



# 2017-2018 Work Plan

## Cultural Communities Advisory Committee

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### Mandate

#### Policy Advice

- Provide input to City Council and city staff about issues of concern.
- Consider any matters which may be referred to the Committee by Council or staff.
- May take positions on policy initiatives from other levels of government within the mandate of the Committee.

#### Collaboration

- Work co-operatively with other agencies whose activities affect constituent communities, including initiating and developing relevant projects.
- Act as a resource for staff doing public involvement processes and/or civic events.

#### Awareness & Outreach

- Exchange information with the constituent communities and the general public about relevant programs and issues of interest.
- Engage in outreach to disseminate information and encourage participation from constituent communities.

#### Cultural Communities

- Advise Council and staff on enhancing access and inclusion for Vancouver's diverse cultural communities to fully participate in City services and civic life.
- Work with staff on civic events which celebrate diversity, e.g. International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.



## 2017-2018 Objectives

### Objective 1:

The Committee aims to engage on an initiative focused on the increasing awareness of the links between New Canadians and the role they place in community-building in the City of Vancouver.

This initiative is directly tied to providing policy advice on several key City of Vancouver policy initiatives, including the Healthy City Strategy, the Vancouver Immigration Partnership ("VIP"), and several proposals currently being undertaken by the City of Vancouver's Social Planning Department. This will be a collaborative effort with the larger community that will raise awareness and outreach to New Canadians in Vancouver and enhance the goals of access and inclusion for Vancouver's diverse communities. The form of this initiative will take shape through the formation of a designated subcommittee.

### Objective 2:

The Committee aims to continue the initiative of cultural spaces, by finalizing and disseminating the "space-needs" survey, gathering responses, and organizing a Community forum.

The need to assist cultural community groups in securing spaces for their cultural activities, specifically for holding meets, events, and operations, has been identified as an action item in the City's VIP second-stage implementation plan. City staff and Council have indicated that they handle frequent requests for space or access to resources relating to space from residents that are part of ethno-cultural community groups. This project also complements ongoing initiatives being undertaken by the City's Public Engagement team and seeks as an overall goal to encourage smaller cultural community groups in the City of Vancouver to access and share key resources for their organization's long-term. This initiative will be continued through the work of a designated subcommittee.

### Objective 3:

The Committee seeks to engage in on-going research on the cultural impacts of extending civic voting rights to permanent residents (PRs) in the City of Vancouver. The Committee wishes to explore how extending PR voting rights would affect civic engagement of marginalized communities, specifically immigrant, refugee and racialized communities.

The Committee has identified an interest in contributing to the efforts of council/staff to explore the topic of extending civic voting rights. The Committee recognizes that this issue is of interest to various committees, including the City of Vancouver's Mayors Working Group on Immigration and will require collaboration. The Committee believes that by exploring the cultural impacts, as a specific topic, and having direct line collaboration with organizations that advocate for and/or against this proposal, the Committee can provide a balanced set of recommendations to Council.



**Objective 4:**

The Committee will continue to liaise with other City of Vancouver advisory committees and participate in their initiatives and other City of Vancouver community initiatives.

The Committee believes that members have key roles to play as liaisons and attaches to other initiatives. Through City staff, the Committee will continue to receive invitations to collaborate with other committees and, where possible, assist those committees with our experience/knowledge. The Committee also believes in its role as a spokesperson on awareness and outreach and will make a concerted effort to attend cultural events and functions within the City to engage on a community-level with our stakeholder communities.

**Objective 5:**

The Committee seeks to 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.

The Committee has identified that our value as a consultative body that provides policy advice, depends on our understanding of theory, literature, and practice in cultural studies. The Committee seeks to disseminate and share resources and invite speakers, during working and clerked meetings, to help grow and facilitate our knowledge and experiences in these complex areas. As our meetings are public and we will encourage guests to attend, we also hope to utilize this process as a way to better raise awareness and outreach to the larger community.



## 2017-2018 Action Plan

Timeline	Action Items	Committee Resources	Expected Outcomes	Partners/Stakeholders
<p>The Committee aims to engage on an initiative focused on the increasing awareness of the links between New Canadians and the role they place in community-building in the City of Vancouver.</p>				
Jun 2017	Subcommittee will be struck up to come up with project specific work plan.	TBD	TBD	TBD
<p>The Committee aims to continue the initiative of cultural spaces, by finalizing and disseminating the “space-needs” survey, gathering responses, and organizing a Community forum.</p>				
Jun 2017 - Completion date.	Subcommittee will be struck up to continue work. Past subcommittee lead will transfer information to new chair.	TBD	TBD	TBD
9/1/2017 - Completion date.	Survey will be disseminated, results gathered, and forum organized.	TBD	TBD	TBD

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<p>The Committee seeks to engage in on-going research on the cultural impacts of extending civic voting rights to permanent residents (PRs) in the City of Vancouver. The Committee wishes to explore how extending PR voting rights would affect civic engagement of marginalized communities, specifically immigrant, refugee and racialized communities.</p>				
Jun 2017 - Dec 2017	Begin research phase.	Committee members and City staff will provide updates on actions taken and relevant research in area.	TBD	TBD
<p>The Committee will continue to liaise with other City of Vancouver advisory committees and participate in their initiatives and other City of Vancouver community initiatives</p>				
Ongoing	Send an introduction email out to other committees looking to collaborate.	TBD	TBD	TBD
Ongoing	Nominate members of our committee to other committees.	TBD	TBD	TBD

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<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The Chair will prepare an agenda and encourage members to share materials at the beginning of each meeting.</p>	<p>City staff and members will serve as resources.</p>	<p>By undergoing this project, we hope to have a better understanding of the concepts and theories behind our Committee's work.</p>	<p>Several of the speakers may be academics, professors, members of other committees, and other City staff.</p>