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## Aboriginal Affairs Committee

<b>Meeting No.</b>	11 (Special)	<b>Contact</b>	Gail Fowler, Committee Secretary
<b>Meeting Date</b>	Thursday, May 27, 2010	<b>Phone</b>	416-338-5848
<b>Start Time</b>	2:00 PM	<b>E-mail</b>	gfowler@toronto.ca
<b>Location</b>	Boardroom, 23rd Floor, East Tower, City Hall	<b>Chair</b>	Councillor Paula Fletcher

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Andre Morriseau, Co-Chair, assumed the Chair.

The meeting commenced with an opening prayer by George Bruce.

AA11.1	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: All
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### **Draft City of Toronto Statement of Commitment to Aboriginal Communities in Toronto: Building Strong Relationships, Achieving Equitable Outcomes**

#### **Committee Recommendations**

The Aboriginal Affairs Committee recommends to the Executive Committee that City Council endorse and support the proposed City of Toronto Statement of Commitment to Aboriginal Communities in Toronto.

#### **Decision Advice and Other Information**

The Aboriginal Affairs Committee on May 27, 2010, unanimously endorsed the proposed (May 7, 2010) City of Toronto Statement of Commitment to Aboriginal Communities in Toronto.

The Committee established a Sub-Committee which worked with City staff to develop a consultation process through which feedback was given by members of Aboriginal communities in Toronto and other stakeholders. The Sub-committee recommended that the Aboriginal Affairs Committee endorse the proposed Statement.

Members of the Aboriginal Affairs Committee noted that this proposal is forward looking in addition to being groundbreaking and places the City of Toronto in a leadership position regarding municipal Aboriginal relationships.

Members of the Committee are looking forward to working closely with the City on the development of the proposed Action Plan which is intended to give effect to the commitments outlined in the statement.

Kenn Richard, Executive Director, Native Child and Family Services and Andre Morriseau, National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation, members of the Committee, will be attending the Executive Committee meeting on June 14, 2010, to lend their support and represent the Aboriginal Affairs Committee.

### Summary

Submission from the Aboriginal Affairs Sub-Committee on the proposed Statement of Commitment resulting from a consultative process.

### Background Information

Proposed City of Toronto Statement of Commitment to Aboriginal Communities in Toronto (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2010/aa/bgrd/backgroundfile-30699.pdf>)

### Motions

*1 - Motion to Adopt Item moved by Kenn Richard (Carried)*

The Aboriginal Affairs Committee unanimously endorsed the proposed (May 7, 2010) City of Toronto Statement of Commitment to Aboriginal Communities in Toronto, and recommends to the Executive Committee that City Council endorse and support the proposed City of Toronto Statement of Commitment to Aboriginal Communities in Toronto.

AA11.2	ACTION	Referred		
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### Awashishuck Day Care Closure

#### Decision Advice and Other Information

The Aboriginal Affairs Committee referred the member motion from Kenn Richard, Executive Director, Native Child and Family Services of Toronto, to the General Manager, Children's Services to ensure that the allocation level of daycare spaces targetted to the Aboriginal community is retained after the unfortunate closure of Awashishuck Day Care which currently provides 44 spaces.

### Summary

A member motion from Kenn Richard, Executive Director, Native Child and Family Services of Toronto, to consider the impact of the closure of Awashishuck Day Care which currently provides 44 childcare spaces and requesting the Aboriginal Affairs Committee to advise Children's Services that a mechanism be found to retain these services targetted to Aboriginal children.

### Motions

*1 - Motion to Add New Business at Committee moved by Andre Morriseau (Carried)*

*2 - Motion to Refer Motion moved by Kenn Richard (Carried)*

The Aboriginal Affairs Committee requests the General Manager, Children's Services to ensure that the allocation level of daycare spaces targetted to the Aboriginal community is

retained after the unfortunate closure of Awashishuck Day Care which currently provides 44 spaces.

AA11.3	Information	Received		
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## Announcements/Updates

### Decision Advice and Other Information

On May 27, 2010, Mae Maracle, Diversity Management and Community Engagement Consultant, informed the Aboriginal Affairs Committee on the events scheduled in June, 2010:

Toronto Aboriginal Month - Mayor Miller and Chief LaForme and NCCT Representative to speak.- June 1, 2010, Kick-off at 10:00 a.m at Dundas Square - all day celebrations.

Developments in Aboriginal Law - Law Society of Upper Canada, 130 Queen Street West, Toronto, Tel: (416) 947-3989 - June 11, 2010 - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Art Show City Hall Rotunda, 100 Queen Street West, curated by 7th Generation Image Makers, Native Child and Family Services of Toronto - June 14-25, 2010.

The Annual Arts and Crafts Fair, presented by the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs and the Toronto Aboriginal City Celebration Committee, on Nathan Phillips Square, 100 Queen Street West. Craft vendors, music, story telling, craft demonstration and other activities. Performance by Native Child's band Big Feather at 12:00 noon - June 18, 2010, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

National Aboriginal Day - Sunrise ceremony and flag raising ceremony at Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West Podium roof - June 21, 2010 at 5:30 a.m.

Na-Me-Res Traditional Pow Wow Wells Hill Park (east of Bathurst and St. Clair) - June 26, 2010 - Grand entry at 12:00 noon.

### Summary

Mae Maracle, Diversity Management and Community Engagement Consultant informed the Aboriginal Affairs Committee members of upcoming events in June, 2010.

### Motions

*1 - Motion to Add New Business at Committee moved by Andre Morriveau (Carried)*

*2 - Motion to Receive Item moved by Kimberly Murray (Carried)*

That the update be received for information.

### Procedural Motions

*1 - Motion to Adopt Minutes moved by Frances Sanderson (Carried)*

That the Minutes of the Aboriginal Affairs Committee held on April 14, 2010, be confirmed.

The meeting closed with a prayer by George Bruce.

**Also present (non-members):**

Mae Maracle, Diversity Management and Community Engagement Consultant  
 Ceta Ramkhalawansingh, Manager of Diversity Management for the City of Toronto  
 Patricia Anderson, Shelter, Support and Housing  
 Katherine Chislett, Director, Housing and Homelessness, Shelter, Support and Housing  
 George Bruce  
 Emily Kozgchanko, Student

*Thursday, May 27, 2010*

*Andre Morriseau, Chair, Aboriginal Affairs Committee*

**Meeting Sessions**

Session Date	Session Type	Start Time	End Time	Public or Closed Session
2010-05-27	Afternoon	2:10 PM	3:05 PM	Public

**Attendance**

Members were present for some or all of the time period indicated.

Date and Time	Quorum	Members
2010-05-27 2:10 PM - 3:05 PM (Public Session)	Present	<i>Present:</i> Budge, Chrisjohn, Drane, Dreger, Esquimaux - Hamlin, Fletcher, Frost, McKay, Morriseau (Chair), Murray, Nolan, Pawis, Richard, Sanderson <i>Not Present:</i> Guzman, LaForme, Ritchie, Zoccole