



Hamilton

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

Present: Marlene Dei-Amoah, Janice Webster, Tyrone Childs, Daniel Ramos, Ashok Kumar, Taimur Qasim, Louic LeBlanc, Nerene Virgin, Jessica Brennan
Regrets: Councillor Lloyd Ferguson, Steve Petgrave, Winston Morrison
Absent: Joseph Scott, Councillor Doug Conley
Also Present: Betsy Pocop, Jodi Koch – staff, Human Rights, Diversity and Inclusion
Princewill Ogban – Hamilton Anti-Racism Resource Centre

Chair: M. Dei-Amoah

Welcome & Introductions

Welcome of members and guests

1. Changes to the Agenda

- Addition of Item 6.2 – D. Ramos about communication

2. Declaration of Interest

None declared

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 February 27, 2018

To reflect changes to January 23, 2018 meeting minutes

- 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

A. Kumar/L. LeBlanc

That the Committee Against Racism's minutes of February 27, 2018 be accepted, as amended.

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4. Presentations

4.1 Hamilton Racialized Communities Strategy

- P. Ogban will introduce himself and be presenting as a speaker on behalf of the Anti-Racism Resource Centre at the Town hall on March 29
- Event information: there is a strategy for legal support for racialized communities
- Legal Aid Ontario came to Hamilton last fall and have toured around the province; they will be coming to Hamilton as a follow up to their previous visit
- Goal is to have groups of interest work together on the development of a strategy and there is an opportunity to connect with HARRC

5. Business/ Discussion Items

5.1 Anti-Racism Resource Centre Update

5.1.1 HARRC Launch

- P. Ogban provided update
- P. Ogban is working with Yohana Otite of HCCI in preparing for the HARR launch
- Draft agenda for the launch is being prepared
- M. Dei-Amoah will have video prepared to show at launch as she will be unable to attend
- Food options are being explored and quotes obtained from possible vendors
- Feedback: that the launch is representative of the culturally diverse community in Hamilton as the Resource Centre is for the community
- Invitation to be extended to additional guest speakers from the community
- Staff to ask Indigenous Elder to provide opening for the launch event

5.1.2 Steering Committee Update

- Development of a social media profile for HARRC
- Website domain has been secured and the Resource Centre will move forward with the HARRC acronym for branding

5.1.3 Funding Agreement

- Highlighted in conversation: Milestones and budget
- Copies of the agreement are available for Committee members viewing upon request
- Request from the CAR members to have milestones update accordingly
- Clarification provided that the start date of the Centre was the date it began to incur costs (i.e. HARRC Lead began employment – February 26, 2018)

- CAR members proposed two motions associated with the funding agreement however did not have quorum at this point in the meeting to move them forward

Motion

That the Oversight Committee provides an updated list of milestones to CAR

Motion

That CAR members who keep copies of the funding agreement keep the information confidential and return their copies at the end of the Committee term

5.2 CAR Brochure

- Committee brochure to be updated
- Staff to have business cards with Committee information prepared for distribution at the HARRC launch in the meantime

5.3 EXCEerator Project Report

- Item removed from the agenda; request made to speak about CCAR presentation instead as an additional item under Announcements/Information Sharing

5.4 Lincoln Alexander Day

- No update at this time

5.5 Black History Month

- N. Virgin provided update of her work with schools and with the Hamilton school board
- Members decided to make Black History Month a standing item on the agenda to explore future collaboration with community partners

5.6 Member resignation

- Resignation shared with the Committee though deferred to April meeting for acceptance due to quorum

6. Announcements/Information Sharing

6.1 March 18th Community Event

- CAR members were in attendance
- Positive feedback and it was well attended

6.2 Communication

- D. Ramos wish to speak about communication amongst the group, indicated his item had been addressed through conversation during the meeting

6.3 CCAR presentation to Council

- J. Webster provided update and points raised by Ken Stone of CCAR requesting HARRC address issues

- CCAR presentation was received at Council and staff report is expected for follow up
- Clarification provided: HARRC is currently set up to gather data and cannot fulfil requests presented by CCAR; community is welcome to provide input and data for analysis

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.