

Indigenous Education Council

MINUTES

June 28, 2023

1:00-3:00PM

Attendees	<p>Present: Luane Roberts, Tammy Webster, Zandra Bear-Lowen, Nelson Chukwuma, Nicole Robinson, Michelle Rehel, Christina Restoule, Trish Weigel Green, Shawn Brake, Lindsay Golds</p> <p>Absent: Danielle Boissoneau, President John Tibbits, Brandi Bilodeau, Kassidy Rouselle, Raven Morand, Jennifer Parkinson</p> <p>Guests: Julia Biedermann, Mark Zuzinjak, Owen Wheeler, Aaron Costain, Mike Szabo, Greg Poste</p>
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STANDING ITEMS			
1	Welcome and Opening Prayer	Luane Roberts and Christina Restoule	1:00-1:05
2	Additions to the Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	Luane Roberts	1:05-1:15
3	Receipt of Minutes AI – Email minutes moving forward to confirm receipt	Luane Roberts	
UPDATES			
4	<p>Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of IEC Terms of Reference <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can we include observers/resources? • Recirculate and sign the new version by August 1 • Add in Wilfrid Laurier as a partnering organization • PSE representation • New membership - Jaydum Hunt – Director, Office of Indigenous Initiatives <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will have more of a conversation around recruitment at the next meeting – update via email • Invite the group affiliated with IEC? Connect with Jean and confirm • Co-Chair – Luane Roberts, Christina Restoule <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotating basis– looking at it in a year 	<p>Danielle Boissoneau (absent) Trish and Christina discussed.</p>	1:15 – 1:30

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luane has been in the role for years – revisit in June 2024 • Indigenous Self-Identification • For discussion next meeting • National Indigenous Peoples Day • Indigenous Services Coordinator Position 		
5	<p>Reuters Renovations Update</p> <p>Questions were asked by the consultants:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Are there any ideas we've touched on that resonate with you?</i> 2. <i>Are there other stories/indigenous artistry that could inform the design?</i> 3. <i>How do you envision the space being used?</i> 4. <i>What are essential qualities this space should have?</i> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need to consider other nations (Metis, Inuit) • Gathering with cover but still ventilated • Can we open/close to accommodate the weather • "Skydome" it? • Cedar in the area • Salt runoff into the water – how will that be handled? Protecting the water • Water feature closer to the fire; rock/water • Natural features such as native and pollinator plants – could we have a pollinator station • Accessibility (low vision, physical) • Cardinal directions • Incorporate into the architecture not just the landscaping • Archways, rounding out corners with aesthetic needs • Round rooms <p>Re: Lobby, Is there a launch point/inspiration?</p> <p>Thoughts were shared about inspiration;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspiration from the dancers, the dress • River/basket/commerce – mode of transportation • Waterways • Canoe • Indoor/outdoor – seamless space 	Greg Poste, Andrew Reibel (Guest)	1:30-2:00

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Dish, One Spoon • Wampum Belt • More plants, living wall • Bent trees to illuminate pathways • Science-based ways – hydrology and pressure <p>It was discussed that Conestoga should purposefully engage paid Indigenous firms for the design rather than consulting IEC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage White Owl and other community groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What would the spaces be used for? • How would you use them? • What inspiration can pull from? 		
UPDATES			
6	Other topics for discussion Set up an hour meeting to discuss the TOR		
7	Next Meeting – To be confirmed Can we meet at Reuters instead???		



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