

Duluth Indigenous Commission  
Monday, January 22, 2024  
411 W 1<sup>st</sup> St, Room 430, City Hall

**Commissioners present:** Moira Villiard, Phoebe Davis, Max Bowman, Rebecca Graves, Rene Ann Goodrich, Lenelle Hrabik

**Commissioner interim:** Ryan Clark

**Commissioners absent:** Amber Lightfeather

**Staff present:** Kathy Wilson, Hannah Figgins

*Note: per the request of the Indigenous Commission members, Ojibwe language words are used in the meeting minutes. Gegit is used to indicate that the Commission has come to a consensus in support of the motion.*

### 1. Call to Order and Introductions

- Chair Villiard called the meeting to order at 5:47 PM, introductions were made.

### 2. Approval of December 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes

- December 18, 2023 minutes were approved

**Motion passed: Gegit - All.**

### 3. Election of Officers

- Chairperson: Moira Villiard
- Vice Chairperson: Max Bowman
- Secretary: Phoebe Davis

**Motion passed to approve 2024 Officers: Gegit - All.**

### 4. Create and Approve 2024 Indigenous Commission Work Plan

- Work Plan and meeting schedule for 2024 attached

**Motion passed to approve 2024 Work Plan: Gegit - All.**

### 5. Next Meeting: February 26, 2024 (4<sup>th</sup> Monday due to a federal holiday on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)

Meeting Adjourned at 6:45 pm

## INDIGENOUS COMMISSION - 2024 CALENDAR / WORK PLAN

Monday, January 22 5:30 p.m.	Annual Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Election of Officers</li><li>- Discuss and approve the 2024 Work Plan</li></ul>
Monday, February 26 5:30 p.m.	Commission Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- PowWow planning</li><li>- Babette may attend/help organize fires</li><li>- Central Hillside Honor Fire – 1 night</li></ul> City Reports and Updates:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Invite DPD</li> <li>- Invite Mayor</li> </ul> <p>Commission Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MMIWR February/Valentine's Day events</li> </ul>
Monday, March 18 5:30 p.m.	<p>Commission Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PowWow planning</li> <li>- Indigenous Commission website planning (showcase past projects/events and the Ojibwe Language Pronunciation Guide)</li> </ul> <p>City Reports and Updates:</p> <p>-</p> <p>Commission Events:</p> <p>-</p>
Monday, April 15 5:30 p.m.	<p>Commission Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PowWow planning</li> <li>- MMIWR May event planning</li> </ul> <p>City Reports and Updates:</p> <p>-</p> <p>Commission Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Commissioners attend Duluth Sobriety Feast</li> </ul>
Monday, May 20 5:30 p.m.	<p>Commission Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PowWow planning</li> </ul> <p>City Reports and Updates:</p> <p>-</p> <p>Commission Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MMIWR May events – May 5<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>
Monday, June 17 5:30 p.m.	<p>Commission Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PowWow planning (if PowWow date is after meeting date)</li> <li>- City Staff will check dates the park is available</li> </ul> <p>City Reports and Updates:</p> <p>-</p> <p>Commission Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PowWow – date TBD</li> </ul>

July	Summer Break – No Meeting
Monday, August 19 5:30 p.m.	Commission Business: - Indigenous Peoples' Day planning  City Reports and Updates: -  Commission Events: -
Monday, September 16 5:30 p.m.	Commission Business: - Indigenous Peoples' Day planning  City Reports and Updates: -  Commission Events: -
Monday, October 7 5:30 p.m.	Commission Business: - Indigenous Peoples' Day planning  City Reports and Updates: -  Commission Events: - Indigenous Peoples' Day – October 14 <sup>th</sup> -
November	Winter Break – No Meeting
December - Date TBD	Commission Business: - Schedule a City Council Committee of the Whole for December in lieu of meeting