



PUBLIC MINUTES
CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

February 9, 2017, 12:00 p.m.
Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall

PRESENT: Ms. S. Ross, A/Chair
Councillor C. Block
Ms. P. Fosseneuve
Ms. J. Gaudry
Mr. D. Isbister
Mr. D. Kanewiyakiho
Ms. N. Kochar
Mr. S. Sambasivam
Superintendent B. Shalovelo
Ms. M. Soonias Ali
Dr. J. Swidrovich
Mr. J. Tekleweld
Ms. J. Yu

ABSENT: Mr. C. Sicotte
Ms. K. Wuttunee
Mr. H. Sangwais
Mr. D. Santosi

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Aboriginal Relations G. Dorval, at 12:14 p.m.
Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Coordinator
B. Sasakamoose Kuffner
Committee Assistant J. Fast

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Committee Assistant called the meeting to order and advised the Chair and Vice-Chair were unable to attend, and requested a volunteer from the membership to chair the meeting. Ms. Shirley Ross volunteered and assumed the position of A/Chair.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Councillor Block

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: S. Sambasivam

That the minutes of regular meeting of the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee held on January 12, 2017 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

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 advised that March is Race Relations Month and updated the Committee regarding the opening ceremony which will be held on March 1 in Council Chamber. Committee members were invited to attend.

Plans are also underway for the “Living in Harmony” Awards which will be held on Tuesday, March 21 at the Broadway Theatre to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The annual Awards recognize local organizations or individuals for their efforts in promoting intercultural harmony in the community. There are three categories for submissions: elementary school students, high school students and general public.

Ms. Sasakamoose Kuffner also provided information and a mock-up of the draft version of what the billboard/bus shelter ad will look like for the “I am the Bridge” anti-racism public education campaign. The launch will coincide with International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, and will include a media event.

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 was unable to be in attendance.

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

The Committee Assistant submitted the current statement of expenditures.

Moved By: J. Yu

That the information be received.

CARRIED

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

The Committee discussed the current deadline dates for co-sponsorship submissions and perhaps adjusting these dates so that organizations are not restricted as to when they can submit applications.

Presently the deadlines are:

- September 30 (for events between January and June); and
- March 15 (for events between July and December).

One suggestion was that the Committee receive applications three months prior to the planned event, or perhaps changing the word “deadline” to “guideline” and have multiple times throughout the year to submit applications.

Moved By: J. Tekleweld

That the Co-sponsorship Adjudication Subcommittee review the current deadline dates and draft a proposal for review by the Committee at a future meeting.

CARRIED

7.1 Oskayak High School, Annual Feast and Round Dance, March 31, 2017 [File No. CK. 225-40-10]

The Committee Assistant submitted a copy of the co-sponsorship request application and advised that the Co-sponsorship Adjudication Subcommittee had reviewed the application.

Moved By: J. Swidrovich

That the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee provide co-sponsorship to Oskayak High School for the 2017 Oskayak Annual Feast and Round Dance, March 31, 2017, in the amount of \$1,000.

CARRIED

7.2 Bangladeshi Community Association, Celebration of International Mother Language Day, February 2017 [File No. CK. 225-40-10]

The Committee Assistant submitted a copy of the co-sponsorship request application and advised that the Co-sponsorship Adjudication Subcommittee had reviewed the application.

Moved By: J. Swidrovich

That the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee provide co-sponsorship to the Bangladeshi Community Association of Saskatchewan for Celebration of International Mother Language Day 2017, February 25, 2017, in the amount of \$1,000.

CARRIED

8. 2017 PLANNING RETREAT [File No. CK. 225-40]

The Committee Assistant reported that at the meeting held on January 12, 2017, the matter of holding a planning retreat for Committee members be brought forward for consideration at the February meeting.

Moved By: S. Sambasivam

That the matter be deferred to the April 13, 2017 meeting.

CARRIED

9. OPEN DISCUSSION [File No. CK. 225-40]

Committee members were provided an opportunity to discuss pertinent issues, request clarification on certain ideas and topics, as well as share information around the issue of racism and experiences relating to cultural diversity and anti-racism in their workplaces.

Superintendent Shalovelo extended an invitation to hold a future Committee meeting at the Saskatoon Police Service after which a tour of the facility would be provided. Committee members were in favour and determined that the May 11, 2017 meeting would be appropriate.

Moved By: J. Gaudry

That the May 11, 2017 meeting of the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee be held at the Saskatoon Police Service followed by a tour of the facility.

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Ms. S. Ross A/Chair

Ms. J. Fast, Committee Assistant