



## MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

December 5, 2013

A meeting of the Multicultural Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, December 5, 2013, at 5:41 pm, in the City Hall Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Miu Chung Yan, Co-Chair  
Demitri Douzenis, Co-Chair  
Manjot Bains  
Jacky Essombe  
Paola Murillo\*  
Vivian Pan\*  
Azim Wazeer

**ABSENT:** Jay Catalan (Leave of Absence)  
Nellie Cheng (Leave of Absence)  
Yvonne Chin (Sick Leave)  
Mita Naidu (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Baldwin Wong, Social Policy

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

#### **"IN CAMERA" Meeting**

MOVED by Demitri Douzenis  
SECONDED by Azim Wazeer

THAT the Multicultural Advisory Committee will go into a meeting later this day, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the Vancouver Charter, to discuss matters related to paragraphs:

(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Vivian Pan absent for the vote)

### **Leave of Absence Requests**

MOVED by Jacky Essombe  
SECONDED by Manjot Bains

THAT the Multicultural Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Jay Catalan, Nellie Cheng and Mita Naidu for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Vivian Pan absent for the vote)

### **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Manjot Bains  
SECONDED by Jacky Essombe

THAT the minutes from the October 2, 2013, Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Vivian Pan absent for the vote)

### **1. Housing Presentation**

Abi Bond, Assistant Director of Housing Policy and Dan Garrison, Senior Housing Planner, presented on the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability's action plan and the Interim Rezoning Policy and responded to questions.

### **2. Vancouver Foundation - *Connections and Engagement***

No report.

### **3. Report**

#### *a. Council of Councils*

Demitri Douzenis, Co-Chair, provided an update and noted that in the future, more Committee members should attend. He also noted that interesting projects for the Committee might be to explore the intersection of gender and race, and class and race.

Miu Chung Yan, Co-Chair, noted that this is the Year of Reconciliation and it may be worthwhile to do some work with the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee. The Committee agreed and Co-Chair Yan agreed to start a conversation with the Co-Chairs of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee.

*b. Provincial Multiculturalism Advisory Council event*

Paola Murillo provided an overview of the Provincial Multicultural Advisory Council event, noting there were about 100 attendees and there was opportunity to talk to people involved in multiculturalism from all over the province.

**4. Discussion of Community Forum Results**

Vivian Pau reported back and provided information on next steps.

Co-Chair Yan requested Committee members email their three points on what they've observed from the notes and three recommendations for the City by December 19, 2013, to Vivian Pan, Nellie Cheng or Yvonne Chin.

**5. Plan for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Komagata Maru**

Manjot Bains provided an update and requested the Committee request Council officially recognize the Komagata Maru incident.

MOVED by Demitri Douzenis  
SECONDED by Azim Wazeer

THAT the Multicultural Advisory Committee request City Council and the City of Vancouver recognize and pay tribute to, in an official capacity, the atrocities surrounding the Komagata Maru incident.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6. 2014 Meeting Schedule**

At the Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting held October 2, 2013, members discussed the 2014 meeting schedule and whether to change from Thursdays to another day. Co-Chair Douzenis suggested discussion on this matter be referred to the December 5, 2013, meeting to allow time for a more strategic review based on the Council meeting schedule.

In discussion, the Committee decided a meeting in November would not be useful since it is close to the end of term and requested another meeting in the spring instead.

MOVED by Jacky Essombe  
SECONDED by Manjot Bains

THAT the Multicultural Advisory Committee approve the following regular meeting dates for 2014:

- Wednesday, February 12, 2014
- Thursday, April 10, 2014
- Wednesday, May 21, 2014
- Wednesday, September 3, 2014

All meetings to be held at 5:30 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7. Reports from Liaisons**

None.

**8. New Business**

*a. Mayor's Task Force on Civic Engagement*

Paola Murillo explained she is in contact with the Mayor's Task Force on Civic Engagement and will find out where they are in terms of their final report and if the Committee can help.

*b. Event: Reconciling Injustices in a Pluralistic Canada*

Baldwin Wong, Social Policy, noted SFU Dialogues invited two members from the Committee to participate in the "Reconciling Injustices in a Pluralistic Canada" dialogue on January 23, 2014. The Meeting Coordinator agreed to forward the invitation to the Co-Chairs who will coordinate attendance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Jacky Essombe  
SECONDED by Demitri Douzenis

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Paola Murillio absent for the vote)

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Wednesday, February 12, 2014  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Committee Room 1  
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:11

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