

Hindu Community Centre Durham (HCCD)

Minutes of Meeting – July 31, 2025

Date: July 31, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM (Virtual)

Attendees: Nidhi Mishra, Mukesh Mishra, Anuj Mishra, Ekta Mishra, Lata Sharma, Kajal Pandya, Sakshi Sharma, Hemant Sharma

Next Meeting: October 26, 2025 (Virtual at 7:00 PM)

Agenda

1. Revisit HCCD Mission & Community Impact
2. Strategic Planning for Upcoming Cultural Events
3. Resource, Funding & Partnership Needs
4. Volunteer Engagement and Community Outreach

Discussion Summary

1. HCCD Mission & Community Role

HCCD's mission is to advance cultural diversity, promote Hindu heritage, and provide inclusive opportunities for residents of Durham Region. The organization is committed to offering free, accessible, and family-oriented programs that encourage cultural awareness, wellness, and social integration. Focus on youth engagement, senior inclusion, and multicultural harmony.

2. Upcoming Community Events

- **Family Summer Community Event:** August 17, 2025 at Greenwood Community Centre, Pickering. Free event with cultural activities, music, and shared meals. Pickering Councillor Maurice Brenner will attend.
- **Navratri Celebration:** September 19, 2025 at Ajax Community Centre. Action: Mukesh Mishra to book venue.
- **Seniors' Bus Trip – Niagara Falls:** September 14, 2025. Departure: Walmart Plaza, Pickering. Actions: Kajal Pandya to coordinate temple meals, Nidhi Mishra to arrange 2 coach buses.
- **Ganesh Visarjan:** September 6, 2025 at Alex Robertson Park, Pickering. HCCD will support Hindu Federation. Actions: Mukesh & Nidhi to arrange dhol players; Mukesh to mobilize volunteers.

3. Resource & Funding Requirements

HCCD requires support for venue rentals, permits, transportation for seniors, cultural performers, and food services. Will apply for City of Pickering grants and seek donations.

4. Food & Hospitality

All programs include free vegetarian meals to foster inclusivity and community sharing.

5. Volunteer Engagement & Partnerships

Mobilizing youth volunteers, engaging community organizations, and offering student volunteer hours and leadership opportunities.

Decisions & Commitments

- All events will remain free and open to the public.

- Apply for City of Pickering grant to strengthen programming.
- Explore donor and partnership opportunities for sustainability.

Action Items Summary

Task	Responsible Person
Book Ajax Community Centre for Navratri	Mukesh Mishra
Coordinate temple meals for Niagara trip	Kajal Pandya
Arrange 2 coach buses for Niagara trip	Nidhi Mishra
Arrange dhol players for Ganesh Visarjan	Mukesh & Nidhi
Mobilize volunteers for Ganesh Visarjan	Mukesh Mishra

Prepared for grant submission to the City of Pickering. All programs are open to the public, free of charge, and designed to promote cultural diversity and community engagement.