



PUBLIC MINUTES

CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 14, 2015, 12:00 noon
Committee Room E, City Hall

PRESENT: Ms. C. Laliberte, Chair
Mr. M. San Miguel, Vice-Chair
Councillor E. Olauson
Mr. D. Isbister
Ms. N. Javed
Mr. S. Sambasivam
Dr. J. Swidrovich
Ms. T. Wanotch
Ms. K. Wuttunee

ABSENT: Ms. S. Clarke
Dr. A. Islam
Mr. T. Salah
Mr. D. Santosi
Mr. C. Sicotte
Mr. K. Tsang
Inspector M. Yuzdepski

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Community Development L. Lacroix
Director of Aboriginal Relations G. Dorval
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

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Mr. D. Isbister

That the minutes of regular meeting held on April 9, 2015, be adopted.

CARRIED

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

The Chair advised that the Committee's 2014 Annual Report was presented and approved at the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services' meeting and will be forwarded to City Council for information.

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 a written report from the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Coordinator.

Director of Community Development L. Lacroix noted that the report includes information regarding planning a follow up to the forum that was held last October in conjunction with the 25th Anniversary gala event. The Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Coordinator is looking for volunteers to assist with this event and Nayyar Javed, Sam Sambasivam, Kari Wuttunee, and Cornelia Laliberte volunteered.

Moved By: Ms. N. Javed

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.

Moved By: Dr. J. Swidrovich

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. It was noted that additional expenditures have yet to be processed for Cultural Diversity and Race Relations' Month.

Moved By: Mr. S. Sambasivam

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 a co-sponsorship request had been received from the following organization and has been reviewed by the Co-Sponsorship Adjudication Subcommittee:

**7.1 Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations
Saskatchewan First Nation Disability Awareness Day
June 15, 2015**

The Co-Sponsorship Adjudication Subcommittee presented its recommendation and discussion was held.

Moved By: Mr. S. Sambasivam

That the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations be notified that co-sponsorship will not be provided for Saskatchewan First Nation Disability Awareness Day as the event does not meet the established criteria.

Against: Ms. N. Javed

CARRIED

8. PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2016 (File No. CK. 225-40)

The Committee Assistant advised the Committee is requested to put forward a proposed budget submission for 2016 for inclusion in the 2016 Operating Budget Review.

Moved By: Mr. M. San Miguel

That the Committee forward to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services for approval for inclusion in the 2016 Operating Budget Review, the following budget proposal for 2016 (which is the same as the 2015 approved budget):

\$ 3,000 for the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Month
\$ 1,000 for Member Development, Conferences and Meetings
\$11,100 for Education and Awareness Initiatives, including Co-Sponsorships

CARRIED

9. 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.

- Director of Aboriginal Relations G. Dorval – as follow-up to comments at the last meeting from Mr. C. Sicotte regarding First Nation and Métis home ownership, Mr. Sicotte has forwarded a letter of apology. It was noted that the role of Committee members is to ensure accuracy and have clear facts before bringing an issue forward.
- Truth and Reconciliation event planned for June 2, 2015, at Victoria Park.
- Dr. J. Swidrovich – attended Riversdale Love which was an excellent event aimed at connecting people in conversations about the future of Riversdale.
- Sanctum Saskatoon, Saskatchewan's first hospice with respite for people living with HIV is looking for an Executive Director.
- Mr. S. Sambasivam – Pleasant Hill Community Pow Wow will be held on June 12, 2015.
- Ms. K. Wuttunee – Mayor's Marathon Day will be held on June 21, 2015, which coincides with National Aboriginal Day (replaces Bridge City Boogie).
- Director of Community Development L. Lacroix – the official grand opening of Chief Darcy Bear Park (adjacent to Nutana Collegiate) will be held on June 3, 2015.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Mr. M. San Miguel

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

Ms. C. Laliberte, Chair