

Committee Room E  
City Hall, Saskatoon, SK  
Thursday, May 22, 2014  
at 12:20 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**(OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)**

**CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

PRESENT: Ms. Cornelia Laliberte, Chair  
Ms. Sharon Clarke  
Dr. Azharul Islam  
Ms. Nayyar Javed  
Mr. Toffic Salah  
Mr. Sam Sambasivam  
Mr. Chris Sicotte  
Ms. Kari Wuttunee  
Inspector Mitch Yuzdepski, Saskatoon Police Service  
Director of Community Development Lacroix  
Committee Secretary Fast

1. Minutes

RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting held on April 10, 2014, be approved.

2. Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
(File No. CK. 225-40)

The Committee Secretary submitted an excerpt from the minutes of meeting of the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee held on April 10, 2014.

Members of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee set a date for their next meeting to continue with planning of the event.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

3. 2014 Education and Awareness Initiatives  
Co-Sponsorship Request  
Saskatoon Indian and Métis Friendship Centre  
(File No. CK. 225-40-10)

The Committee Secretary submitted a Co-Sponsorship Request Application from the Saskatoon Indian and Métis Friendship Centre, for National Aboriginal Day to be held on June 21, 2014, at Friendship Park, and noted the Co-Sponsorship Request was in the amount of \$1,000.

On behalf of the Co-Sponsorship Adjudication Ad Hoc Subcommittee, Inspector Mitch Yuzdepski advised the Subcommittee had discussed the application and recommended that the co-sponsorship request in the amount of \$1,000 be granted.

Discussion followed regarding the deadlines for co-sponsorship applications and the need to ensure organizations are aware that if their applications are received after the deadline they may not be eligible. As well, it was noted that it needs to be clear that the co-sponsorship funds are to be used for education and awareness purposes.

Ms. Cornelia Laliberte advised she was on the Planning Committee for the event.

**RESOLVED:** that the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee provide co-sponsorship to the Saskatoon Indian and Métis Friendship Centre for National Aboriginal Day to be held on June 21, 2014, at Friendship Park in the amount of \$1,000.

4. 2014 Education and Awareness Initiatives  
Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee  
(File No. CK. 225-40-10)

Report of the Committee Secretary:

“The Committee has a budget of \$11,100 for education and awareness, to include co-sponsorship of related initiatives.

To date, the Committee has allocated \$6,000 for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, \$100 for the University of Saskatchewan Student Handbook, and \$4,000 for co-sponsorships. Also, proposed above (Item 3) is a further \$1,000 for co-sponsorship. If approved, the education and awareness portion of the Committee's 2014 budget will be spent for 2014.

Attached for your reference is a summary of 2014 expenditures to date.”

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

5. Anti-Racism Education Initiatives and  
2013 Cultural Diversity Race Relations Year-End Report  
(File No. CK. 100-10)

The Committee Secretary submitted a copy of Clause 4, Report No. 7-2014 of the Planning and Operations Committee, which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on May 5, 2014.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

6. Year-End Report – Immigration Initiatives – 2013 to 2014  
(File No. CK. 100-21)

The Committee Secretary submitted a copy of Clause 5, Report No. 7-2014 of the Planning and Operations Committee, which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on May 5, 2014.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

7. 2013 Annual Report  
Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee  
(File No. CK. 430-29)

The Committee Secretary submitted, for the Committee’s review and approval, a draft of the 2013 Annual Report and noted that upon approval, the report will be forwarded to the Planning and Operations Committee and referred to City Council for information.

Discussion followed with regard to revising the list of co-sponsorship initiatives into chronological order.

RESOLVED: that the 2013 Annual Report be approved, with the revision to the list of co-sponsorship initiatives into chronological order, and forwarded to the Planning and Operations Committee and City Council for information.

8. Update – Communications to Council  
From: David Durkin  
Date: December 10, 2013  
Subject: Commemoration for the Late Nelson Mandela  
(File No. CK. 205-5 x 100-10)

The Committee Secretary submitted, for the Committee's information, an excerpt from the minutes of meeting of City Council held on April 14, 2014, regarding the above-noted matter.

It was noted that July 18, 2014, has been declared as Nelson Mandela International Day and Committee members were encouraged to raise awareness within their own organizations about that day.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

9. Update from Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Coordinator  
(File No. CK. 100-10)

The Committee Secretary submitted an update from Ms. Becky Sasakamoose Kuffner, Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Coordinator, regarding initiatives she is involved in through the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Office.

Director of Community Development Lacroix noted that the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Office would like to revise its logo and advised that Ms. Sasakamoose Kuffner was requesting the Committee's feedback on the different options she submitted with her update report. The Committee discussed the five options and Ms. Lacroix undertook to advise Ms. Sasakamoose Kuffner of the Committee's feedback.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

10. Update from Immigration, Diversity and Inclusion Consultant  
(File No. CK. 100-21)

The Committee Secretary submitted an update from Ms. April Sora, Immigration, Diversity and Inclusion Consultant, regarding the Immigration initiatives.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

11. Open Discussion by Committee Members  
(File No. CK. 225-40-10)

Committee members were provided an opportunity to share information regarding activities they are involved with within their workplaces or experiences relating to cultural diversity and anti-racism work.

Ms. Sharon Clarke noted she was interested in setting up a meeting with whoever is interested in working with her on a project proposal for Blueprints for Bridges.

It was suggested that the media be invited for an educational forum as part of daytime events planned for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. As well, it was thought that having a facilitator, (perhaps someone from media studies) available to lead the workshop would be beneficial.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

12. Next Meeting Date  
(File No. CK. 225-40)

The Committee Secretary noted that the next meeting of the Committee will be held on September 11, 2014, at 12:00 noon in Committee Room E, Ground Floor, South Wing, City Hall.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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Ms. Cornelia Laliberte, Chair