



## MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

May 21, 2014

A meeting of the Multicultural Advisory Committee was held on May 21, 2014, at 5:45 pm, in Committee Room No. 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

- PRESENT:** Miu Chung Yan, Co-Chair  
Demitri Douzenis, Co-Chair  
Nellie Cheng  
Paola Murillo  
Vivian Pan  
Manjot Bains  
Yvonne Chin
- ABSENT:** Angela Brown (Leave of Absence)  
Jay Catalan  
Jacky Essombe (Leave of Absence)  
Mita Naidu (Leave of Absence)  
Azim Wazeer
- ALSO PRESENT:** Commissioner John Coupar (Park Board Liaison)  
Baldwin Wong, Social Planner, Social Policy (Staff Liaison)
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

#### Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Manjot Bains  
SECONDED by Nellie Cheng

THAT the Multicultural Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Angela Brown, Jacky Essombe and Mita Naidu, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There was agreement to request the City Clerk's Office send a letter to Jay Catalan regarding his lack of attendance.

## **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Dimitri Douzenis  
SECONDED by Yvonne Chin

THAT the minutes of the Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting of April 10, 2014, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **1. Idea of Sanctuary City - Report and Discussion**

Mui Chung Yan provided a report back on the Sanctuary City Forum held on May 9, 2014, hosted by the Mayor's Working Group on Immigration (MWGI).

Discussion ensued regarding how people without legal or landed status access essential services, and whether the City and/or the Committee has a role in the matter.

Mr. Yan encouraged members to provide suggestions or concerns to him to bring forward to the MWGI, and noted he will provide further updates from the Working Group on the discussion.

### **2. Resolutions to Council**

#### **Support for Multicultural and Welcoming Initiatives at the City of Vancouver**

The Committee reviewed their work over the term and the various ideas and feedback received from public dialogues and community groups, and recommended that the following motion be presented to Council for their consideration and approval.

MOVED by Manjot Bains  
SECONDED by Nellie Cheng

WHEREAS the City of Vancouver, as a signatory to the Coalition of Municipalities Against Racial Discrimination, has undertaken initiatives in creating inclusive and welcoming communities, and has hosted intercultural dialogues and forums to engage residents and groups;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Multicultural Advisory Committee recommends that the City budget include a line item which can support activities related to engaging both newcomers and established residents, to facilitate intercultural education and dialogue, and to empower minority groups.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **3. Follow-up on the Mayor's Engaged City Task Force**

The Staff Liaison provided an update on the Mayor's Engaged City Task Force and upcoming activities, including a booklet being prepared that promotes block parties and the Pop-up City Hall pilot project, and requested suggestions from the committee on how best to engage newcomer residents in those activities.

The committee suggested signage in different languages (and through translation) be considered for outreach activities, and presence at large civic events would help engage new residents.

**4. Plan for Remainder of Term**

Postponed due to time constraints.

**5. Roundtable Discussion**

Round table discussion and update by members on issues and involvement within their communities and/or organizations that would be of interest to the Committee. This item was postponed due to time constraints.

**7. Reports from Liaisons**

The Park Board Liaison noted funding is in place from all levels of government for the Killarney Seniors' Centre.

He also noted the Park Board received for information a report entitled "Building a Path to Parks and Recreation for All", prepared by the Trans and Gender-Variant Inclusion Working Group, and approved a motion providing direction on the matter to staff.

**8. New Business**

None.

**Adjournment**

MOVED by Demitri Douzenis  
SECONDED by Paola Murillo

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Wednesday, September 3, 2014  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room  
Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 6:42 pm.

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