on Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development & Community Services

Dear Secretary:

Re: Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee – Request for Approval of Elder Engagement and Guidance [File No. CK. 225-18]

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, at its meeting held on September 4, 2019 provided a report from the Education and Awareness Subcommittee made up of members James Scott, Garry Anaquod, Paula Lichtenwald, and Lenore Swystun.

The Chair and Committee Member Anaquod updated the Committee that the members of the Education and Awareness Subcommittee met in late June to discuss Indigenous heritage. This is an item that is identified as one of the priority areas in MHAC's work plan.

The Subcommittee determined that it would be beneficial to involve some Elders from the Saskatoon community to help guide the work of the MHAC in the areas of Indigenous history and heritage. Our Committee would like to ensure we are doing our best to honour the Indigenous protocols and ways of knowing in the work done overall as the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee.

Under the established reporting structure set for Advisory Committees to Council, members of Committee asked that a letter be drafted to the Standing Policy Committee to seek permission to work through their subcommittee to develop a letter of invitation to send to an invited list of Elders to join a discussion to help guide the subcommittee and MHAC as a whole.

It is the hope of MHAC, that members of the subcommittee may work with the City Administration who work in this area, to identify and ask for representation of community Elders to help guide such work. The learnings of such discussions are intended to benefit the mandate and work results of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee. Provisions for honourariums and other associated investments to be drawn from the Education budget as able.

We ask for the above direction to be granted by Standing Policy Committee on Planning Development and Community Services so we can move forward with this effort.

Yours truly,

**Lenore Swystun, Chair**
Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

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