



RACIAL AND ETHNO-CULTURAL EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 21, 2024

A meeting of the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 5:36 pm, in the Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

PRESENT: Steph Kallstrom, Chair
Harjot Banwait
Victoria Barclay
Alemu Nenko
Jeremiah Rojas
Lydia Tang
Pavandeep Toor

ABSENT: Naina Varshney (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Pete Fry, Council 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 Jeremiah Rojas
SECONDED by Alemu Nenko

THAT the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee approve a leave of absence for Naina Varshney, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Lydia Tang
SECONDED by Jeremiah Rojas

THAT the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, September 19, 2024, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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VARY AGENDA

At this point in the proceedings, it was

MOVED by Pavandeep Toor
SECONDED by Lydia Tang

THAT the agenda be varied in order to hear Item 4. Liaison Updates, prior to Item 1. School Liaison Officer Discussion.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY**

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

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4. Liaison Updates

Councillor Fry provided an update on upcoming Council reports and recent Council activities, including a number of arts and culture grants and the passing of a resolution surrounding sponsorship and naming rights.

The Staff Liaison provided updates on the Anti-Black Racism and Cultural Redress Committee.

1. School Liaison Officer Discussion

The Committee agreed to draft a motion to be approved at a future meeting.

2. By-Election Discussion

The Committee agreed to reach out to the Elections Office to offer support engaging racialized communities during the upcoming by-election, if desired.

3. Working Session Updates

None.

5. Subcommittee Updates

The Policing Subcommittee provided an update.

6. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Lydia Tang
SECONDED by Pavandeep Toor

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, January 30, 2025
TIME: 5:30 PM
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room, 2nd Floor,
City Hall
/ Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 6:21 pm.

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