



PUBLIC MINUTES
CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

January 14, 2016, 12:00 p.m.
Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall

PRESENT:

- Ms. C. Laliberte, Chair
- Mr. C. Sicotte, Vice-Chair
- Ms. S. Clarke
- Ms. J. Gaudry
- Mr. D. Isbister
- Ms. S. Ross
- Mr. S. Sambasivam
- Mr. H. Sangwais
- Mr. D. Santosi
- Ms. M. Soonias Ali
- Dr. J. Swidrovich
- Ms. K. Wuttunee
- Ms. J. Yu

ABSENT:

- Councillor E. Olauson
- Ms. N. Javed
- Mr. T. Salah
- Inspector M. Yuzdepski

ALSO PRESENT:

- Social Development Manager S. Hanson
- Community Development Manager K. Kitchen
- 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 and introductions were held.

1.1 Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair [File No. CK. 225-40]

The Committee Assistant reported that the Committee was requested to appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair for 2016.

Ms. Shirley Ross nominated Ms. Cornelia Laliberte for Chair. No further nominations were received.

Mr. Sam Sambasivam nominated Mr. Chris Sicotte for Vice-Chair. No further nominations were received.

Moved By: S. Sambasivam

That Ms. Cornelia Laliberte be appointed Chair for 2016 and Mr. Chris Sicotte be appointed Vice-Chair for 2016.

CARRIED

**1.2 2016 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 23, 2015, 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 2016:

Councillor Eric Olauson
Ms. Julie Yu, Public Representative
Ms. Joann Gaudry, Public Representative
Ms. Maria Soonias Ali, Public Representative
Ms. Shirley Ross, Public Representative
Ms. Nayyar Javed, Public Representative
Mr. Toffic Salah, Public Representative
Ms. Kari Wuttunee, Public Representative

For 2017:

Mr. David Santosi, Ministry of Social Services

Mr. Christopher Sicotte, Public - Métis Representative
Mr. Howard Sangwais, Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing

In addition, the following were previously appointed by City Council 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)

Moved By: S. Clarke

That the information be received.

CARRIED

Dr. Jaris Swidrovich entered the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: C. Sicotte

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: C. Sicotte

That the minutes of regular meeting of the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee held on November 12, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. ORIENTATION FOR NEWLY-APPOINTED MEMBERS [File No. CK. 225-40]

The Committee Assistant submitted a copy of the Committee's Terms of Reference.

Social Development Manager Hanson 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.

Moved By: S. Sambasivam

That the information be received.

CARRIED

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

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year.

6. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

6.1 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 noted that her office has adopted more of an anti-racism portfolio and encouraged committee members to make themselves available to learn more about anti-racism.

Discussion followed regarding training for Committee members to better understand what anti-racism is and how to accomplish objectives of the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Policy. The Administration undertook to forward potential dates to Committee members for an anti-racism information session.

Moved By: J. Yu

That the information be received.

CARRIED

**6.2 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. Ms. Sora provided the Committee with an update on what has been occurring in the community with regard to welcoming of refugees. The City of Saskatoon is working to coordinate the city in terms of health care, education, and services needed as soon as they arrive.

Ms. Sora noted the Building Citizenship Roundtable Host Invitation which was included in her report and asked if Committee members were interested in being a part of the event to contact her.

Moved By: S. Sambasivam

That the information be received.

CARRIED

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

The Committee Assistant submitted the year-end Statement of Expenditures and advised that the 2016 approved budget was \$15,100.00.

Moved By: S. Sambasivam

That the information be received.

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. Chris Sicotte, Sam Sambasivam, Shirley Ross, Maria Soonias Ali, and Howard Sangwais volunteered.

The Chair asked for volunteers for the Adjudication of Living in Harmony Contest Submissions Subcommittee and Julie Yu, Kari Wuttunee, Howard Sangwais, and Chris Sicotte volunteered.

Moved By: S. Sambasivam

1. That Chris Sicotte, Sam Sambasivam, Shirley Ross, Maria Soonias Ali, Howard Sangwais, and Cornelia Laliberte (Chair) be appointed to the Co-Sponsorship Adjudication Ad Hoc Subcommittee for 2016; and
2. That Julie Yu, Kari Wuttunee, Howard Sangwais, Chris Sicotte, and Cornelia Laliberte (Chair) be appointed to the Living in Harmony Contest Submissions Adjudication Ad Hoc Subcommittee for 2016.

CARRIED

9. 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.

9.1 University of Saskatchewan Department of Linguistics and Religious Studies, Islam on the Prairies Conference, May 13-14, 2016 [File No. CK. 225-40-10]

Mr. Chris Sicotte provided an update on behalf of the Subcommittee. Discussion followed regarding the event.

Moved By: C. Sicotte

That the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee provide co-sponsorship to the University of Saskatchewan Department of Linguistics and Religious Studies for the Islam on the Prairies Conference, May 13-14, 2016, in the amount of \$1,000.

CARRIED

9.2 Pleasant Hill Community Association, Pleasant Hill Community Pow Wow, June 10, 2016 [File No. CK. 225-40-10]

Mr. Chris Sicotte provided an update on behalf of the Subcommittee.

Mr. Darryl Isbister excused himself from the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Moved By: J. Swidrovich

That the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee provide co-sponsorship to the Pleasant Hill Community Association for the Pleasant Hill Pow Wow, June 10, 2016, in the amount of \$1,000.

CARRIED

9.3 Saskatoon Peace Coalition, Saskatoon's Joanna Miller Peace Award, September 2016 [File No. CK. 225-40-10]

Mr. Chris Sicotte provided an update on behalf of the Subcommittee.

Moved By: C. Sicotte

That the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee provide co-sponsorship to the Saskatoon Peace Coalition for Saskatoon's Joanna Miller Peace Award, September 2016, in the amount of \$300.

CARRIED

10. UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN ABORIGINAL STUDENTS' CENTRE [File No. CK. 225-40-10]

The Committee Assistant advised that the Committee, at its meeting held on April 9, 2015, authorized the placement of a 1/4 page ad in the University of Saskatchewan Aboriginal Student Handbook at a cost of \$100. A copy of the handbook, which included the above ad, was circulated at the meeting.

Moved By: J. Swidrovich

That the information be received.

CARRIED

11. OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Chis Sicotte excused himself from the meeting at 1:13 p.m.

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.

Ms. S. Clarke queried how to ensure newcomers are involved in reconciliation activities. Immigration, Diversity and Inclusion Consultant Sora noted that there is a lot of programming going on in the community and the City of Saskatoon is a

part of it as well. The Office of the Treaty Commissioner is involved with a train-the-trainer program regarding treaties and treaty awareness for individuals who work front line with newcomers, in an effort to ensure newcomers' first access to information is correct information.

Dr. J. Swidrovich advised of an educational event he will be presenting at on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, on Aboriginal history, health, and cultural safety at the University of Saskatchewan. Dr. Swidrovich also noted Sanctum Care Group, a hospice with respite and supportive care for people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS, will be holding an event in June 2016 where 10 local celebrities will be living homeless on the streets for 36 hours with the last hour being a community and public gala to promote homelessness supports in the city.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Ms. C. Laliberte, Chair

Ms. J. Fast, Committee Assistant