



## MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

**November 8, 2012**

A meeting of the Multicultural Advisory Committee was held on November 8, 2012, at 5:40 pm, in Committee Room #1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Miu Chung Yan, Co-Chair  
Waldo Brino  
Jay Catalan  
Nellie Cheng  
Yvonne Chin  
Demitri Douzenis, Co-Chair  
Paola Murillo  
Mita Naidu\*  
Azim Wazeer

**ABSENT:** Manjot Bains (Leave of Absence)  
Jacky Essombe (Leave of Absence)  
Vivian Pan (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Andrea Reimer  
Commissioner John Coupar, Vancouver Park Board Liaison  
Baldwin Wong, Staff Liaison

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Bonnie Kennett, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

#### **Leave of Absence Requests**

MOVED by Demitri Douzenis  
SECONDED by Nellie Cheng

THAT the Multicultural Advisory Committee approves leaves of absence for Manjot Bains, Jacky Essombe and Vivian Pan for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Nellie Cheng  
SECONDED by Waldo Brino

THAT the minutes of the Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting of October 11, 2012, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **1. Mayor's Citizens Engaged City Task Force**

Councillor Reimer provided an update and overview of the Mayor's Citizens Engaged City Task Force which will focus on increasing neighbourhood engagement by having people become more engaged with the City and improve upon the many ways the City connects with its residents. Also discussed was the idea of how to best involve Advisory Committees by either making a subgroup of the Task Force, via Council of Council's or through collaborative thinking workshops with specific themes as a focus. Councillor Reimer also responded to questions.

Online applications to the Task Force are open until November 16, 2012. More information can be found at the following website: <http://www.mayorofvancouver.ca/engagedcity>

### **2. City's Public Engagement Team**

Tracy Vaughan, Public Engagement Manager, provided an overview of the mandate and approach of the Public Engagement Team and connecting with multicultural communities. Discussion included mirroring project related work through online engagement (not just in person), identifying where the gaps and problem areas are and where support is needed, developing strategy groups with Advisory Committees and understanding the roles of the committees and how they can best be utilized for public engagement efforts and looking at possible ways to a maintain more effective working relationship between the City's Public Engagement Team and Advisory Committees. Ms. Vaughan also responded to questions.

### **3. Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination (CMARD)**

Baldwin Wong, Staff Liaison, provided an update on the Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination (CMARD) and responded to questions. Discussion included activities in other cities and what the City of Vancouver is doing, the roll of Equal Employment Opportunity Program (EEO) and Social Policy, International Day to Eliminate Racism events on March 21, diversity training in the Engineering department at the city, Citizen U and the importance of partnering with schools, how does the City want the Multicultural Advisory Committee to play a role in CMARD and how and whether there is any benefit to be a part of CMARD from the perspective of the Committee and as a City.

#### **4. Roundtable with Urban Aboriginal Peoples Advisory Committee and the Dialogues Steering Group**

Baldwin Wong, Staff Liaison, provided an update on the upcoming roundtable dialogue with the Urban Aboriginal Peoples Advisory Committee and the Dialogues Steering Group.

The Roundtable event will take place on Thursday, November 29, 2012, from 5 pm to 7:30 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall). The proposed topics of discussion at the Dialogue Roundtable include:

- Report back on recent, upcoming and related initiatives of the Vancouver Dialogues Project;
- Sharing of perspectives between the Dialogues Project Steering Group, the Multicultural Advisory Committee and the Urban Aboriginal People's Advisory Committee and the importance of community;
- Dialogue and feedback on how the work can be carried forward in the future; and
- Possible legacy work and opportunities and initiatives that the city may consider and bring forward to Council.

Waldo Brino, Nellie Cheng, Yvonne Chin, Demetri Douzenis, Mita Naidu and Miu Chung Yan expressed interest in participating in the Roundtable discussion with the Urban Aboriginal Peoples Advisory Committee. For those members who will not be able to attend the event were encouraged to email their ideas to the co-chairs and be passed along to the roundtable.

#### **5. Subcommittees**

##### **(a) Community Mapping and Engagement Metrics**

The following members agreed to be on the Community Mapping and Engagement Metrics Subcommittee:

Waldo Brino  
Jay Catalan  
Paola Murillo  
Azim Wazeer

##### **(b) Dialogues on Multiculturalism, Inclusion and City Priorities**

The following members agreed to be on the Dialogues on Multiculturalism, Inclusion and City Priorities Subcommittee:

Manjot Bains  
Nellie Cheng  
Yvonne Chin  
Demetri Douzenis  
Mita Naidu  
Vivian Pan  
Miu Chung Yan

Both Subcommittees agreed to meet before the December 13, 2012, meeting of MAC.

**6. 2013 Meeting Schedule**

The Committee reviewed dates for Regular Meetings and Working Sessions for 2013 and agreed to have Working Sessions on January 17 and February 14, 2013 and to have a Regular Meeting on March 7, 2013. Further review of the 2013 meeting schedule will take place at the December 13, 2012, meeting.

**7. New Business**

**(a) Vancouver School Board - Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Advisory Committee**

Demetri Douzenis provided an update on the Vancouver School Board's Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Advisory Committee that has recently been resurrected. The Advisory Committee is comprised of many community groups within the city with a focus on children and schools. It was suggested the Chair of the Vancouver School Board Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Advisory Committee be invited to a future meeting of MAC to explain their mandate and goals once they have been established.

**Adjournment**

MOVED by Demetri Douzenis  
SECONDED by Waldo Brino

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Mita Naidu absent for the vote)

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: December 13, 2012  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Committee Room #1  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:08 pm.

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