



## **PUBLIC NOTES**

### **CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, September 10, 2015, 12:00 noon  
Committee Room E, City Hall**

**PRESENT:**

Ms. C. Laliberte, Chair  
Mr. M. San Miguel, Vice-Chair  
Councillor E. Olauson  
Ms. N. Javed, at 12:14 p.m.  
Mr. S. Sambasivam  
Mr. D. Santosi  
Dr. J. Swidrovich

**ABSENT:**

Ms. S. Clarke  
Mr. D. Isbister  
Dr. A. Islam  
Mr. T. Salah  
Mr. C. Sicotte  
Mr. K. Tsang  
Ms. T. Wanotch  
Chief C. Weighill  
Ms. K. Wuttunee  
Inspector M. Yuzdepski

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Director of Community Development L. Lacroix  
Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Coordinator B. Sasakamoose  
Kuffner  
Immigration, Diversity and Inclusion Consultant A. Sora  
Deputy City Clerk S. Bryant

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair noted that there was no quorum at 12:09 p.m.

Deputy City Clerk Bryant advised the Committee that they could hold an informal meeting, but no decisions are to be made and no minutes would be kept.

## **2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

As this was not a formal meeting, the agenda was not confirmed.

## **3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

As this was not a formal meeting, the minutes were not considered for approval.

## **4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Ms. Cornelia Laliberte, Chair, introduced Sgt. Keith Salzl.

Sgt. Salzl distributed posters for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Race Against Racism advising it is scheduled for September 20, 2015, and provided some information with regard to the event. He invited the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee to attend and utilize its networks to spread the word.

Ms. Nayaar Javed entered the meeting at 12:14 p.m. and it was determined there was still no quorum.

## **5. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

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

An update report was provided to Committee members.

Ms. Becky Sasakamoose Kuffner reviewed her submitted report with the members present.

Regarding the Anti-Racism Forum planned for November 25, 2015, Ms. Sasakamoose Kuffner outlined the proposed budget and requested that the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee consider providing funding in the amount of \$3,000.00 for this event. It was noted that a decision could not be made due to no quorum and it was suggested that a special meeting be held in order to consider this one matter. Those members present agreed.

Councillor Olauson excused himself from the meeting at 12:47 p.m.

Director of Community Development Lacroix noted that Ms. Tori-Lynn Wanotch has been hired as a community representative with the City of Saskatoon and will be resigning as a member of the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee.

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

An update report was provided to Committee members.

Ms. Sora reviewed her submitted report with the members present.

## **6. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES**

A summary of 2015 expenditures to date was provided to Committee members.

## **7. EDUCATION AND AWARENESS INITIATIVES - CO-SPONSORSHIP**

The Deputy City Clerk advised that no new co-sponsorship requests have been received.

## **8. OPEN DISCUSSION**

Director of Community Development Lacroix, on behalf of the Director of Aboriginal Relations, Gilles Dorval, advised that City Council, at its June 2015 meeting, declared the Year of Reconciliation for 2016 and the Administration has been asked what the City's responsibility is for the call for action. Mr. Dorval is putting together a report to be presented to Executive Committee at its meeting to be held September 21, 2015, and he has asked that it be forwarded to this Committee for its information. He will also be submitting an Aboriginal and Inclusion update report to this Committee.

Ms. Lacroix further updated the Committee that a report regarding a location for the Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women Monument is going to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services and she will make sure a copy is circulated to this Committee for information.

Mr. Sambasivam reminded the Committee about the Joanna Miller Peace Award to be presented in Council Chamber on September 22, 2015.

Ms. Javed drew the Committee's attention to consider partnering with research assistants and process.

Ms. Lacroix reminded the Committee of the September 15, 2015, deadline for intake of co-sponsorship applications.

Ms. Sora indicated she attended an exhibit from British Columbia on the Japanese Canadian Redress Movement at the Diefenbaker Centre.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The informal meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.