



Hamilton

- MINUTES -
COMMITTEE AGAINST RACISM
Tuesday, February 27, 2018, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 71 Main Street West, Room 192

Present: Marlene Dei-Amoah, Janice Webster, Tyrone Childs, Daniel Ramos, Steve Petgrave, Winston Morrison, Ashok Kumar, Taimur Qasim, Louic LeBlanc
Regrets: Nerene Virgin, David Jacob, Jessica Brennan
Absent: Joseph Scott
Also Present: Betsy Pocop, Jessica Bowen, Jodi Koch – staff, Human Rights, Diversity and Inclusion
Vilma Rossi and Pilar Michaud – McMaster University, Human Rights and Dispute Resolution Office
Princewill Ogban – Hamilton Anti-Racism Resource Centre

Chair: M. Dei-Amoah

Welcome & Introductions

Round of introductions and welcome of members and guests

1. Changes to the Agenda

- Addition of Item 6.1 – Workshop for White Allies

2. Declaration of Interest

None declared

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 January 23, 2018

- Revision of wording to Item 5.3.6
 - Oversight Committee to provide the HARRC Steering Committee with Terms of Reference for the roles and responsibilities of their committee
- Indicate Item 5.4 was withdrawn

W. Morrison/L. LeBlanc

That the Committee Against Racism's minutes of January 23, 2018 be accepted, as amended.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

- None

5. Business/ Discussion Items

5.1 Anti-Racism Resource Centre

5.1.1 Oversight Committee

- J. Koch and P. Michaud provided an update for the Oversight Committee and review of Terms of Reference
- Terms of Reference for Oversight Committee provided to the group
- Clarification of roles of the Oversight and Steering Committees discussed and how they feed into CAR
- Terms of Reference will help provide explanation and provide governance
- Representation of three parties ensures living up to the agreement
- The Oversight Committee is there to provide guidance
- The intention is for the committee to meet monthly, as they currently are, and transition to quarterly meetings
- The intention is to have minutes from Committee meetings moving forward to share with the Steering Committee
- Purpose is to ensure all parties interest are represented
- Questions & Points of Discussion: clarification of reporting structure, the oversight committee is not involved operationally, they are responsible for the implementation of the agreement; P. Ogban will report to P. Michaud and brainstorm with CAR, CAR reports to Council; clarification between the organizational chart and the governance structure; having opportunity to view agreement may provide clarity

Motion

T. Qasim/D. Ramos

That CAR dedicate time at the next monthly meeting for Committee members to review the agreement.

CARRIED

5.1.2 Introduction to ARRC Officer

- P. Ogban introduced himself and shared his professional background; shared passion for anti-racism work
- CAR members welcomed P. Ogban and thanked guests for attending CAR meeting

5.1.3 Steering Committee Update

- M. Dei-Amoah guided group through revisions of Terms of Reference for Steering Committee

- Steering Committee members discussed the changes prepared by M. Dei-Amoah
- Ownership of Terms of Reference is with CAR, and speak to Steering Committee's relationship to CAR
- Discussion of potential charitable donations- clarification that the Centre is currently not set up to receive charitable donations

Motion

T. Qasim/D. Ramos

That funding responsibilities for the short and long term future of the ARRC be transferred from the Steering Committee to CAR's mandate

CARRIED

Motion

T. Qasim/S. Petgrave

That CAR accepts all changes to the Steering Committee's Terms of Reference

CARRIED

5.2 Lincoln Alexander Day

- B. Pocop provided budget update for Lincoln Alexander Day and Black History Month
- B. Pocop shared with the Committee the motion associated with the Lincoln Alexander Day Terms of Reference

5.3 ARRC Launch Update

- J. Koch provided an update
- Two different spaces held for tentative dates in early April
- Members requested exploring alternative dates to have CAR Chair present for launch
- J. Koch to follow up with the Steering Committee regarding possible alternative arrangements

5.4 CAR Brochure

- Item deferred to March meeting

5.5 EXCEerator Project Report

- Item deferred to March meeting

5.6 Black History Community Activities – follow up

- Item deferred to March meeting

5.7 CCAR Deputation

- M. Dei-Amoah received request from CCAR for CAR to seek deputation to present to GIC to support their presentation to GIC to deny use of public spaces to hate groups
- Members of CAR who are available will be in attendance for the meeting of March 21 to support CCAR; CAR supports being mentioned in CCAR presentation to GIC with prior approval for content
- CAR looking to continue partnership with CCAR
- M. Dei-Amoah to follow up

6. Announcements/Information Sharing

6.1 White Allies in Anti-Racism Workshop

- Event details provided by J. Webster
- Four sessions – March 10 & 24, April 14 & 28; held at First Unitarian Church of Hamilton; registration required

7. Adjournment

J. Webster/ L. LeBlanc

That the Committee Against Racism adjourn their meeting of February 27, 2018.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:08pm.