

City Manager's Office Update on Action Items and Agenda Planning

Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee Meeting # 6

June 10, 2025

Item	Status
1. Terms of Reference Review with TASSC	• Staff are finalizing the agreement and documentation to partner with TASSC to complete the Terms of Reference Review.
2. Response to Executive Committee Motions (<u>2025.EX21.14</u>)	• See next slides for workplan and status update.
3. Additional Support/Guidance for AAAC Deputants	• Staff are working with the Chair to draft a message from the Chair before the June meeting that can be shared with any interested deputants for AAAC meetings. • This messaging might include guidance around conduct, options to meet with the Chair, share written comments, etc.
4. Updated Member Bios	• Staff are working with individual Committee members to collect bios, from interested Committee members. Members can share any information they are comfortable with. • These will be posted on the City's website to share information about the AAAC membership.

Executive Committee Direction:

2025.EX21.14

On Mar. 19, 2025, The Executive Committee:

1. Referred the Item to the City Manager and requested the City Manager to:
 - a. consider opportunities to deepen meaningful representation of the Indigenous community in City decision-making, including through existing channels such as the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee, and in alignment with the City's Reconciliation Action Plan; and
 - b. undertake a scan of Canadian orders of government and measures taken to increase Indigenous civic input and representation, including through advisory bodies and other mechanisms.

Workplan

Phase 1 (Mar – June): Current State Assessment, Jurisdictional Analysis and Literature Review

- To respond to part A of the Exec. Committee motions:
 - A current state assessment will be conducted of the various channels and methods in which the Indigenous community is represented in decision-making at the City of Toronto.
 - A literature review will be conducted to include information published on this topic.
- To respond to Part B of the Exec. Committee motions, a J-scan of Canadian jurisdictions, including various levels of government to determine approaches used to increase Indigenous civic input and representation, will be conducted.

Phase 2 (June – Aug): Engagement with Broader Indigenous Community

- To further respond to Part A of the Exec. Committee motions, the CMO will conduct engagement with the broader Indigenous community.

Phase 3 (Aug – Sept): Findings Analysis and Presentation

- Synthesis of findings from Phase 1 and 2 with analysis.
- To be presented to AAAC at Sept. 9 meeting of the Committee.

Status Update

- Jurisdictional analysis near completion. Jurisdictions reviewed so far: Hamilton, Mississauga, Halifax, Vancouver, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Government of Canada, Province of Ontario
 - Suggestions for other jurisdictions to be included?
- Current state assessment is underway
- Literature review to be initiated
 - Suggestions for sources or publications to be included?
- Planning for engagement approach
 - Any recommendations on approach to receive feedback from the broader Indigenous community?
 - Who should be included?

Agenda Planning

AAAC Agenda Forecast TBC (2025)

Meeting Date	Agenda Items
Meeting #7: July 29, 2025	1. Presentation from City Planning Division: Update Downsview 2. Standing Item: City Manager's Office Staff Update on Action Items and Agenda Planning
Meeting #8: Sept. 9, 2025	1. Presentation from City Manager's Office with Information Update on Response to <u>2025.EX21.14</u> (TBC) 2. Presentation on Anti-Indigenous Racism Strategy 3. Standing Item: City Manager's Office Staff Update on Action Items and Agenda Planning
Meeting #9: Nov. 6, 2025	1. Presentation from TASSC on TOR Review (TBC) 2. Follow-up Presentation from Purchasing & Materials Management Division on First Nation, Inuit and Metis Procurement Policy 3. Standing Item: City Manager's Office Staff Update on Action Items and Agenda Planning

Theme	Agenda Timing
Housing	Jan. 30 & Apr. 29
First Nations, Metis and Inuit (Indigenous) Procurement	Apr. 2
Indigenous Representation on Public Boards (including TPSB)	Apr. 2
Anti-Indigenous Racism Strategy	Sept. 9 TBC
Employment and Training	
Economic Development (incl. poverty reduction)	
Public Health (incl. violence reduction, crisis supports, etc.)	
Community Services, Programming, Arts and Culture (incl. funding and grants)	
City Internal Processes/Structures (e.g. IAO)	Jun. 10

Agenda Items for Consideration

- There are two potential agenda items from City staff, for the Committee to consider for future agendas.
- Staff are prepared to provide a full presentation and opportunity to engage on this work, at the next meeting of the Committee, if there is interest.
- Potential items:
 1. Community Communication and Education Plan for the Bylaw Amendment to Provide Access to Social Infrastructure ([2025.CC30.5](#)).
 2. East Bayfront Community Recreation Centre Indigenous Naming (Parks and Recreation Division – see attached overview materials).

East Bayfront CRC – Indigenous Naming

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East Bayfront CRC Indigenous Naming

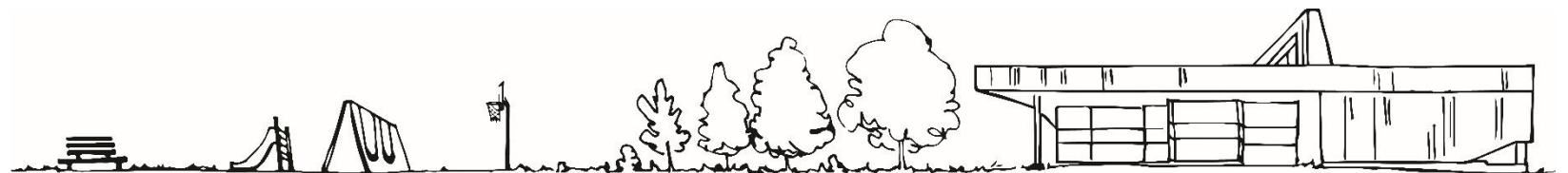
- The City's Parks and Recreation division has been tasked with identifying an Indigenous name for the new Community Recreation Centre (CRC) on the waterfront, aligning with the city's [Reconciliation Action Plan](#).
- Our approach affirms the importance of engaging urban Indigenous communities by creating space for community members to reflect, connect, and identify a name that holds meaning.
- Fostering community relationships are essential in honouring Indigenous ways of knowing, being, and belonging.



Creating a Meaningful Naming Experience

- We invite interested Indigenous community organizations to participate or partner with us in shaping the engagement process.
- *Currently, we are preparing to:*
 - Welcome focused groups comprising of Indigenous organizations, community members, and the MCFN — including Elders, artists, youth, knowledge keepers, and community leaders — to experience the space.
 - Support informal opportunities to connect, such as shared meals, storytelling, art-making, and time on the land and water near the centre.
 - Explore opportunities for cultural programming, ceremony, and Indigenous-led initiatives that create space for regular use of the centre.
 - Encourage reflection on what the space evokes — what it can become, what stories or teachings it might carry, what names it might be called.
- **Anticipated start:** September, 2025

Are you interested in learning more, being involved, and/or informing the process?



Thank you, Miigwetch, Maarsii, Nia:wen!

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to direct any thoughts or questions to:

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