



## **RACIAL AND ETHNO-CULTURAL EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES**

**September 25, 2025**

A meeting of the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 5:42 pm, in the Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

**PRESENT:** Steph Kallstrom, Chair  
Harjot Banwait  
Young Joe  
Sophia Li  
Jeremiah Rojas  
Lydia Tang

**ABSENT:** Victoria Barclay (Leave of Absence)  
Alemu Nenko (Leave of Absence)  
Pavandeep Toor (Leave of Absence)  
Naina Varshney, Vice Chair

**ALSO PRESENT:** April Sumter-Freitag, Social Planner, Social Policy and Projects; Staff Liaison

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Sonia Lotay, Meeting Coordinator  
Cheryll Chingcuangco, 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 Sophia Li

THAT the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Alemu Nenko and Pavandeep Toor, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Harjot Banwait

SECONDED by Lydia Tang

THAT the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee approve the minutes from the meeting of Thursday, June 26, 2025, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**VARY AGENDA**

MOVED by Jeremiah Rojas  
SECONDED by Harjyot Banwait

THAT the Committee vary the agenda to discuss agenda Item 3 before Items 1 and 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

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

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**3. Liaison Updates**

The Staff Liaison provided updates and responded to questions and comments.

**1. Development Update – Main & Union (728–796 Main St)**

Staff from Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability, provided a presentation and responded to questions and comments.

**2. Working Session Updates**

The Chair provided an update on the working session held on Thursday, July 31, 2025.

**4. Subcommittee Updates**

None.

**5. New Business**

The Committee discussed the following:

- A potential motion regarding Palestine;
- Reviewing language accessibility in the Broadway Plan and Rupert and Renfrew Station Area Plan;
- Park Board's proposal for a bus lane on Stanley Park Drive.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Young Joe  
SECONDED by Sophia Li

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, November 20, 2025  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall  
/ Teams Meeting

The Committee adjourned at 6:28 pm.

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