



PUBLIC MINUTES
CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

February 11, 2016, 12:10 p.m.
Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall

PRESENT:

Ms. C. Laliberte, Chair
Ms. S. Clarke, at 12:22 p.m.
Ms. J. Gaudry
Ms. N. Javed, at 12:12 p.m.
Ms. S. Ross
Mr. S. Sambasivam
Mr. H. Sangwais
Mr. D. Santosi
Ms. M. Soonias Ali
Dr. J. Swidrovich
Inspector M. Yuzdepski

ABSENT:

Councillor E. Olauson
Mr. D. Isbister
Mr. T. Salah
Mr. C. Sicotte, Vice-Chair
Ms. K. Wuttunee
Ms. J. Yu

ALSO PRESENT:

Social Development Manager S. Hanson
Aboriginal Relations Director G. Dorval
Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Coordinator
 B. Sasakamoose Kuffner
Immigration, Diversity and Inclusion Consultant A. Sora
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 [File No. CK. 225-40-5]

Moved By: J. Swidrovich

That the minutes of regular meeting of the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee held on January 14, 2016, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR [File No. CK. 225-40]

The Chair reminded the Committee that March is Race Relations Month and noted that the Opening Ceremony is on March 1, 2016, in City Council Chamber and the Living in Harmony Awards will be held on March 21, 2016.

Ms. Nayyar Javed entered the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

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 and Race Relations Coordinator Sasakamoose Kuffner updated the Committee regarding Race Relations Month activities. It was noted that the Opening Ceremony is at 1:30 p.m. in Council Chamber on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. There will also be a flag raising and Committee members were encouraged to attend this event.

The Living in Harmony Awards will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2016, hosted by Tommy Douglas Collegiate. The presentations will begin at 10:00 a.m. There is also a category for community recognition and Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Coordinator Sasakamoose Kuffner advised if anyone knows of someone who has gone above and beyond to create positive race relations, to consider nominating them.

Adjudication of Living in Harmony submissions will take place on March 7, 2016, by the adjudication ad hoc subcommittee. Winners will be published on the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations website.

Currently on OneStory, a platform to create and share video interviews, are three questions about racism. Ms. Sasakamoose Kuffner asked if anyone was interested in working on this project with her by participating in a video. The collected videos will be merged together and the final video, quotations or stills will then form part of a public education campaign using billboards, bus shelters and social media posts. Ms. Joann Gaudry indicated she was interested in this project.

Ms. Sharon Clarke entered the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

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]

Immigration, Diversity and Inclusion Consultant Sora updated the Committee on the recent Community Citizenship Ceremony hosted by the Institute for Canadian Citizenship and noted that 46 new citizens took the oath. It is hoped to hold more events like this in the future.

Moved By: J. Swidrovich

That the information be received.

CARRIED

6. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES [File No. CK. 225-40]

The Committee Assistant submitted the current statement of expenditures.

Moved By: S. Ross

That the information be received.

CARRIED

7. EDUCATION AND AWARENESS INITIATIVES - CO-SPONSORSHIP [File No. CK. 225-40-10]

The Committee Assistant submitted copies of the following Co-Sponsorship Request Applications which had been reviewed by the Co-Sponsorship Adjudication Subcommittee.

7.1 Bangladesh Community Association of Saskatchewan, Celebration International Mother Language Day 2016, February 21, 2016 [File No. CK. 225-40-10]

The Co-sponsorship Adjudication Subcommittee recommended the Committee provide co-sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000.

Mr. Sam Sambasivam volunteered to represent the Committee at the event.

Moved By: M. Yuzdepski

That the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee provide co-sponsorship to the Bangladesh Community Association of Saskatchewan for Celebration International Mother Language Day, February 21, 2016, in the amount of \$1,000.

CARRIED

**7.2 Bedford Road Collegiate, Bedford Road Pow Wow, March 16, 2016
[File No. CK. 225-40-10]**

The Co-sponsorship Adjudication Subcommittee recommended the Committee provide co-sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000.

Ms. Sharon Clarke volunteered to represent the Committee at the event.

Moved By: M. Yuzdepski

That the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee provide co-sponsorship to Bedford Road Collegiate for the Bedford Road Pow Wow on March 16, 2016, in the amount of \$1,000.

CARRIED

7.3 Saskatoon Indian and Métis Friendship Centre, National Aboriginal Day Celebration, June 21, 2016 [File No. CK. 225-40-10]

The Co-sponsorship Adjudication Subcommittee recommended the Committee provide co-sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000.

Ms. Shirley Ross volunteered to represent the Committee at the event.

Moved By: M. Yuzdepski

That the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee provide co-sponsorship to the Saskatoon Indian and Métis Friendship Centre for National Aboriginal Day, June 21, 2016, in the amount of \$1,000.

CARRIED

8. OPEN DISCUSSION [File No. CK. 225-40-10]

Ms. Nayyar Javed acknowledged that February is Black History Month, and encouraged the Committee to reflect on the achievements and contributions of those who helped shape Canada's Black History.

Dr. Jaris Swidrovich stated it was Aboriginal Achievement Week at the University of Saskatchewan and that there were a number of events taking place in this regard.

Director of Aboriginal Relations Dorval stated the TRC Calls to Action have gone to City Council. Mr. Dorval also updated the Committee regarding future street naming that incorporates Aboriginal heritage, and activities being planned with the Public and Separate School Boards' Cree Immersion Programs.

Ms. Shirley Ross noted March 26, 2016, is Elder storytelling day at St. Michael's School.

Inspector Yuzdepski invited the Committee to attend a series of four educational workshops in April at the Saskatoon Police Service where there will be Elder teachings on Indigenous Spirituality. Additional information will be forwarded to the Committee.

Ms. Sharon Clarke inquired about keeping track of changes as a result of the Truth and Reconciliation recommendations. Social Development Manager Hanson noted changes are being tracked and will be reported back to City Council.

Moved By: M. Soonias Ali

That the information be received.

CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Ms. C. Laliberte, Chair

Ms. J. Fast, Committee Assistant