

Ethno-cultural and Diversity Advisory Committee Minutes
February 1, 2018 – 7:15 PM
Committee Room One
Whitby Municipal Building

Present: Mayline Brown
Aldith Carasquero, Chair
Cheryl Frayne
Punita Lumb
Sharmila Saigaonkar

Also Present: Samantha Burdett, Durham Region Representative, Policy Advisor, Diversity & Immigration Program (left at 7:41 p.m.)
Arfah Christy, Whitby Youth Council Representative
Rhonda Jessup, Whitby Public Library Representative, Public Services Manager
Zachary Train, Whitby Youth Council Representative
Kim Evans, Supervisor of Seniors' Services
Laura MacDougall, Council and Committee Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Jessie Huang
Barbara Perry
Renee Sgroi, Vice-Chair

The meeting began at 7:45 p.m.

1. Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair

- 1.1 Aldith Carasquero advised that due to the absence of Renee Sgroi, the appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Ethno-cultural and Diversity Advisory Committee would take place at the next meeting scheduled to take place on March 1, 2018.

Recommendation:

Moved By Punita Lumb

That the appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Ethno-cultural and Diversity Advisory Committee be deferred to the next meeting scheduled to take place on March 1, 2018.

Carried

2. Disclosures of Interest

2.1 There were no disclosures of interest.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

3.1 Minutes - November 2, 2017

Recommendation:

Moved By Cheryl Frayne

That the Ethno-cultural and Diversity Advisory Committee minutes of November 2, 2017 be approved.

Carried

3.2 Minutes - January 4, 2018 (Special Meeting)

Recommendation:

Moved By Cheryl Frayne

That the Special Ethno-cultural and Diversity Advisory Committee minutes of January 4, 2018 be approved.

Carried

4. Presentations/Deputations

4.1 Samantha Burdett, Durham Region Representative, Policy Advisor,
Diversity & Immigration Program
Re: Census Data

Due to the delayed start, Samantha Burdett was not able to stay for the meeting and provided information regarding the launch of the Durham Immigration Portal to Members of the Committee before she left.

5. General Business and Reports

5.1 2018 Work Plan

Implementation Plan

Kim Evans provided copies of the 2018 Work Plan and the 2018 Event Dates for the Committee's review.

Detailed discussion ensued regarding the work plan and event dates, including:

- the implementation of the new initiatives for 2018;
- determining leads and supporters for each item; and,
- details of the Committee's community programs, diversity training sessions and events.

Council Moment of Reflection

Aldith Carasquero read aloud the current opening statement made by the Mayor at each Regular Council Meeting and advised of a suggested amendment to the statement that would include diversity.

Recommendation:

Moved By Sharmila Saigaonkar

That the last sentence of the opening statement read aloud by the Mayor at each Regular Council Meeting be amended by including the word 'diverse' prior to the word 'community'.

Carried

6. Correspondence

- 6.1** Correspondence from Jaclyn Derlatka, Community Engagement Librarian, Whitby Public Library
Re: How-To in 10 Festival

The correspondence from Jaclyn Derlatka, Community Engagement Librarian, Whitby Public Library regarding the How-To in 10 Festival was discussed by the Committee under Item 5.1.

7. Council Update

- 7.1** Councillor Yamada was not in attendance. Therefore, there was no Council update.

8. Other Business

- 8.1** There was no other business.

9. Next Meeting

9.1 March 1, 2018 - 7:15 p.m.
Committee Room Two
Whitby Municipal Building

10. Adjournment

10.1 Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Mayline Brown

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

L. MacDougall, Council and Committee
Coordinator

Aldith Carasquero, Committee Chair