



PUBLIC MINUTES

CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

**November 9, 2017, 12:24 p.m.
Community Room, Saskatoon Police Service**

PRESENT: Mr. C. Sicotte, Chair
Ms. K. Wuttunee, Vice-Chair
Councillor C. Block
Mr. D. Kanewiyakiho
Ms. S. Ross
Mr. S. Sambasivam
Superintendent B. Shalovelo
Ms. M. Soonias Ali
Mr. J. Tekleweld
Ms. J. Yu

ABSENT: Ms. P. Fosseneuve
Ms. J. Gaudry
Mr. D. Isbister
Ms. N. Kochar
Mr. H. Sangwais
Dr. J. Swidrovich

ALSO PRESENT: Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Coordinator
B. Sasakamoose Kuffner
Committee Assistant J. Fast

Prior to the start of the meeting the Committee received a presentation from Sergeant Keith Salzl regarding the Saskatoon Police Service Cultural Resource Unit.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: S. Sambasivam

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: D. Kanewiyakiho

That the minutes of regular meeting of the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee held on September 14, 2017, be adopted.

CARRIED

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

The Chair noted he was at an Islam session which was well attended and included groups from the Intercultural Association and Open Door Society.

The Chair also advised of a report going to the Governance and Priorities Committee regarding the review and structure of advisory committees. As the Committee recently discussed pursuing changes to the Committee (e.g. name change, meeting venue, and membership) at its recent planning session, the Committee discussed its response to the pending report.

Moved By: S. Sambasivam

That whereas the Cultural Diversity & Race Relations Committee has been working toward developing a broader framework and specific priorities, and that it has just completed a strategy workshop that includes consideration of a name change, that the Cultural Diversity & Race Relations Chair be directed to speak to City Council's Governance and Priorities Committee, to ask for the opportunity to present the Cultural Diversity & Race Relations Committee's ideas for changes and to also request that a minimum of one Councillor sit on the Committee, before a final decision is made regarding the Committee.

CARRIED

6. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

6.1 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 the policy review. In partnership with

CLASSIC, students will do an equity and inclusion review of all City of Saskatoon policies.

Cultural Diversity & Race Relations Coordinator Kuffner advised she continues to receive emails regarding the "I am the Bridge" campaign. Ms. Sasakamoose Kuffner noted she recently presented at Saskatchewan Polytechnic and two conferences which were well received. Planning is underway for the second phase of the "I am the Bridge" campaign in December or early in the new year.

Planning for the Living in Harmony Awards has begun. This annual event encourages individuals to share what intercultural harmony means to them through writing or pictures. The awards are held each March to celebrate the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Moved By: S. Sambasivam

That the information be received.

CARRIED

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

It was noted Immigration, Diversity and Inclusion Consultant Sora was not in attendance.

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

It was noted that Director of Aboriginal Relations Dorval was not in attendance.

7. 2018 MEETING DATES [File No. CK. 225-40]

The following schedule of meetings for 2018 (6 meetings per year) was provided:

Thursday, January 11
Thursday, February 8
Thursday, April 12
Thursday, May 10
Thursday, September 13
Thursday, November 8

Moved By: D. Kanewiyakiho

That the meeting dates for the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee for 2018 be approved.

CARRIED

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

The current statement of expenditures was provided.

Moved By: S. Sambasivam

That the information be received.

CARRIED

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

9.1 Pleasant Hill Community Association, Pleasant Hill Pow Wow, June 15, 2018

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

It was noted Kari Wuttunee was on the planning committee.

Moved By: D. Kanewiyakiho

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 on June 15, 2018.

CARRIED

9.2 Oskayak High School, 2018 Spring Feast and Round Dance, March 22, 2018

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

Jamal Tekleweld volunteered to represent the Committee at the event.

Moved By: D. Kanewiyakiho

That the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee provide co-sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000 to Oskayak High School for the 2018 Spring Feast and Round Dance to be held on March 22, 2018.

CARRIED

10. OPEN DISCUSSION

It was noted that the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) was coming to Saskatoon the week of November 20, 2017.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Mr. C. Sicotte, Chair

Ms. J. Fast, Committee Assistant

Following the meeting, Superintendent Shalovelov gave Committee members a tour of the Saskatoon Police Service headquarters.