



**PUBLIC MINUTES  
CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

**April 13, 2017, 12:00 p.m.  
Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall**

**PRESENT:** Mr. C. Sicotte, Chair  
Ms. K. Wuttunee, Vice-Chair  
Councillor C. Block  
Mr. D. Kanewiyakiho  
Ms. N. Kochar  
Ms. S. Ross  
Mr. S. Sambasivam  
Mr. H. Sangwais  
Superintendent B. Shalovelo  
Ms. M. Soonias Ali  
Dr. J. Swidrovich  
Ms. J. Yu

**ABSENT:** Ms. P. Fosseneuve  
Ms. J. Gaudry  
Mr. D. Isbister  
Mr. D. Santosi  
Mr. J. Tekleweld

**ALSO PRESENT:** Director of Aboriginal Relations 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:** S. Sambasivam

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

**CARRIED**

### **3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Moved By:** S. Ross

That the minutes of regular meeting of the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee held on February 9, 2017 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### **4. PRESENTATION - INDIGENOUS STUDIES DEPARTMENT - UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN [File No. CK 100-10]**

Professor Dr. Priscilla Settee and students of the Indigenous Studies Department, University of Saskatchewan were in attendance to provide a presentation regarding the Indigenous Women's Declaration of Well-Being.

It was noted that the Declaration has been taken to the UN, Commission on the Status of Women, and distributed on a national level. The students indicated the following reasons why they undertook to develop the Declaration:

- the need to improve the social, economic, and political conditions of Indigenous women in Saskatoon.
- to make communities in Saskatoon a healthier, safer, more just city for all residents.
- to increase awareness to further resolve issues; such as high Indigenous representation in the child welfare system and criminal justice system.

The students also noted several obstacles faced by Indigenous women:

- high child care costs
- lack of educational/employment opportunities and limits to child care
- lack of food knowledge and limited access to healthy food
- criminal injustice

The students stressed the need to focus on Indigenous women and requested City Council to move forward to protect and empower the Indigenous women of Saskatoon within treaty six territory.

Following the presentation the Committee discussed doing an inventory of what the City is currently doing in this area, and then possibly taking forward a recommendation to City Council. In order to do this, it was suggested a subcommittee be formed and Sam Sambasivam, Jaris Swidrovich, Kari Wuttunee, Maria Soonias Ali, and Chris Sicotte (Chair) volunteered.

**Moved By:** J. Swidrovich

1. That the information be received; and
2. That a subcommittee be formed to do an inventory of what the City is currently doing in the area of empowering Indigenous women in order to take forward a recommendation to City Council.

**CARRIED**

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

The Chair acknowledged a number of events he recently attended as Chair of the Committee in an effort to bring focus and attention to the work the Committee is doing.

The Chair requested the Committee to reflect on changing the name of the Committee, specifically looking at the “Race Relations” part of the name.

The Chair also asked members to give some thought on how to be more reflective and inclusive of our diverse city, and noted that one section of the community that could be included in the Committee’s membership is the LGBT Two Spirit community.

**Moved By:** Councillor Block

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

Due to the possible loss of quorum, it was determined that the remaining agenda items be reordered:

**10. EDUCATION & AWARENESS INITIATIVES - CO-SPONSORSHIP REQUEST APPLICATIONS [File No. CK 225-40-10]**

**10.1 Saskatoon Industry-Education Council, Contact Conference 2017, April 25/26, 2017 [File No. CK 225-40-10]**

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

It was noted that the Co-sponsorship Adjudication Subcommittee had reviewed the application.

**Moved By:** Superintendent Shalovelov

That the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee provide co-sponsorship to Saskatoon Industry-Education Council for the Contact Conference, April 25/26, 2017, in the amount of \$1,000.

**CARRIED**

**10.2 Saskatoon Indian and Métis Friendship Centre, National Aboriginal Day Celebrations, June 21, 2017 [File No. CK. 225-40-10]**

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

It was noted that the Co-sponsorship Adjudication Subcommittee had reviewed the application.

Shirley Ross volunteered to represent the Committee at the event.

**Moved By:** S. Ross

That the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee provide co-sponsorship to the Saskatoon Indian and Métis Friendship Centre for National Aboriginal Day Celebrations, June 21, 2017, in the amount of \$1,000.

**CARRIED**

**10.3 Equatorial South Sudanese Community Association in Saskatoon Inc., Conference and Celebration of Diversity and Culture, August 5/6, 2017 [File No. CK 225-40-10]**

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

It was noted that the Co-sponsorship Adjudication Subcommittee had reviewed the application.

Sam Sambasivam volunteered to represent the Committee at the event.

**Moved By:** H. Sangwais

That the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee provide co-sponsorship to the Equatorial South Sudanese Community Association in Saskatoon Inc., for Conference and Celebration of Diversity and Culture, August 5/6, 2017, in the amount of \$1,000.

**CARRIED**

**10.4 Sum Theatre, A Show for Hope, July-September 2017 [File No. CK. 225-40-10]**

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

It was noted that the Co-sponsorship Adjudication Subcommittee had reviewed the application.

The Committee expressed an interest in a preview performance as noted in the application.

**Moved By:** J. Yu

That the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee provide co-sponsorship to Sum Theatre for “A Show for Hope”, July-September, 2017, in the amount of \$1,000.

**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 advised that the Living in Harmony Awards went well and thanked all those who assisted with the event. It was noted the “I Am the Bridge” public education campaign will be launched towards the end of May.

Kari Wuttunee excused herself from the meeting at 12:59 p.m.

**Moved By:** Councillor Block

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**8. PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2018 [File No. CK 225-40]**

The Committee Assistant advised that the Committee was requested to put forward a proposed budget submission for 2018 for inclusion in the 2018 Operating Budget Review, and provided the following budget from 2017 for information:

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

**Moved By:** S. Sambasivam

That the Committee forward to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services, for inclusion in the 2018 Operating Budget Review, the following budget proposal for 2018:

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

**CARRIED**

**11. EDUCATION AND AWARENESS INITIATIVES – FOLLOW-UP REPORT FORMS [File No. CK 225-40-10]**

**11.1 Bangladeshi Community Association of Saskatchewan, Celebration of International Mother Language Day 2017, February 21, 2017 [File No. CK 225-40-10]**

A copy of the follow-up report form was provided. Co-sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000 was approved by the Committee at its February 9, 2017 meeting.

**Moved By:** S. Sambasivam

That the follow-up report from the Bangladeshi Community Association of Saskatchewan be received as information and the Secretary be authorized to issue a cheque in the amount of \$1,000 to the Bangladeshi Community Association of Saskatchewan for co-sponsorship of Celebration of International Mother Language Day 2017.

**CARRIED**

**11.2 Saskatchewan Indigenous Cultural Centre, 2016 SICC First Nations Language Keepers Conference, November 23/24, 2016 [File No. CK. 225-40-10]**

A copy of the follow-up form, received on March 28, 2017, was provided.

Co-sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000 was approved by the Committee at its May 12, 2016 meeting in the amount of \$1,000.

It was noted that the organization had been advised that the follow-up form was due prior to the end of 2016, and that a decision would be made whether payment would be approved from the Committee's 2017 budget for this event.

Discussion followed regarding the lateness of the follow-up form.

**Moved By:** S. Sambasivam

1. That the follow-up report from the Saskatchewan Indigenous Cultural Centre be received as information and the Secretary be authorized to issue a cheque in the amount of \$1,000 to the Saskatchewan Indigenous Cultural Centre for co-sponsorship of 2016 SICC First Nations Language Keepers Conference held November 2/24, 2016; and
2. That the Saskatchewan Indigenous Cultural Centre be advised that due to the payment coming out of the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee's 2017 budget for last year's event, that if requested, the Committee is unable to provide co-sponsorship to this organization in 2017.

**CARRIED**

## **6. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

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

Immigration, Diversity and Inclusion Consultant Sora updated the Committee regarding the local immigration project which aims to help coordinate the community around issues of immigration.

**Moved By:** J. Yu

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

The Chair excused himself from the meeting at 1:12 p.m., and Jaris Swidrovich assumed the position of A/Chair in the absence of the Vice-Chair.

**12. 2017 PLANNING RETREAT [File No. CK 225-40]**

The Committee discussed at its last meeting the matter of holding a planning retreat for Committee members, and it was resolved to discuss further at the April meeting.

Discussion followed.

**Moved By:** Superintendent Shalovelo

That the Committee hold a planning retreat in October, 2017 with details to be discussed further at the May meeting.

**CARRIED**

**13. SEPTEMBER MEETING LOCATION [File No. CK 225-40]**

At the February 9, 2017 meeting the Committee resolved to hold its May 11, 2017 meeting at the Saskatoon Police Service. Due to scheduling, it was requested that the September 14, 2017 meeting be held at the Saskatoon Police Service instead.

**Moved By:** Superintendent Shalovelo

That the September 14, 2017 meeting of the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee be held at the Saskatoon Police Service commencing at 12 noon.

**CARRIED**

**7. 2016 ANNUAL REPORT - CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE [File No. CK 430-29]**

The draft 2016 Annual Report was submitted for the Committee's review before submission to City Council through the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services.

**Moved By:** Councillor Block

That the 2016 Annual Report of the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee be approved and submitted to City Council through the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services.

**CARRIED**

**9. 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**

Maria Soonias Ali excused herself from the meeting at 1:24 p.m. It was noted quorum was no longer present.

**14. OPEN DISCUSSION**

Superintendent Shalovelo advised that the Saskatoon Police Service will be hosting the unveiling of the statute for missing and murdered Indigenous women on May 5, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. and Committee members were invited to attend.

Director of Aboriginal Relations Dorval advised the Rocky Roots Walk will be held on National Aboriginal Day, June 21, 2017.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

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Mr. C. Sicotte, Chair

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Ms. J. Fast, Committee Assistant