



Hamilton

**- MINUTES -**  
**COMMITTEE AGAINST RACISM**  
**Tuesday June 26, 2012, 6:30 p.m.**  
**City Hall, 71 Main Street West - Room 192**

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**Present:** Jovaune Rhodes, Tyrone Childs, Winston Morrison, Yim Chung, Ashok Kumar, Amirah Hassan  
**Also Present:** Maxine Carter, Jennifer Mak, May-Marie Duwai-Sowa - City of Hamilton's Access & Equity Office, Tanja Roglic (HWDSB)  
**Regrets:** Councillor Brian McHattie, Taimur Qasim (on leave), Baldeep Virk, Roger Cameron, Zafar Siddiqui. Judith Ngan (HWDSB), Nerene Virgin,  
**Absent:** Jessica Brennan

**Meeting was chaired by Co-chair, Jovaune Rhodes.**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

All were welcomed.

**2. Declaration of Interest**

None declared.

**3. Review of Agenda.**

**W. Morrison/T. Childs**

To accept the agenda as presented.

**CARRIED.**

**4. Approval of Minutes May 22, 2012**

**A. Kumar/A. Hassan**

That the minutes of May 22, 2012 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED.**

**5. Matters Arising From Minutes**

**5.1 Volunteer Advisory Appointments**

M. Carter reported that the volunteer advisory recruitment process is closed. Clerks staff will advise when the process is complete. The applicants will be interviewed and the appropriate number of candidates will be selected and appointed to serve for the rest of the current term. CAR members would like to get a copy of the selection criteria. Staff will bring copies to the next meeting.

**5.2 SIU Presentation**

Members agreed that having the SIU presentation in September will be more ideal, as attendance is lower in the summer. M. Carter will arrange with the SIU representative to attend the September 2012 meeting.

**5.3 2011 Hamilton Police Services (HPS) Hate Crime Report**

Councillor McHattie has sent the request to Chief Glenn De Caire and the Youth Coordinator Officer (officers posted at secondary schools) to attend a future CAR meeting. It would be ideal for both presenters to attend the October meeting. Therefore M. Carter will contact Councillor McHattie to follow up.

**5.4 Follow up regarding Jennie Vengris, Housing and Homelessness Action Plan, Housing Division**

- M. Carter emailed members a copy of the Housing and Homelessness Plan that was presented to Emergency and Community Services on June 11, 2012. J. Vengris will follow up with the committee before to the consultation phase begins.

**6. Presentations**

There were no presentations.

**7. Business Items: Work Plan Reports****7.1 Report from the Chair**

- No report tabled this month as R. Cameron is not present to report. There will be a report next month on the outcome of the meeting with Councillor Morelli regarding the letter of response from Hamilton Police Services.

**7.2 Sub-committee I – Symposium & Resource Centre**

- Sub-committee I members have started contacting professors at different universities to gather anti-racism resources, materials, and information on courses. This material will be used to build the resource centre library and will be part of the ongoing training program that will be developed for some of the program activities.
- Tanja Roglic (HWDSB) noted that the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board has included a genocide studies program, **Facing History**.

**W. Morrison/T. Childs**

That CAR Sub-committee I report be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED.**

**7.3 Sub-committee II – Participatory Democracy & Anti-Racism Policies**

- No report was submitted however committee discussed a few key tasks that is being anticipated by members.
- A letter was drafted requesting that Sub-committee II meet with the president of the Muslim Association of Hamilton and its members in order to start to build a relationship between the two groups.
- Sub-committee II is responsible for collecting racist incident cases, in particular the cases of Bernie Miller, Nick Farrell, Rikki Jeremiah, and Robert Junor and committee is expecting that they will start reporting on these cases in the very near future.

**7.4 Sub-committee III – Education, Training & Awareness Raising**

No report this month.

**7.5 Hamilton Spectator**

- o No report this month.

**7.5.1 Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination**

- o The report is being finalized. It is hoped that the report to Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination will be presented to the August General Issues Committee (GIC) meeting. M. Carter will report back to the committee with respect to a date.

**8. New Business**

A. Kumar and T. Childs attended the Hamilton Police Services (HPS) Business Plan meetings. A. Kumar shared CAR's mission at the meetings and made some suggestions regarding diversity issues. T. Childs made suggestions that the HPS acronym "RESPECT" should consider changing the "P" to represent "Prevention of crime" and 'C' to represent Commitment to quality service as well as "diversity".

**9. Information Sharing**

T. Childs informed the committee that a three-day Annual General Meeting for Initiatives of Change Canada was held at McMaster University. T. Childs also noted that the Royal Botanical Gardens will be holding a Zimbabwean stone sculptures exhibit from August 25 to October 8, 2012.

A. Kumar informed members that the Gandhi Peace Festival will be on Saturday, September 29, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Hamilton City Hall.

**10. Next Meeting to be held on July 24, 2012.**

**11. Adjournment**

**A. Hassan/W. Morrison**

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

**CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.