

Cultural Communities Advisory Committee

Committee Mandate/Priorities

- Priority 1 Review the City's engagement and outreach strategy for under-represented groups; in consultation with the City's Engagement Office, to identify opportunities and strategy to engage with and collect input from diverse cultural communities. For example, a peer-to-peer approach can be considered.
- Priority 2 Reach out to diverse cultural communities and groups to identify concerns regarding accessing public spaces for meeting or gathering purposes.
- Priority 3 Increase the profile of the CCAC with other civic advisory committees, City staff and the general public, in order for these groups to share issues and concerns with CCAC.

Top 3 2016 Accomplishments

Met with community residents to learn about local engagement practices on reaching out to underrepresented cultural groups:

- ⇒ Engaged with Chinatown and Joyce Collingwood residents for them to share experiences of local planning projects / processes;
- ⇒ Feedback informs the Committee's recommendations to the City on engaging with underrepresented cultural groups especially for civic consultation and planning processes.

Worked closely with the City's Engagement Office to create a survey that will be distributed to community groups to assess their need for cultural meeting spaces and to propose future direction and recommendations.

Developed meeting protocol and agreement and liaised with other Advisory Committees:

- ⇒ Worked with staff liaison of the Urban Aboriginal Advisory Committee to incorporate acknowledgement of Vancouver being on the traditional unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations at beginning of all CCAC regular meetings;
- ⇒ Developed CACC Members/Community Agreement on meeting protocol and acknowledgement of members contribution;
- ⇒ Collaborated with Arts & Culture Policy Council to consider adopting a motion asking that 'Culture' be considered a 4th pillar of sustainability;
- ⇒ Engagement highlights: the Vancouver Food Policy Council, Access Without Fear Community Consultation, St Paul's Community Consultation, Vancouver Coastal Health Access Without Fear Policy Working Session, Vancouver Pride Parade, National Aboriginal Day.

Top 3 Future Goals

Distribute a survey to cultural groups and organizations in Vancouver to gather feedback on the importance of accessible public space in community and cultural development and to make recommendations.

For CCAC to support/adopt a motion that aligns with the goal of with the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee to include 'culture' as a 4th pillar of sustainability in urban planning.

Make recommendations for Council's consideration in regard to civic outreach to underrepresented cultural communities including immigrants and refugees within the context of civic planning and development processes.

- ⇒ The issue of engaging Chinese-speaking seniors in the DTES/Chinatown area during development process so they become more aware;
- ⇒ Implement effective strategies and invest resources to explaining development processes to residents of diverse cultural backgrounds. The successful model of establishing a local Citizen Assembly in the Grandview Woodland Local Area Plan process could be a standard to strive for in local planning processes.