



## Multicultural Advisory Committee

### MINUTES

February 12, 2014

A meeting of the Multicultural Advisory Committee was held on February 12, 2014, at 5:54 pm, in Committee Room #1, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Vancouver City Hall

**PRESENT:** Miu Chung Yan, Co-Chair  
Demitri Douzenis, Co-Chair  
Angela Brown  
Nellie Cheng  
Yvonne Chin  
Paola Murillo  
Mita Naidu

**ABSENT:** Manjot Bains (Leave of Absence)  
Jay Catalan  
Jacky Essombe (Sick Leave)  
Vivian Pan (Leave of Absence)  
Azim Wazeer

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

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

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

#### Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Yvonne Chin  
SECONDED by Paola Murillo

THAT the Multicultural Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Manjot Bains and Vivian Pan for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Yvonne Chin  
SECONDED by Paola Murillo

THAT the minutes of the Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting of December 5, 2013, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 1. Presentation: Vancouver Foundation - Engagement Report

Lidia Kemeny, Vancouver Foundation, provided an overview of their Connections and Engagement research findings and responded to questions.

### 2. Community Forum Findings

Nellie Cheng provided an update on the Community Forum results and discussed observations and recommendations proposed by the Community Forum working group. Based on the feedback collected, the following motion was moved:

MOVED by Nellie Cheng  
SECONDED by Paola Murillo

THAT the City of Vancouver as a member of the Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination is committed to the elimination of racial discrimination, the Multicultural Advisory Committee recommends the City of Vancouver:

- To encourage fundamental change and to engage newcomers to become active and contributing members of the community;
- To facilitate intercultural education among different groups;
- To take a strong role in raising awareness towards different groups; and
- To take a leadership role to empower minority groups.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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*At 6:43 pm, Nellie Cheng left the meeting and did not return. As quorum was lost, the Meeting Coordinator declared the meeting adjourned.*

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*Note from the Meeting Coordinator: as the meeting was adjourned due to absence of quorum, the following items on the agenda were not dealt with at this meeting:*

3. *Connection Subgroup follow-up*
4. *Joint meeting with Urban Aboriginal People's Advisory Committee (UAPAC)*
5. *Komagata Maru 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event*
6. *Welcoming Communities Summit - March 4, 2014*
7. *Update on Local Immigration Partnership*

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, April 10, 2014  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room  
First Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 6:43 pm.

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