



PUBLIC MINUTES
CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

January 12, 2017, 12:07 p.m.
Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall

PRESENT: Ms. K. Wuttunee, A/Chair
Councillor C. Block
Ms. P. Fosseneuve
Ms. N. Kochar
Ms. S. Ross
Mr. S. Sambasivam
Superintendent B. Shalovelov
Dr. J. Swidrovich
Mr. J. Tekleweld
Ms. J. Yu

ABSENT: Ms. J. Gaudry
Mr. D. Isbister
Mr. H. Sangwais
Mr. C. Sicotte
Mr. D. Santosi
Ms. M. Soonias Ali

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. D. Kanewiyakiho, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools
Director of Aboriginal Relations G. Dorval
Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Coordinator
B. Sasakamoose Kuffner
Immigration, Diversity and Inclusion Consultant A. Sora
Social Development Consultant M. Knight
Committee Assistant J. Fast

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Committee Assistant called the meeting to order and introductions were held.

1.1 Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair [File No. CK. 225-40]

The Committee Assistant advised that the Committee was requested to appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair for 2017.

Mr. Chris Sicotte was nominated for Chair and Ms. Kari Wuttunee was nominated for Vice-Chair. No further nominations were received.

Moved By: S. Sambasivam

That C. Sicotte be appointed Chair of the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee for 2017.

CARRIED

Moved By: P. Fosseneuve

That K. Wuttunee be appointed Vice-Chair of the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee for 2017.

CARRIED

1.2 2017 Membership - Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee [File No. CK. 225-40]

The Committee Assistant reported that City Council, at its meeting held on December 12, 2016, adopted a recommendation of its Governance and Priorities Committee that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee for the terms indicated:

For 2017:

- Councillor Cynthia Block
- Ms. Namarta Kochar, Public Representative
- Mr. Jamal Tekleweld, Public Representative
- Ms. Joann Gaudry, Public Representative
- Ms. Shirley Ross, Public Representative
- Ms. Maria Soonias Ali, Public Representative
- Ms. Julie Yu, Public Representative
- Ms. Kari Wuttunee, Public Representative

To end of 2018:

- Dr. Jaris Swidrovich, Public - First Nations Community
- Ms. Phoebe Fosseneuve, Saskatoon Health Region
- Mr. Darryl Isbister, Board of Education for Saskatoon Public Schools
- Mr. Sam Sambasivam, Saskatchewan Intercultural Association
- Police Chief Clive Weighill (Alternate - Superintendent Brian Shalovelo)

The following were previously appointed by City Council to the end of 2017:

- Mr. David Santosi, Ministry of Social Services
- Mr. Chris Sicotte, Public - Métis Representative
- Mr. Howard Sangwais, Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing

It was noted that the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools representative will be appointed at the January 23, 2017 City Council meeting.

Moved By: S. Sambasivam

That the information be received.

CARRIED

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 November 10, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. ORIENTATION FOR NEWLY-APPOINTED MEMBERS [File No. CK. 225-40]

Deputy City Clerk Bryant was in attendance and provided an overview of committee structure and process.

Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Coordinator Sasakamoose Kuffner provided information regarding the mandate and function of the Committee, which is to provide advice to City Council on issues relating to the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Policy. Ms. Sasakamoose Kuffner noted that one of the main initiatives of the Committee is the Living in Harmony Awards which

take place every March and the other main responsibility is co-sponsorship of Cultural Diversity and Race Relations education and awareness initiatives.

Moved By: J. Yu

That the information be received.

CARRIED

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

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 advised that every year March is proclaimed by City Council to be Race Relations Month. The opening ceremony is held on March 1 in Council Chamber followed by a flag raising in civic square. Details of the Living in Harmony Awards will be provided to the Committee when finalized. Ms. Sasakamoose Kuffner also noted that preparations for the launch of the anti-racism public education campaign have been ongoing, and showed the Committee one of the "I am the Bridge" campaign posters which is currently displayed in the soccer centre.

Moved By: J. Yu

That the information be received.

CARRIED

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

Immigration, Diversity and Inclusion Consultant Sora provided background information regarding her position. It was noted that it was the Committee's recommendation in 2006 that a study be done of the community, and out of that report came the recommendation that coordination was needed around issues of immigration and a position created in this regard. The Immigration, Diversity and Inclusion Consultant keeps in touch with the community around issues of immigration, works to create a welcoming and inclusive city, and ensures communication with the public is as clear possible.

Moved By: S. Sambasivam

That the information be received.

CARRIED

S. Sambasivam excused himself from the meeting at 1:12 pm.

7. 2017 MEETING DATES [File No. CK. 225-40]

The Committee Assistant provided the following schedule of meetings for 2017:

Thursday, January 12
Thursday, February 9
Thursday, April 13
Thursday, May 11
Thursday, September 14
Thursday, November 9

Moved By: S. Ross

That the meeting dates for the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee for 2017 be approved.

CARRIED

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

The Committee Assistant submitted the year-end Statement of Expenditures, and noted that the 2017 approved budget is \$15,100, as follows:

Member Development - \$1,000
Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Month - \$3,000
Education and Awareness including Co-Sponsorship Initiatives - \$11,100

Moved By: J. Yu

That the information be received.

CARRIED

9. APPOINTMENT OF AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEES [File No. CK. 225-40]

The Committee Assistant reported that while the Committee does not have the authority to appoint long-term ad hoc subcommittees, it would be appropriate to appoint short-term ad hoc subcommittees established for a specific purpose. The ad hoc subcommittees will report to the full committee for final determination of all matters. Ad hoc subcommittees are typically appointed at the January meeting for the following:

- Adjudication and reporting on co-sponsorship requests received relating to Cultural Diversity and Race Relations education and awareness initiatives; and
- Adjudication of Living in Harmony contest submissions and assistance with the Living in Harmony Awards and Opening Ceremonies.

The ad hoc subcommittees are to include the Chair and at least two other members, with Administrative staff as advisors (Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Coordinator or Immigration, Diversity and Inclusion Consultant, depending on availability).

The A/Chair asked for volunteers for the Co-sponsorship Adjudication Ad Hoc Subcommittee, and the Adjudication of Living in Harmony Contest Submissions Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

Moved By: N. Kochar

1. That S. Ross, P. Fosseneuve, J. Tekleweld, and C. Sicotte (Chair) be appointed to the Co-Sponsorship Adjudication Subcommittee for 2017; and
2. That P. Fosseneuve, J. Yu, J. Swidrovich, K. Wuttunee, and C. Sicotte (Chair) be appointed to the LIH Adjudication Subcommittee for 2017.

CARRIED

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

No new co-sponsorship request applications were received.

Councillor Block excused herself from the meeting at 1:19 p.m.

11. OPEN DISCUSSION

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.

The Committee briefly discussed:

- issues around the new panhandling legislation
- creating a vision or value statement to unite the group
- holding a planning retreat for committee members

As quorum was no longer present, Committee members requested that the matter of a future retreat be added to the February agenda for further discussion.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Ms. K. Wuttunee, A/Chair

Ms. J. Fast, Committee Assistant