

PUBLIC MINUTES

CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 15, 2015, 12:10 p.m.
Committee Room E, City Hall

PRESENT: Ms. C. Laliberte, Chair
Mr. M. San Miguel, Vice-Chair
Ms. S. Clarke, at 12:22 p.m.
Mr. D. Isbister
Dr. A. Islam
Ms. N. Javed
Mr. T. Salah
Mr. S. Sambasivam
Mr. D. Santosi
Ms. T. Wanotch
Ms. K. Wuttunee

ABSENT: Councillor T. Davies
Mr. C. Sicotte
Dr. J. Swidrovich
Mr. K. Tsang
Inspector M. Yuzdepski

ALSO PRESENT: Cultural Diversity & Race Relations Coordinator B. Sasakamoose Kuffner
Immigration, Diversity and Inclusion Consultant A. Sora
Director of Community Development L. Lacroix
Director of Aboriginal Relations G. Dorval
Ms. C. Beckett, University of Saskatchewan student (observing)
Committee Assistant J. Fast

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed Mr. Darryl Isbister to the Committee. Introductions were held.

1.2 Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

The Committee Assistant reported that the Committee was requested to appoint a Chair and Vice Chair for 2015.

Dr. Azharul Islam nominated Mr. Mike San Miguel for Vice Chair. No further nominations were received.

Mr. Sam Sambasivam nominated Ms. Cornelia Laliberte for Chair. No further nominations were received.

Moved By: S. Sambasivam

That Ms. Cornelia Laliberte be appointed Chair for 2015 and that Mr. Mike San Miguel be appointed Vice Chair for 2015.

CARRIED

1.3 2015 Membership – Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee (File No. CK. 225-40)

The Committee Assistant reported that City Council, at its meeting held on November 24, 2014, adopted a recommendation of its Executive Committee that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee for the terms indicated:

For 2015:

Councillor T. Davies
Dr. Azharul Islam
Ms. Nayyar Javed
Mr. Toffic Salah
Mr. Michael San Miguel
Mr. Keith Tsang
Ms. Tori-Lynn Wanotch
Ms. Kari Wuttunee

To the end of 2016:

Ms. Sharon Clarke, Saskatoon Health Region
Dr. Jaris Swidrovich, Public-First Nations Community
Mr. Darryl Isbister, Board of Education for Saskatoon Public Schools
Ms. Cornelia Laliberte, Board of Education for Saskatoon Catholic Schools
Mr. Sam Sambasivam, Saskatchewan Intercultural Association
Chief Clive Weighill, Saskatoon Police Service
(Alternate – Inspector Mitch Yuzdepski)

In addition, the following members have already been appointed to the Committee to the end of 2015:

Mr. David Santosi, Ministry of Social Services
Mr. Chris Sicotte, Public-Métis Community

Moved By: M. San Miguel

That the information be received.

CARRIED

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: M. San Miguel

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: K. Wuttunee

That the minutes of regular meeting of the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee held on November 13, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. ORIENTATION FOR NEWLY-APPOINTED MEMBERS (File No. CK. 225-40)

The Committee Assistant submitted a meeting schedule for the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee, as well as a copy of the Committee's Terms of Reference.

Director of Community Development Lacroix outlined the role of the Committee and its relationship with City Council, and provided a brief overview regarding the work of the committee as set out in the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Policy.

Ms. Sharon Clarke entered the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

Director of Community Development Lacroix also highlighted the activities the Committee is involved with including Cultural Diversity & Race Relations Month, the Living in Harmony Awards, and co-sponsorship of community initiatives.

Moved By: M. San Miguel

That the information be received.

CARRIED

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

The Chair acknowledged the highlight of 2014 was the 25th Anniversary Gala and expressed enthusiasm in continuing to work together in 2015.

Moved By: K. Wuttunee

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)

Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Coordinator Sasakamoose Kuffner reviewed her report and stated plans are underway for Race Relations Month activities and noted the Opening Ceremony will be March 5th at 1:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. The Living in Harmony Awards are tentatively scheduled for March 19th and more details will be provided when available. Ms. Sasakamoose Kuffner encouraged members to get the word out regarding the Living in Harmony Awards in order to increase the number of submissions, as well as nominations in the recognition category.

Moved By: S. Sambasivam

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 reviewed her report and highlighted a two-day training workshop on February 10 and 11, 2015 which is in partnership with the Office of the Treaty Commissioner and is targeted for anyone who works with newcomers. Ms. Sora undertook to forward more information on this workshop to Committee members. Ms. Sora also noted the Contact Conference will be held on April 21-22, 2015 and will forward additional information when it is available.

Moved By: T. Wanotch

That the information be received.

CARRIED

**7. 2014 Education and Awareness Initiatives
Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee (File No. CK. 224-40-1)**

The Committee Assistant submitted the year-end Statement of Expenditures and noted that the 2015 approved budget was \$15,100.00.

Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Coordinator Sasakamoose Kuffner requested that the Living in Harmony Awards for artwork and literary work be equal amounts of \$100.00 (currently artwork is \$100 and literary work is \$50).

Moved By: M. San Miguel

That the information be received, and that the Living in Harmony Awards be \$100 for artwork and \$100 for literary work.

CARRIED

8. Appointment of Ad Hoc Subcommittees (File No. CK. 255-40)

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:

- a) Adjudication and reporting on co-sponsorship requests received relating to Cultural Diversity and Race Relations education and awareness initiatives; and
- b) 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 Chair asked for volunteers for the Co-Sponsorship Adjudication Ad Hoc Subcommittee and noted that Chris Sicotte had indicated he would like his name to stand for this subcommittee. Sam Sambasivam volunteered and Inspector Mitch Yuzdepski's name was put forward.

The Chair asked for volunteers for the Adjudication of Living in Harmony Contest Submissions Subcommittee and Kari Wuttunee and Mike San Miguel volunteered.

Discussion followed regarding the criteria for co-sponsorship and the need to clarify what the co-sponsorship funds can and can't be used for. The Administration agreed to update the guidelines.

Moved By: T. Wuttunee

1. That Chris Sicotte, Sam Sambasivam, Mitch Yuzdepski, and Cornelia Laliberte (Chair) be appointed to the Co-Sponsorship Adjudication Ad Hoc Subcommittee for 2015; and
2. That Kari Wuttunee, Mike San Miguel, and Cornelia Laliberte (Chair) be appointed to the Living in Harmony Contest Submissions Adjudication Ad Hoc Subcommittee for 2015; and
3. That the Administration update the Co-sponsorship Guidelines to include what co-sponsorship funds can and can't be used for.

CARRIED

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

Committee members expressed concerns regarding the attendance of the Council appointment.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: S. Sambasivam

That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Ms. C. Laliberte, Chair