

Cultural Communities Advisory Committee

2017-2018 Objectives

Increase awareness of the links between New Canadians and the role they place in community -building in the City.

Continue the initiative of cultural spaces by finalizing and disseminating the “space-needs” survey, gathering responses, and organizing a Community forum.

Research on the cultural impacts of extending civic voting rights to permanent residents in the City, including impacts on civic engagement of marginalized communities, specifically immigrant, refugee and racialized communities.

Liaise with other City advisory committees and participate in their initiatives and other City of Vancouver community initiatives.

Increase and grow the profile of the Committee through increasing knowledge and education in the areas of diversity training on topics such as oppression, racism, and discrimination.

Accomplishments

Released a statement condemning anti-immigrant, anti-Semitic, and Islamophobic protests, violence, and vitriol.

Released the Space Needs for Cultural Communities survey to canvas needs of Vancouver cultural communities, and to gauge the accessibility of operational, event, and meeting spaces. This survey was sent to over 60 cultural community groups. The CCAC is in the process of following up with each of these groups and preparing for a collaborative forum.

Building internal capacity by attending workshops and other City meetings/initiatives on topics such as the history of residential schools and housing challenges as well as events including:



International Women’s Day, Pride Parade, and the Walk for Reconciliation.

Our engagement framework aims to:

- Choose topics aligning with our mandate;
- Collaborate with other advisory committees;
- Encourage follow through, transparency and accountability for CCAC members.

Future Goals

Implement the Voices of Vancouver Project, which seeks to convene cultural communities in three ways:

- Host event at City Hall;
- Facilitate knowledge through conversations with experts and people with lived experiences;
- Create a space for open, constructive and empowering dialogue.



Follow-up on survey: Collect the data from the survey and do a deep-dive on the results:

- Host a forum with respondents and interested groups to share challenges and solutions;
- Present a report to Council with recommendations on addressing space needs of cultural communities.

Research and collect cultural communities’ perspectives on the impact of extending voting rights to PRs in municipal elections.