



RACIAL AND ETHNO-CULTURAL EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

June 20, 2019

A meeting of the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, June 20, 2019, at 5:38pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Felix-Marie Badeau
Crecien Bencio
Ignatius But
Alexandra Gunn
Naz Gurbuz
Nikki Koutsochilis*
Naomi Kronitz
Jessica Ga-Wun Leung
Anabel Lopez*
Sonia Medel Borja
Amal Rana
Juggy Sihota
YarOn Stern*
Kevonnie Whyte

ABSENT: Bindy Kang-Dhillon (leave of absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung, Council Liaison
Trustee Allan Wong, School Board Liaison
Baldwin Wong, Senior Social Planner, Staff Liaison
April Sumter-Freitag, Social Planner, Staff Liaison
Marie Lopes, Recreation Services Coordinator, Park Board
Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tamarra Wong, Meeting Coordinator

** Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.*

WELCOME

The Meeting Coordinator welcomed members and acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and 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.

Roll Call and Roundtable Introductions

The meeting commenced with roundtable introductions of Committee members and staff.

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MOVED by Naomi Kronitz
SECONDED by Nikki Koutsochilis

THAT the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee vary the order of the agenda to hear a liaison update from Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung, next.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

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Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Naomi Kronitz
SECONDED by Nikki Koutsochilis

THAT the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee approve a leave of absence for Bindy Kang-Dhillon for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair (2019)

Baldwin Wong, Staff Liaison, provided a brief overview of the duties of Chair and Vice-Chair. The Committee agreed to appoint acting Co-Chairs to the Committee and will hold elections at the September meeting.

MOVED by Sonia Medel Borja
SECONDED by Naz Gurbuz

THAT the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee appoint Jessica Ga-Wun Leung and Annabel Lopez as the Acting Co-chairs for the remainder of the meeting and the July 25th working session.

FURTHER that the election of a Chair and Vice-Chair or Co-Chairs will take place at the September 5, 2019, meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(YarOn Stern absent for the vote)

2. Committee Orientation

The Meeting Coordinator provided a brief overview of member requirements and the meeting structure and responded to questions regarding the role of the committee and attendance at other advisory committee meetings.

3. Approval of Meeting Schedule

MOVED Naz Gurbuz
SECONDED by Sonia Medel Borja

THAT the Committee approves the following meeting dates for 2019:

Month	Day	Time	Meeting Type	Room
June	20	5:30pm	Regular Meeting	Committee Room 1
July	25	5:30pm	Working Session	2 nd Floor Business Centre
September	5	5:30pm	Regular Meeting	Committee Room 1
October	24	5:30pm	Working Session	Committee Room 1
November	14	5:30pm	Regular Meeting	Committee Room 1
December	5	5:30pm	Working Session	Committee Room 1

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(YarOn Stern absent for the vote)

4. Appointment to Civic Asset Naming Committee

The Meeting Coordinator reviewed the terms of reference for the Civic Asset Naming Committee, and advised that one spot on that committee is reserved for a member of the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee.

Following discussion, it was

MOVED by Juggy Sihota
SECONDED by Sonia Medel Borja

THAT Felix-Marie Badeau be appointed to the Civic Asset Naming Committee, representing the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee, for the current term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(YarOn Stern absent for the vote)

5. Liaison Update

a) Council Liaison

Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung provided a brief introduction and update on past and upcoming events that pertain to the interests of the Committee, including: Filipino Heritage Month, Concord Dragon Boat Festival, the Jewish Community Police Board meeting and the Revitalization of Punjabi Market. She also responded to questions from the Committee regarding Council's decision to change the name of the committee from the Cultural Communities Advisory Committee to the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee.

b) School Board Liaison

Trustee Allan Wong noted that the Vancouver School Board would be voting at the board meeting on Monday, June 24, 2019, on a motion to remove a sign commemorating Cecil Rhodes at L'Ecole Bilingue Elementary School. Trustee Wong also provided information on the Vancouver School Board's Diversity Committee and the recent hire of a full time anti-racism mentor that will be renamed to the District Resource Teacher (DRT) Diversity.

Trustee Wong answered questions from the Committee regarding the removal of the Cecil Rhodes sign at L'Ecole Bilingue.

Following discussion, it was

MOVED by Ignatius But
SECONDED by Nikki Koutsochilis

THAT the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee refer the discussion of the Cecil Rhodes sign to New Business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(YarOn Stern absent for the vote)

MOVED by Anabel Lopez
SECONDED by Juggy Sihota

THAT the Committee refer the remaining staff liaison updates to the Working Session on July 25, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(YarOn Stern absent for the vote)

6. New Business

Cecil Rhodes Sign at L'Ecole Bilingue

The Committee continued the discussion on the removal of the Cecil Rhodes sign at L'Ecole Bilingue.

MOVED by Felix-Marie Badeau
SECONDED by Nikki Koutsochilis

THAT the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee supports the position of the Vancouver School Board (VSB) to immediately remove the Cecil Rhodes sign from the primary playground area of L'Ecole Bilingue.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(YarOn Stern absent for the vote)

Trustee Wong agreed to share the motion with the Vancouver School Board on Monday, June 24, 2019 during the Cecil Rhodes deliberation and vote.

Adjournment

MOVED by Ignatius But
SECONDED by Naz Gurbuz

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(YarOn Stern absent for the vote)

Next Working Session:

DATE: July 25, 2019
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room
Second Floor, City Hall

Next Meeting:

DATE: September 5, 2019
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 8:01pm.

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