



## CULTURAL COMMUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

March 8, 2018

A meeting of the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, March 8, 2018, at 5:39 pm, in Committee Room 1, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Will Tao, Chair  
Francisco Javier Barajas  
Craig Busch  
Nellie Cheng\*  
Serena Ko  
Thanh Lam  
Paola Murillo\*  
Natalia Terekhova, Vice-Chair  
Fatimah Yasin  
Hana Woldeyes

**ABSENT:** Brittney Sharma  
Nicolas Slobinsky

**ALSO PRESENT:** Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon, Park Board Liaison  
Trustee Allan Wong, School Board Liaison  
Rajpal Kohli, Advisor, Equal Employment Opportunity Program, Staff Liaison  
Baldwin Wong, Social Planner, Social Policy and Projects Division, Staff Liaison  
Alan Chen, Social Policy and Projects Division (Immigration Partnership)

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Maria Castro, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

### WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations, and we give thanks for their generosity and hospitality on these lands.

The Chair and Staff Liaison Kohli announced the honouring of Helena Gutteridge, Vancouver's first female councillor, as the City celebrates International Women's Day.

## **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Francisco Javier Barajas  
SECONDED by Thanh Lam

THAT the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of November 9, 2017, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Paola Murillo absent for the vote)

### **1. Permanent Resident Voting**

Thanh Lam provided an update on the Committee's last working session, and noted that a youth representative from Fresh Voices will be available to present to the Committee on May 10.

The Chair provided an update on the Mayor's Working Group on Immigration, and reported on its progress of extending civic voting rights to permanent residents in the City of Vancouver. The Chair will continue conversations with the City's Director of Community Relations in bringing this matter forward to Council.

### **2. Updates on Spaces Project**

Alan Chen, Social Policy and Projects Division, presented an update on the Spaces Project, and reviewed the survey results on space needs for cultural communities in Vancouver. Mr. Chen noted the focus of the survey is on assessing the context of the challenges that cultural communities face in accessing affordable and available operational, meeting, and event spaces in the city, as well as identifying potential providers of space.

Mr. Chen also reviewed timelines and noted the plan is to further hold focus group sessions in April, and draft the final recommendations in May. Discussion ensued amongst the members, with Mr. Chen, Staff Liaison Wong, Commissioner Mackinnon, and Trustee Wong, responding to questions.

### **3. Voices of Vancouver**

The Committee discussed its upcoming event - "Voices of Vancouver" youth forum, which commemorates International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The event will take place on March 23, 2018, from 5 – 7:30 pm, in the Town Hall at City Hall. Guest speakers will include Christie Lee Charles and Noor Fadel. With just a few weeks until the inaugural occasion, the Committee is working on the final touches on promoting the event. (Poster on file)

### **4. International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**

This item was discussed under item 3.

**5. New Business**

**a) World Cup soccer in 2026**

Commissioner Mackinnon provided an update on Vancouver's joint bid to host World Cup soccer in 2026, and noted the endorsement of support behind North America's bid to host the games.

**b) Anti-Racism Presentation**

Trustee Wong noted that Noel Herron, former principal at Strathcona Elementary, will be presenting on anti-racism in April.

**c) Access Without Fear**

The Chair provided a brief update and noted that meetings and discussions are continuing at the Vancouver Police Department on the extension of the "Access Without Fear" policy to that organization.

**d) Islamic Awareness Month**

Fatimah Yasin expressed she will be reaching out to several Islamic communities and will obtain feedback on what they envision for "Islamic Awareness Month" in October.

**e) March Against Racism**

Thanh Lam noted she's involved in organizing the "March Against Racism" event, which will take place on March 24, 2018, from 1 - 5 pm.

**Adjournment**

MOVED by Serena Ko  
SECONDED by Fatimah Yasin

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Nellie Cheng absent for the vote)

**Next Working Session Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, April 12, 2018  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Committee Room 1  
Third Floor, City Hall

**Next Regular Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, May 10, 2018  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Committee Room 1  
Third Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:08 pm.

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