



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

**November 12, 2015, 12:23 p.m.**  
**Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall**

**PRESENT:** Ms. C. Laliberte, Chair  
Mr. M. San Miguel, Vice-Chair  
Councillor E. Olauson  
Ms. N. Javed  
Mr. S. Sambasivam  
Mr. C. Sicotte  
Ms. K. Wuttunee  
Inspector M. Yuzdepski

**ABSENT:** Ms. S. Clarke  
Mr. D. Isbister  
Dr. A. Islam  
Mr. T. Salah  
Mr. D. Santosi  
Dr. J. Swidrovich  
Mr. K. Tsang

**ALSO PRESENT:** Director of Community Development L. Lacroix  
Director of Aboriginal Relations G. Dorval  
Cultural Diversity & Race Relations Coordinator  
B. Sasakamoose Kuffner  
Committee Assistant J. Fast

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

**Moved By:** Mr. M. San Miguel

1. That the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada - Calls to Action and The City of Saskatoon's Response report be added as Item 5.3; and

2. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

**CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Moved By:** Mr. M. San Miguel

That the minutes of regular meeting of the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee held on May 14, 2015 and special meeting held on September 28, 2015 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

The Chair reminded Committee members of the Anti-Racism Forum on Wednesday, November 25, 2015 at 1:30-4:30 p.m.

**Moved By:** Mr. M. San Miguel

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 a written report from the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Coordinator. Ms. Sasakamoose Kuffner updated the Committee regarding an Anti-Racism Public Education implementation strategy/action/communication plan that outlines what the City of Saskatoon is actively doing to work towards the Elimination of Racial Discrimination under the CD&RR Policy. An Anti-Racism public education campaign is scheduled to begin the end of 2015. As well it was noted that the CD&RR office is working with the Office of the Treaty Commissioner to incorporate the Year of Reconciliation into 2015 business plan and strategic initiatives.

Ms. Sasakamoose Kuffner advised that the proposed date for the 2016 Race Relations Month Opening Ceremony is Tuesday, March 1, 2016 in Council Chambers.

It was noted that work on the “I Am the Bridge” campaign is continuing. This campaign is starting off with internal communications and launching in the new year with a variety of different public education tools including billboards, newsletters, and brochures. The campaign is about more than building bridges between cultures, it’s about taking responsibility to be a bridge.

**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 a written report from the Immigration, Diversity and Inclusion Consultant.

Director of Community Development Lacroix provided an update on behalf of Ms. April Sora who was unable to attend. Ms. Lacroix highlighted some of the work of the Immigration, Diversity and Inclusion Consultant in the community as well as events noted in Ms. Sora’s report including:

- Refugees Welcome: From Compassion to Action - November 10, 2015, awareness and information event which focussed on the ongoing refugee crisis.
- Moving Stories - December 18, 2015, an event around the stories of indigenous and refugee youth in Saskatoon.
- Mawe-Wicihitowin Conference – November 17-18, 2015, a conference focussing on issues concerning Aboriginal engagement in the community.
- Contact Conference – April 12-13, 2016, an annual conference for career practitioners.
- Canadian Council on Refugees (CCR) National Meeting/Conference – June 2-4, 2016.

**Moved By:** Mr. M. San Miguel

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**5.3 The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action and The City of Saskatoon's Response [Files CK. 5615-1, x1700-1]**

Director of Aboriginal Relations Dorval reviewed the submitted report which summarized the City of Saskatoon's response to the TRC Calls to Action with initiatives to address relevant recommendations. Mr. Dorval highlighted the City's activities to increase Aboriginal inclusion and additional actions the City will take to address the recommendations.

**Moved By:** Inspector M. Yuzdepski

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**6. EDUCATION AND AWARENESS INITIATIVES - CO-SPONSORSHIP [FILE NO. CK. 225-40-10]**

The Committee Assistant submitted copies of the following Co-Sponsorship Request Applications which had been reviewed by the Co-Sponsorship Adjudication Subcommittee.

**6.1 Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre, SICC First Nations' Language Keepers Conference, November 25-26, 2015**

Mr. Chris Sicotte provided an update on behalf of the Subcommittee and advised that the Subcommittee recommended approving the request for co-sponsorship of the Round Dance portion of the conference in the amount of \$1,000.

**Moved By:** Mr. M. San Miguel

That the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee provide co-sponsorship to the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre for the SICC First Nations' Language Keepers Conference Round Dance, November 25, 2015 in the amount of \$1,000.

**CARRIED**

**6.2 University of Saskatchewan Department of Linguistics and Religious Studies, Islam on the Prairies Conference, May 13-14, 2016**

Deferred to next meeting.

**6.3 Pleasant Hill Community Association, Pleasant Hill Community Pow Wow, June 10, 2016**

Deferred to next meeting.

**6.4 Saskatoon Peace Coalition, Saskatoon's Joanna Miller Peace Award, September 2016**

Deferred to next meeting.

**7. 2016 MEETING DATES [FILE NO. CK. 225-40]**

The Committee Assistant submitted the following proposed schedule of meetings for 2016:

Thursday, January 14  
Thursday, February 11  
Thursday, April 14  
Thursday, May 12  
Thursday, September 8  
Thursday, November 10

**Moved By:** Mr. M. San Miguel

That the meeting dates for the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee for 2016 be approved.

**CARRIED**

Inspector Yuzdepski excused himself from the meeting at 12:56 p.m.

It was noted that quorum was no longer present and the meeting was adjourned.

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Ms. C. Laliberte, Chair

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Ms. J. Fast, Committee Assistant