



PUBLIC MINUTES
CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

May 11, 2017, 12:01 p.m.
Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall

PRESENT: Mr. C. Sicotte, Chair
Ms. K. Wuttunee, Vice-Chair
Councillor C. Block
Ms. P. Fosseneuve
Ms. J. Gaudry
Mr. D. Kanewiyakiho
Ms. N. Kochar
Ms. S. Ross
Mr. S. Sambasivam
Mr. H. Sangwais
Mr. J. Tekleweld
Ms. J. Yu

ABSENT: Mr. D. Isbister
Mr. D. Santosi
Superintendent B. Shalovelov
Ms. M. Soonias Ali
Dr. J. Swidrovich

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Aboriginal Relations G. Dorval
Committee Assistant J. Fast

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: S. Ross

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: J. Yu

1. That Item 14 read “Director of Aboriginal Relations Dorval advised the ‘Rock Your Roots’ Walk will be held on National Aboriginal Day, June 21, 2017”;
and
2. That the minutes of regular meeting of the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee held on April 13, 2017 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

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

The Chair expressed his appreciation to members who attended the Volunteer Banquet and to Kari Wuttunee for participating in the panel discussion.

Director of Aboriginal Relations Dorval entered the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

The Chair advised at the last meeting a subcommittee was formed to do an inventory of what the City is currently doing in the area of empowering Indigenous women, and a date will be set for subcommittee members to meet.

The Chair noted he met with Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Coordinator Sasakamoose Kuffner regarding key issues to work towards in the area of anti-racism.

Councillor Block entered the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

Joann Gaudry entered the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

Moved By: J. Yu

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 was not in attendance.

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

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

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

Director of Aboriginal Relations Dorval updated the Committee regarding the following:

- Reconciliation Saskatoon media launch will be held on May 17, 2017 to kick off a month of Reconciliation events.
- Reconciliation Saskatoon Flag Raising Ceremony will be held on May 25, 2017.
- Rock Your Roots Walk will be held on National Aboriginal Day, June 21, 2017 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Following the Walk at 11:30 a.m. will be the Grand March for National Aboriginal Day.
- A Memorandum of Understanding is being prepared with the Saskatoon Tribal Council that outlines a joint ownership model to begin a feasibility study for a hydropower station in Saskatoon.
- Working with a number of Aboriginal and Métis organizations to create a message regarding reconciliation for Canada 150 using the Placemaker Program.

Howard Sangwais entered the meeting at 12:12 p.m. during discussion of the above.

Moved By: S. Sambasivam

That the information be received and Report of the Director of Aboriginal Relations be included as an agenda item going forward under Reports from Administration.

CARRIED

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

The Committee Assistant submitted the current statement of expenditures.

Moved By: S. Sambasivam

That the information be received.

CARRIED

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

7.1 Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan Festival Inc., Multicultural Night, July 28, 2017 [File No. CK. 225-40-10]

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

Discussion followed regarding the event with respect to ineligible expenses.

Moved By: S. Ross

That Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan Festival Inc. be notified that co-sponsorship will not be provided for this event.

CARRIED

8. 2017-2018 ABORIGINAL STUDENT HANDBOOK - ADVERTISING [File No. CK. 225-40-10]

A letter from Lori Delorme, Support Services Coordinator, Aboriginal Students' Centre, University of Saskatchewan, dated April 20, 2017, was provided.

The Committee discussed engaging the Aboriginal Students' Centre at the University of Saskatchewan regarding the work of the Committee and it was suggested to invite a representative to a future meeting. The Chair undertook to follow up in this regard.

Moved By: S. Ross

That the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee authorize the placement of a 1/4 page ad in the University of Saskatchewan 2017-2018 Aboriginal Student Handbook at a cost of \$100.

CARRIED

9. 2017 PLANNING RETREAT [File No. CK. 225-40]

At its last meeting, the Committee discussed holding a planning retreat and resolved that it be held in October 2017 with details to be discussed at the May meeting.

The Committee discussed possible dates and members were requested to think about items that could be addressed during the retreat in order to prepare an agenda for the meeting.

Moved By: J. Yu

That the 2017 Planning Retreat tentatively be scheduled for Saturday, October 14, 2017 beginning at 12 noon until 4 pm with the location to be determined.

CARRIED

10. OPEN DISCUSSION

Jamal Tekleweld

- advised of a diversity building anti-racism education platform which includes modules that focus on different aspects of diversity building and recommended members check it out. Discussion followed regarding inviting the representative to attend a future meeting to present the platform to the Committee. Jamal Tekleweld undertook to extend an invitation for the September meeting.
- put forward suggestion to have a youth or student seat on the Committee. This could be discussed further along with previous suggestions regarding Committee membership.

Kari Wuttunee excused herself from the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Namarta Kochar excused herself from the meeting at 12:59 p.m.

Councillor Block

- put forward a suggestion to send a thank you letter to the Saskatoon Police Service with regard to the unveiling of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls monument.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Mr. C. Sicotte, Chair

Ms. J. Fast, Committee Assistant