



PUBLIC MINUTES

CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

November 10, 2016, 12:13 pm
Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall

- PRESENT: Ms. C. Laliberte, Chair
Mr. C. Sicotte, Vice-Chair
Councillor A. Iwanchuk at 12:18 pm
Ms. J. Gaudry
Ms. N. Javed
Ms. S. Ross
Mr. S. Sambasivam
Mr. H. Sangwais
Ms. M. Soonias Ali
Dr. J. Swidrovich
Ms. J. Yu
- ABSENT: Ms. S. Clarke
Mr. D. Isbister
Mr. T. Salah
Mr. D. Santosi
Superintendent B. Shalovelo
Ms. K. Wuttunee
- ALSO PRESENT: Director of Aboriginal Relations G. Dorval
Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Coordinator
B. Sasakamoose Kuffner
Committee Assistant J. Fast

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: J. Swidrovich

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: J. Swidrovich

That the minutes of regular meeting of the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee held on September 8, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Chair acknowledged it was the last meeting for Nayyar Javed and Sharon Clarke. On behalf of the Committee the Chair expressed appreciation to both Nayyar and Sharon for their invaluable contributions to the Committee over the past years.

Moved By: J. Swidrovich

That the information be received.

CARRIED

5. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

5.1 Report of the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Coordinator [File No. CK. 100-10]

Cultural Diversity & Race Relations Coordinator Sasakamoose Kuffner provided a verbal update regarding several initiatives that the Cultural Diversity & Race Relations Office is currently involved with. It was noted that work is continuing with regard to the aboriginal and inclusion policy review.

Councillor Iwanchuk entered the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

Ms. Kuffner stated she was recently in Quito, Ecuador attending the UN Conference on Housing and Sustainable Development. The City of Saskatoon is a signatory of the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination, and was identified as a valuable participant on the panel.

Cultural Diversity & Race Relations Coordinator Sasakamoose Kuffner noted March 2017 is Race Relations Month and the kick off will be on March 1st. More details will be forthcoming.

Moved By: S. Sambasivam

That the information be received.

CARRIED

5.2 Report of the Immigration, Diversity and Inclusion Consultant [File No. CK. 100-21]

The Committee Assistant submitted a report of the Immigration, Diversity and Inclusion Consultant.

Moved By: S. Sambasivam

That the information be received.

CARRIED

5.3 Report of the Director of Aboriginal Relations [File No. CK. 100-10]

Director of Aboriginal Relations Dorval provided a brief update regarding the success of the Wicahitowin conference held on October 12-13, 2016, and also the work being done on the Canada 150 project.

Councillor Iwanchuk excused herself from the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Moved By: S. Sambasivam

That the information be received.

CARRIED

6. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

The Committee Assistant submitted the current statement of expenditures.

The Committee discussed the marketing for I Am the Bridge Anti-Racism campaign and Cultural Diversity & Race Relations Coordinator Sasakamoose Kuffner undertook to provide information regarding the campaign to the Committee.

Moved By: J. Gaudry

That the Cultural Diversity & Race Relations Committee provide \$4,300.00 in support of the "I Am the Bridge" anti-racism education and awareness campaign.

CARRIED

7. EDUCATION AND AWARENESS INITIATIVES - CO-SPONSORSHIP

7.1 Pleasant Hill Community Association, Pleasant Hill Community Pow Wow, June 16, 2017 [File No. CK. 225-40-10]

A copy of the co-sponsorship request application was provided.

Moved By: S. Ross

That the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee provide co-sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000 to the Pleasant Hill Community Association for the Pleasant Hill Community Pow Wow to be held June 16, 2017.

CARRIED

Mr. Chris Sicotte excused himself from the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

8. OPEN DISCUSSION

Committee members were provided an opportunity to discuss and share information around the issue of racism, and experiences relating to cultural diversity and anti-racism in their workplaces.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Ms. C. Laliberte, Chair

Ms. J. Fast, Committee Assistant