



RACIAL AND ETHNO-CULTURAL EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

July 18, 2024

A meeting of the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 5:36 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

PRESENT: Steph Kallstrom, Chair
Naina Varshney, Vice-Chair
Harjot Banwait
Victoria Barclay
Alemu Nenko
Lydia Tang
Pavandeep Toor

ABSENT: Nimrah Anwar
Alexandra Gunn (Leave of Absence)
Ajay Puri (Leave of Absence)
Jeremiah Rojas (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Trustee Victoria Jung, Vancouver School Board Liaison
April Sumter Freitag, Social Planner, Social Policy and
Projects, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Olivia Kam, Meeting Coordinator

WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Peoples. We thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Lydia Tang
SECONDED by Harjot Banwait

THAT the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Alexandra Gunn, Ajay Puri and Jeremiah Rojas, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Pavandeep Toor
SECONDED by Steph Kallstrom

THAT the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, May 23, 2024, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Media Release Update and Next Steps

The Committee discussed the guidelines for external communications and agreed to draft a letter to be approved at a future meeting.

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VARY AGENDA

At this point in the proceedings, it was

*MOVED by Lydia Tang
SECONDED by Steph Kallstrom*

THAT the agenda be varied to hear Item 2. Trans, Gender Diverse and Two-Spirit Inclusion (TGD2S) Action Plan Renewal after Item 6. New Business.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

Note: for ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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3. Working Session Updates

The Chair provided an update on the working session held Thursday, May 23, 2024.

4. Liaison Updates

The Staff Liaison and Vancouver School Board Liaison provided updates.

5. Subcommittee Updates

None.

6. New Business

None.

2. Trans, Gender Diverse and Two-Spirit Inclusion (TGD2S) Action Plan Renewal

Staff from Social Policy and Projects presented to the Committee and responded to questions.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Naina Varshney
SECONDED by Alemu Nenko

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, September 19, 2024
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall
/ Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 6:53 pm.

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