



## PUBLIC MINUTES

### CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 9, 2015, 12:10 p.m.  
Committee Room E, City Hall

PRESENT: Ms. C. Laliberte, Chair  
Councillor E. Olauson  
Dr. A. Islam  
Ms. N. Javed  
Mr. S. Sambasivam  
Mr. D. Santosi  
Mr. C. Sicotte at 12:26 p.m.  
Dr. J. Swidrovich  
Ms. K. Wuttunee  
Inspector M. Yuzdepski

ABSENT: Ms. S. Clarke  
Mr. D. Isbister  
Mr. T. Salah  
Mr. M. San Miguel  
Mr. K. Tsang  
Ms. T. Wanotch

ALSO PRESENT: Immigration, Diversity and Inclusion Consultant A. Sora  
Director of Aboriginal Relations G. Dorval  
Committee Assistant J. Fast

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed Councillor Eric Olauson and Dr. Jaris Swidrovich to the Committee. Introductions were held.

#### 2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

**Moved By:** Dr. J. Swidrovich

That Item 10 be considered prior to Item 8 and that the agenda be confirmed as amended.

**CARRIED**

#### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**Moved By:** Inspector M. Yuzdepski

That the minutes of regular meeting held on January 15, 2015, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR (File No. CK. 225-40)**

The Chair thanked Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Coordinator B. Sasakamoose Kuffner for her leadership and all her hard work in organizing Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Month's activities in March.

**Moved By:** Ms. K. Wuttunee

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)**

The Committee Assistant submitted written reports from the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Coordinator.

**Moved By:** Mr. S. Sambasivam

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**5.2 Report of the Immigration, Diversity and Inclusion Consultant  
(File No. CK. 100-21)**

The Committee Assistant submitted written reports from the Immigration, Diversity and Inclusion Consultant.

**Moved By:** Inspector M. Yuzdepski

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**6. 2015 EDUCATION AND AWARENESS INITIATIVES (File No. CK. 224-40-1)**

The Committee Assistant submitted the summary of 2015 expenditures to date.

**Moved By:** Inspector M. Yuzdepski

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**7. 2015 EDUCATION AND AWARENESS INITIATIVES CO-SPONSORSHIP  
(File No. CK. 225-40-10)**

The Committee Assistant advised that co-sponsorship requests have been received from the following organizations and have been reviewed by the Co-Sponsorship Adjudication Subcommittee:

**7.1 Saskatoon Industry Education Council  
Contact Conference...Connecting to Youth in the Community  
April 22, 2015**

**7.2 Bedford Road Collegiate  
Bedford Road Collegiate Annual Spring Pow Wow  
April 22, 2015**

**7.3 Saskatoon Reggae Festival Inc.  
Saskatoon Reggae and World Music Festival  
July 11, 2015**

Director of Aboriginal Relations Gilles Dorval entered the meeting at 12:25 p.m., and Mr. Chris Sicotte entered the meeting at 12:26 p.m. during consideration of the above matter.

The Co-Sponsorship Adjudication Subcommittee presented its recommendations and the Committee reviewed the applications and discussion was held. It was noted that more objective criteria in the co-sponsorship guidelines would be beneficial when adjudicating the applications.

Ms. Kari Wuttunee excused herself from the meeting at 12:46 p.m.

**Moved By:** Mr. S. Sambasivam

1. That the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee provide co-sponsorship to the following organizations:
  - a) Saskatoon Industry Education Council for the Contact Conference – Connecting Youth in the Community, April 22, 2015, in the amount of \$1,000;
  - b) Bedford Road Collegiate for the Bedford Road Collegiate Annual Spring Pow Wow, April 22, 2015, in the amount of \$500;
2. That Saskatoon Reggae Festival Inc. be notified that co-sponsorship will not be provided; and
3. That the Administration be requested to update the co-sponsorship guidelines to include more objective adjudication criteria.

**CARRIED**

**8. 2014 ANNUAL REPORT – CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE (File No. CK. 430-20)**

The Committee Assistant submitted, for the Committee's review and approval, a draft of the 2014 Annual Report.

**Moved By:** Mr. D. Santosi

That the 2014 Annual Report be approved for submission to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services and referred to City Council for information.

**CARRIED**

**9. 2015-2016 ABORIGINAL STUDENT HANDBOOK – ADVERTISING (File No. CK. 225-40-10)**

The Committee Assistant submitted a letter from Lori Delorme, Aboriginal Students' Centre, University of Saskatchewan, dated March 18, 2015, for the Committee's consideration, and advised that last year the Committee authorized placement of a ¼ page ad in the handbook at a cost of \$100.

**Moved By:** Inspector M. Yuzdepski

That the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee authorize the placement of an ad in the University of Saskatchewan 2015-2016 Aboriginal Student Handbook at a cost of \$100.

**CARRIED**

**10. 2015 JOANNA MILLER PEACE AWARD (File No. CK. 225-40-10)**

The Committee Assistant advised that a request had been received from the Saskatoon Peace Coalition regarding a representative from the Committee to participate on the steering committee for the above award.

Mr. S. Sambasivam volunteered to represent the Committee.

**Moved By:** Inspector M. Yuzdepski

That the Saskatoon Peace Coalition be advised that Mr. Sam Sambasivam will represent the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee on the steering committee for the Joanna Miller Peace Award.

**CARRIED**

**11. 2013-2014 SASKATOON PUBLIC SCHOOLS - REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY (File No. CK. 225-40)**

A copy of the above-noted booklet was circulated to the Committee.

**Moved By:** Dr. J. Swidrovich

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**12. OPEN DISCUSSION (File No. CK. 225-40-10)**

Committee members were provided an opportunity to share information regarding activities they are involved with within their workplaces or experiences relating to cultural diversity and anti-racism work.

- Mr. C. Sicotte - First Nation and Métis home ownership - housing issue.

Councillor Eric Olauson excused himself from the meeting at 1:19 p.m.

- Ms. N. Javed – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee Forum (October 2014) - propose every year on the Committee's anniversary have a similar forum.
- Director of Aboriginal Relations G. Dorval – Truth and Reconciliation - working with STC and CUMFI to put an event together – may need volunteers to help out.
- Mr. C. Sicotte – Voices of Our Sisters: Standing Together in Hope event on Saturday, April 18 – keynotes, panels, discussion. A poster will be forwarded to the Committee for information.

### 13. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved By:** Mr. C. Sicotte

That the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

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Ms. C. Laliberte, Chair