CITY OF VANCOUVER

The Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee

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MEMORANDUM

September 28, 2026

TO: Mayor and Council

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FROM: The Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: The Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee Report of Activities, 2026

PURPOSE

To provide Vancouver City Council with a summary of the activities of the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee for the period of January 1, 2026 to November 1, 2026.

BACKGROUND

- Advises Council and staff on the development, implementation, and assessment of City policies and services related to strengthening ethno-cultural engagement, addressing racism, and racial inequities, and promoting racial justice and equity in the City
- Advises Council and staff on enhancing access and inclusion for racialized communities to fully participate in City services and civic life
- Advises Council and staff on cultural celebrations and events in the City
- Works collaboratively with counterparts from other civic agencies to identify opportunities for joint action on issues of mutual interest
- Works co-operatively with external agencies and groups whose activities affect constituent communities

- Engages in outreach to disseminate information and encourage participation from constituent communities

DISCUSSION

1. Significant Activities

The committee brought forward a few motions to council, some of which passed unanimously and other that didn't make it to the floor.

- Day of observance for Emancipation Day – passed unanimously
- Anti-racism and Decolonization Education – pass unanimously
- Request Review on SLO program – defeated
    - Spoke to media regarding SLO program
- Resolution for the Application of Bill 47 in Chinatown and DTES – did not come to the floor
- Resolution for Ceasefire in Gaza – did not come to the floor
- THAT the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee write a letter to Mayor and Council, the Vancouver Police Department and relevant Ministers, regarding health justice and policing – did not come to the floor
- Spoke to the media regarding ending advisory committees
- Advancing Language Access in Vancouver Police Services – passed unanimously

2. Future Directions

The committee formulated a motion called: Advancing Language Access in Vancouver Police Services. The intention is that the next committee will bring this motion forward to council, ideally instructing VPD to re-evaluate language access.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing is presented to Vancouver City Council for information.