Cultural Diversity Advisory Committee Minutes

November 16, 2020, 2:00 p.m.
Scoop Lewry Room
2nd Floor, City Hall

PRESENT:  Councillor Crystal Froese
Dalise Hector
Nazmia Bengeleil
Randall Fleming
Selinda England
Amanda McCann
Lori Deets
Gerry Turcotte

ABSENT:  Brenda Marshall Colenutt
Don Mitchell

ALSO:  Derek Blais
Pearl Anderson

1. Call to Order

Dalise Hector, Committee Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. **Adoption of the Agenda**

   Moved by Gerry Turcotte

   THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

   Carried

3. **Adoption of the Minutes - October 19, 2020**

   Moved by Councillor Froese

   THAT the minutes of the Cultural Diversity Advisory Committee meeting held October 19, 2020 be received as presented.

   Carried

4. **New Business**

   Nazmia Bengeleil joined the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

   4.1 **Racial Equity 2030**

   Derek Blais, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented an update regarding the Racial Equity 2030 funding opportunity being offered by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation for the development of a Community Cultural Plan. Mr. Blais confirmed that the funding is available to the City of Moose Jaw provided it is not for a project currently being funded by the City. The application deadline is understood to be January 28, 2021, although this may be a preliminary deadline and needs to be further clarified. As per the information provided in the application, it will take between 10 and 20 hours to complete. The maximum amount of funding available is up to 20 million dollars with no matching funds required. Sask. Culture’s Community Planning grant was also considered as a potential funding opportunity.
APPROVAL OF COUNCIL REQUIRED

Moved by Nazmia Bengeleil

THAT the Cultural Diversity Advisory Committee recommend to City Council that City Administration in collaboration with the Cultural Diversity Advisory Committee be authorized to submit a grant application to the W. K. Kellogg Foundation (Racial Equity 2030) and to Sask. Culture Community Engagement and Planning Grant for the development of a Moose Jaw Cultural Action Plan; and further

THAT a report be brought forward to City Council regarding the development of a Moose Jaw Cultural Action Plan should the funding be approved.

Carried

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Muslim Burial Area at Rosedale Cemetery

Derek Blais presented an update regarding the Muslim burial area at Rosedale Cemetery including the following:

- met with the group on October 30th;
- funding proposal is being developed for presentation to a City Council planning session in January with a formal report anticipated to be submitted to City Council in February 2021 for approval;
- once approval is received by City Council and funding is in place, the project would proceed.

Mr. Blais also provided additional information on the design requirements specific to the Muslim Burial Area at Rosedale Cemetery.

Nazmia Bengeleil supported the group by providing insight into the cultural and religious norms that impact the design of the burial area.
5.2 Cultural Plan Stakeholder Event

Prairie Wild Consulting, in conjunction with the Cultural Diversity Advisory Committee, is hosting a virtual cultural plan stakeholder presentation on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. through Microsoft Teams. The invitation list will be drafted and forwarded to City Administration and the Committee for review. Once the invitation list is confirmed, City Administration and the Cultural Diversity Advisory Committee will work together to send out invitations with the City being the contact for attendees.

5.3 Thought Exchange Program

A demo of the Thought Exchange program is scheduled for Thursday, December 3, 2020 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. A poster/Invitation will be circulated. City Administration will be contacted to propose livestreaming the information through the City's website. City Council and City Administration will be invited.

5.4 Community Services Map on City's Website

The group working on a community services map is preparing a presentation for select members of City Administration and Council with a proposal that the map be featured prominently on the City's website. Discussion ensued regarding benefits the community services map would provide to newcomers, other demographics, and indeed, all residents of Moose Jaw.

Mr. Blais advised that Google Translate is not a feature available on the new City's website, however, it is being considered as a potential added program.

6. Outstanding Items

The outstanding items list dated November 16, 2020 was reviewed, received and filed.
7. **Information Items**

The following information items were discussed:

- A research project regarding newcomers' needs and assets as well as the community’s related capacities has been published by Prairie Skies Integration Network and is available for all community members and service providers to read.

- As of October 13, 2020, international students are able to travel and study in Canada with the potential for an influx of Sask. Polytechnic students in January 2021.

- Interprovincial transfers are up in the province (with isolation for 14 days upon arrival).

8. **Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The next meeting of the Cultural Diversity Advisory Committee is scheduled for Monday, December 21, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Moved by Randall Fleming

THAT the meeting now adjourn at 3:30 p.m.

Carried

*Emailed Approval on Nov. 20, 2020*

Dalise Hector, Chairperson

**CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS:**

“Jim Puffalt”

City Manager

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS:**

“Fraser Tolmie”

Mayor