



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

**September 14, 2017, 12:07 pm
Committee Room B, Second Floor, City Hall**

PRESENT: Mr. C. Sicotte, Chair
Ms. K. Wuttunee, Vice-Chair
Mr. D. Isbister
Ms. N. Kochar
Ms. S. Ross
Mr. H. Sangwais
Ms. M. Soonias Ali
Dr. J. Swidrovich
Mr. J. Tekleweld
Ms. J. Yu

ABSENT: Councillor C. Block
Ms. P. Fosseneuve
Ms. J. Gaudry
Mr. D. Kanewiyakiho
Mr. S. Sambasivam
Mr. D. Santosi
Superintendent B. Shalovelo

ALSO PRESENT: Social Development Manager S. Hanson
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. Ross

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: J. Swidrovich

That the minutes of meeting of the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee held on May 11, 2017 be adopted.

CARRIED

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

The Chair updated the Committee regarding an invitation to participate in an event with the Muslim community, as well as an opportunity to be on CBC Radio. The Chair acknowledged the success of the *I am the Bridge* campaign and also the unveiling of the monument at the Saskatoon Police Service for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

Moved By: J. Swidrovich

That the information be received.

CARRIED

6. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

6.1 Report of the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Coordinator [File No. CK 100-10]

The Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Coordinator provided an update regarding the following:

- The *I am the Bridge* billboard campaign was a success and brought awareness of anti-racism and sparked debate.
- The equity and inclusion policy review has been approved by City Council. CLASSIC (Community Legal Assistance Services for Saskatoon Inner City) will be assisting with the project, reviewing policies and bylaws to identify systemic barriers. Currently in the pilot phase.
- Living in Harmony Awards will be taking place in March 2018 and planning will begin in October/November 2017.

Moved By: S. Ross

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 an update regarding the following:

- Together with the Saskatoon Refugee Coalition, an event to celebrate World Refugee Day was held on June 20th at civic square outside City Hall. The event honored the lives of those who came to Saskatoon as refugees. Approximately 200 people attended over the lunch hour.
- A citizenship ceremony took place on July 8th at the Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan stage with 42 new citizens receiving their official citizenship.

Moved By: S. Ross

That the information be received.

CARRIED

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

Diversity and Social Development Manager Hanson provided an update on behalf of Director of Aboriginal Relations Dorval.

- The Wîcihitowin Aboriginal Engagement Conference will be held on October 11-12, 2017 at TCU Place if members are interested in attending.
- “Name the North Commuter Parkway” project is underway and the community is invited to suggest possible names for the bridge. Submitted bridge names must acknowledge an Aboriginal historical event or figure or embody the spirit of community and coming together.

Moved By: S. Ross

That the information be received.

CARRIED

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

The Committee Assistant submitted the current statement of expenditures.

The Chair stated that last year the Committee sponsored several members to attend the Wícihitowin Aboriginal Engagement Conference and it would be possible to do this again this year. Several members indicated their interest to attend.

Moved By: J. Swidrovich

1. That members interested in attending the Wícihitowin Aboriginal Engagement Conference contact the Chair by September 30th to confirm; and
2. That the balance of the education and awareness portion of the budget be used to fund Phase 3 of the *I am the Bridge* campaign.

CARRIED

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

The Committee Assistant advised that no new co-sponsorship requests had been received.

9. EDUCATION AND AWARENESS INITIATIVES - FOLLOW-UP REPORTS [File No. CK 225-40-10]

9.1 Saskatoon Indian and Métis Friendship Centre - National Aboriginal Day Celebrations - June 21, 2017 [File No. CK 224-40-10]

The Secretary provided a copy of the follow-up report form and advised that co-sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000 was approved by the Committee at its April 13, 2017 meeting.

Moved By: S. Ross

That the follow-up report from the Saskatoon Indian and Métis Friendship Centre be received as information, and the Secretary be authorized to issue a cheque in the amount of \$1,000 to the Saskatoon Indian and Métis Friendship Centre for co-sponsorship of National Aboriginal Day.

CARRIED

10. NOVEMBER MEETING LOCATION [File No. CK 225-40]

The Committee was to hold its September meeting at the Saskatoon Police Service, however, due to scheduling the Committee is requested to confirm that the November 9th meeting be held at the Saskatoon Police Service instead.

Moved By: J. Tekleweld

That the November 9, 2017 meeting of the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee be held at the Saskatoon Police Service commencing at 12 noon.

CARRIED

11. 2017 PLANNING RETREAT [File No. CK 225-40]

The 2017 Planning Retreat has been scheduled for Saturday, October 14, 2017, beginning at 12 noon until approximately 4 pm at Wanuskewin Heritage Park.

Any suggestions for topics or speakers should be forwarded to the Chair and an agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Moved By: N. Kochar

That the information be received.

CARRIED

12. OPEN DISCUSSION

Committee members were provided an opportunity to discuss pertinent issues and share information.

Moved By: M. Soonias Ali

That the information be received.

CARRIED

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

Mr. C. Sicotte, Chair

Ms. J. Fast, Committee Assistant