



**PUBLIC MINUTES
CULTURAL DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 2:30 p.m.
Scoop Lewry Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall**

PRESENT:

Dalise Hector, Chairperson, MJ Multicultural Council Representative
Selinda England, Citizen-at-Large (via telephone)
Lori Deets, Citizen-at-Large
Randall Fleming, Citizen-at-Large
Lisa Abbasi, Citizen-at-Large
Amanda McCann, PSSD Representative
Gerry Turcotte, Holy Trinity Catholic School Representative
Nazmia Bengelil, International Women's Society Representative

ABSENT:

Councillor Heather Eby, Council Representative
Brenda Marshall Colenutt, Moose Jaw Aboriginal Association Representative
Rosemarie Zaba Stewart, Sask. Polytechnic Representative

ALSO:

Pearl Anderson, Recording Secretary

PART 1 - NO APPROVAL OF COUNCIL REQUIRED

Re: Call to Order

Dalise Hector, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.

PART 2 - NO APPROVAL OF COUNCIL REQUIRED

Re: Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Nazmia Bengelil

THAT the agenda be adopted with the following amendment:

- Addition of Part 4.4 – Discussion of City Website Project

Carried.

PART 3 - NO APPROVAL OF COUNCIL REQUIRED

Re: Adoption of Minutes – November 27, 2019

Moved by Nazmia Bengelil

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Cultural Diversity Advisory Committee dated November 27, 2019 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Nazmia Bengelil accepted her appointment as Vice-Chair of the Cultural Diversity Advisory Committee.

PART 4 – NO APPROVAL OF COUNCIL REQUIRED

Re: New Business

4.1 Name Change for the Committee

Consideration was given to a name change for the Committee with discussion that a possible name could be the Cultural Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Advisory Committee. The matter will be further considered at the next meeting.

Moved by Randall Fleming

THAT the matter with respect to a name change for the Committee be tabled to the next meeting.

Carried.

4.2 Dates and Times for Committee Meetings

Considered was the timing for Committee meetings.

Moved by Nazmia Bengelil

THAT the Cultural Diversity Advisory Committee meetings be held the 3rd Monday of each consecutive month at 2:00 p.m., except for the months of July and August.

Carried.

4.3 Wakamow Aboriginal Community Association

Consideration was given to amending the Committee Bylaw to update the names of groups being represented to reflect current organizations in operation. For example, "Moose Jaw Aboriginal Association" (an organization which does not exist) would be removed and "Wakamow Aboriginal Community Association" and "Metis Local 160" would be added to Committee membership. The matter will be considered in conjunction with potential amendments to Bylaw No. 5370, Cultural Diversity Advisory Committee Bylaw.

4.4 Discussion of City Website Project

Moved by Dalise Hector

THAT discussion with respect to suggesting that the City more-centrally feature community services in its new website design—to increase support, attraction and retention of residents—using tools provided by partners, be tabled to the next meeting.

Carried.

PART 5 - NO APPROVAL OF COUNCIL REQUIRED

Re: Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Amendments to Bylaw No. 5370, Cultural Diversity Advisory Committee Bylaw

Consideration was given to the Committee's mandate, membership, name and bylaw. Determination of the Committee's mandate was considered key to deciding on the membership and proposed name change. The status of organizations currently represented on the Committee will be reviewed.

The following matters were discussed with regards to amendments to the Committee Bylaw:

- Need to determine the Committee's mission/mandate/vision/purpose.
- What is the Committee doing well, what does the Committee want to change?
- Consider whether the municipality has a description related to the purpose of the CDAC, though this is not currently located in the bylaw, (ie. on the webpage where CDAC vacancies are advertised).
- Ask each Committee member and Council member what they feel the role of the Committee is.
- Use of the Thought Exchange process to answer questions – How is the Committee doing? What is the role of the Committee? Who would be consulted as a part of the Thought Exchange process?

Mr. Turcotte, Holy Trinity Catholic School Division (HTCSD) representative, will look into potential use of the Thought Exchange program (that HTCSD has access to) and forward it to the Committee Chair for review.

5.2 Budget

The City Manager approved the Cultural Diversity Advisory Committee's request to carry forward \$500 remaining in the 2019 budget to 2020 to assist with funding for a capacity building project.

PART 6 – NO APPROVAL OF COUNCIL REQUIRED

Re: Round Table – Member Initiatives Related to Diversity and Inclusion

The following matters were discussed during the round table discussion:

- Representation from the Islamic Association of Saskatchewan – Moose Jaw be added to the Committee's membership.
- Status of the Metis Local 160 be clarified prior to a representative being added to the Committee's membership.
- Prairie South School Division is holding French as a Second Language week from February 3 to 7, 2020.
- SCRIP is holding its first partnership council meeting in January. Funding from the municipality was received for the Rural & Northern Immigration Partnership Project. A grant writing workshop is being held on January 9, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- Sask. Polytechnic has hired a student life coordinator to assist international students with settlement needs. An interfaith centre is being set up on campus and Committee members are invited to provide input regarding the layout, decoration, etc. Sask. Polytechnic completed a recent report on the economic impact of Saskatchewan Polytechnic within the Province.

PART 7 – NO APPROVAL OF COUNCIL REQUIRED

Re: Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the Cultural Diversity Advisory Committee is scheduled for Monday, January 20, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the Scoop Lewry Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall.

Moved by Dalise Hector
That the meeting now adjourn.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Dalise Hector
CHAIRPERSON

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Jim Puffalt
CITY MANAGER

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Fraser Tolmie
MAYOR