

**Present:** Mayline Brown  
Andrea Cecchetto  
Cheryl Frayne  
Catherine Philogene  
Vivek Singh  
Ayse Yuksel

**Also Present:** Mallory Dawson, Whitby Public Library Representative  
John Watkins, Supervisor of Community Development and  
Youth/Children's Services  
Kim Evans, Staff Liaison, Supervisor, Seniors Services  
Heather Oerlemans, Council and Committee Coordinator  
(Recording Secretary)

**Regrets:** Brianna Nelson

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1. Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair

1.1 Appointments

The Committee discussed deferring the appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair to the April 4, 2019 meeting and requested that a returning Member to the Committee act as Chair for the current meeting in order to provide new members an opportunity to better understand the roles and responsibilities of Chair.

Recommendation:

Moved By Andrea Cecchetto

That the election of Chair and Vice-Chair be deferred to the April 4, 2019 meeting.

**Carried**

Recommendation:

Moved By Cheryl Frayne

That Mayline Brown be appointed Acting-Chair of the Ethno-cultural and Diversity Advisory Committee for a term ending April 4, 2019.

**Carried**

Mayline Brown assumed the Chair.

2. Disclosures of Interest

2.1 There were no disclosures of interest.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

3.1 Minutes - February 7, 2019

Recommendation:

Moved By Cheryl Frayne

That the Ethno-cultural and Diversity Advisory Committee minutes of February 7, 2019 be approved.

**Carried**

4. Presentations

4.1 Lara Scott, Lead, Special Events  
Re: 2019 Town of Whitby Events

Kim Evans provided an overview of several Town events from Lara Scott's email including:

- Culture in the Square;
- Canada Day;
- the Citizenship Ceremony; and,
- the Harvest Festival.

5. Delegations

5.1 There were no delegations.

6. General Business and Reports

6.1 Ethno-cultural and Diversity Advisory Committee 2018 Work Plan -

## Outstanding Items

Cheryl Frayne advised that the outstanding matter of the school cultural program from the Ethno-cultural and Diversity Advisory Committee 2018 Work Plan was completed.

### 6.2 Ethno-cultural and Diversity Advisory Committee 2019-2022 Work Plan

Kim Evans reviewed the draft 2019 Work Plan and requested that the Committee be prepared to discuss ideas for the current Work Plan at the April 4, 2019 meeting. She advised that the Committee should create a detailed Work Plan for 2019 and a general plan for the remaining term.

Discussion ensued regarding activities to include in the Work Plan including:

- promoting Canadian Multiculturalism Day with a 'sports from different countries' event;
- incorporating 'sports from different countries' into the Town's sports camp summer programming;
- hosting Diversity Forums;
- distributing Committee 'swag' and resources;
- school outreach programs;
- newcomer bus tours;
- including movies from other countries in the Town's 'Movies in the Park' programming;
- promoting significant dates that are recognized internationally; and,
- conducting a community survey to assist in creating the 2019-2022 Work Plan and to define diversity and inclusion concerns within the community.

### 6.3 Upcoming Events

"How-to in 10" Festival - Saturday, April 13, 2019

Kim Evans provided information regarding the How-to in 10 Festival and requested suggestions for an activity, name of the booth, and volunteers to represent the Ethno-cultural and Diversity Advisory Committee at the festival.

Discussion ensued regarding various activities including:

- examples from past events such as spices from other cultures, how to say hello in 10 different languages and how to dress in cultural dress;
- karaoke in your native language;
- belly dancing; and,

- matching currency with the country.

The Committee agreed on "how to 'make change' around the world" for this year's Ethno-cultural and Diversity Advisory Committee event at the How-to in 10 Festival. Catherine Philogene and Ayse Yuksel volunteered for this event.

#### Citizenship Ceremony

Kim Evans advised that the Citizenship Ceremony would take place on Canada Day at 10:00 a.m. in the Regal Room at the Centennial Building. The Committee agreed that the Committee would participate in this year's event and provide the cake for the event.

#### Culture in the Square

Kim Evans advised that the event would be held on two Tuesdays in July. Proposed activities for the event included:

- a family dinner project;
- various cultural dances such as Bollywood and belly dancing; and
- a pow wow.

#### Canadian Multiculturalism Day

Mallory Dawson advised that hosting a 'sports from different countries event' would tie in well with Canadian Multiculturalism Day on June 27th. The event would introduce kids to various sports from other countries.

#### Harvest Festival

Kim Evans advised that the Festival would be held September 14, 2019 at Grass Park in Brooklin from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. She further advised that the Committee could set up a vendor booth and distribute educational information regarding inclusion and diversity.

### 7. Correspondence

#### 7.1 There was no correspondence.

### 8. Council Update

#### 8.1 Kim Evans provided a Council update on behalf of Councillor Shahid regarding awards that were presented at Council including:

- two 2019 Festival and Events Ontario awards;
- the Achievement Award for Best Promotional Campaign (regarding the Open Streets Whitby event); and,
- the Top 100 Award for the Brooklin Harvest Festival.

9. Other Business

**9.1** There was no other business.

10. Next Meeting

**10.1** April 4, 2019 - 7:15 p.m.  
Committee Room One, Whitby Municipal Building

11. Adjournment

**11.1** Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Andrea Cecchetto

That the meeting adjourn.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

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H. Oerlemans, Council and Committee  
Coordinator

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M. Brown, Acting Chair