



Hamilton

- MINUTES -
COMMITTEE AGAINST RACISM
Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 71 Main Street West, Room 192

- Present:** Marlene Dei-Amoah, Daniel Ramos, Janice Webster, Louic LeBlanc, Tyrone Childs, Joseph Scott, Taimur Qasim, Jessica Brennan
- Regrets:** Winston Morrison, Nerene Virgin, Princewill Ogban
- Absent:** Ashok Kumar, Steve Petgrave
- Also Present:** Betsy Pocop – staff liaison, Human Rights, Diversity and Inclusion
Jodi Koch – Director, Human Rights, Diversity and Inclusion
Mikayla Arnold – Student, Human Rights, Diversity and Inclusion
Councillor Brad Clark
Collette – member of the public
- Chair:** M. Dei-Amoah

Welcome & Introductions

Chair welcomed all in attendance and a round of introductions were done.

1. Changes to the Agenda

- i) Add 5.4 Workplan Discussion
- ii) Add 6.1 Dismantling Racism Workshop

J. Webster/T. Qasim

That the Committee Against Racism accepts the agenda of January 22, 2019, as amended:

CARRIED

2. Declaration of Interest

- i) None declared

3. Approval of Minutes

- i) Change to name – correct name is Reverend Dove
- ii) Item 5.1.1 – to indicate that Terms of Reference to be brought back in final form

J. Brennan/L. LeBlanc

That the Committee Against Racism accepts the meeting minutes of November 27, 2018, as amended.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

i) We Now Recognize

- Presented by L. LeBlanc
- Event that is travelling throughout Canada during February. Performance is in recognition of Black History Month. The hope is to bring the event to Hamilton. The event would be held at the Lincoln Alexander Centre on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 8:00pm.
- The performance focuses on the power of apologies and is purposely timed to occur during Black History Month
- It is an opportunity for the Committee to be involved in bring the performance to the community
- Request is for sponsorship of the event by the Committee for up to a maximum for \$3000.
- Committee members expressed that they want to ensure the performance/event is in line with conversations taking place in the wider community
- Committee members wished to hear about other BHM initiatives before making a final decision on sponsorship of the event

J. Brennan/J. Webster

That the Committee Against Racism accepts the We Now Recognize presentation by L. LeBlanc

CARRIED

J. Brennan/J. Scott

That the Committee Against Racism approves to sponsor the We Recognize event up to a maximum amount of \$3000.00

CARRIED

5. Business / Discussion Items

5.1 Anti-Racism Resource Centre Update

5.1.1 HARRC Steering Committee Update

- HCCI has relocated and as a result, HARRC has relocated, the Centre is now located in the Afro-Canadian Caribbean Association's (ACCA) facilities
- P. Ogban has submitted his second quarterly report which is now with the Oversight Committee for review
- Terms of Reference for the Steering Committee have been updated (copies provided to members in attendance)

- P. Kajiura has resigned from the Steering Committee
- M. Askar is new Chair of the Steering Committee
- HARRC is hosting an event on March 21 at the Hamilton Public Library at 6pm – an anti-racism panel discussion
- Brief Oversight Committee update provided by J. Koch
- Arig al Shaibah (Associate VP, McMaster University) joined for the Oversight Committee meeting to discuss next steps moving forward for the Centre
- Further update to be provided at February meeting

5.2 Lincoln Alexander Day

- Receipts for expenses incurred by Stewart Memorial Church provided to B. Pocop for processing
- The Sunday Service in commemoration of Lincoln Alexander was very beautiful
- Stewart Memorial interested in continuing the partnership with the Committee and the Committee feels the same
- Stewart Memorial was appreciative of the contributions made by the Committee
- The event held on Monday, January 21 was well attended and also beautiful
- The Committee would like to continue their partnerships with community groups
- B. Pocop to follow up on the continued existence of the Linc Day Planning Committee that was established in 2015.

5.3 Black History Month

- An additional request for financial support was received from the Centre de Santé Communautaire Hamilton/Niagara to the HARRC
- Councillor Clark offered to provide the financial support of \$300 requested by the Centre

5.3.1 Reverend John C. Holland Awards

- Members identified as wishing to attend are responsible for sending a delegate if they are unable to attend the event

J. Brennan/D. Ramos

That the Committee Against Racism purchase a table at the 2019 Reverend John C. Holland Awards held on February 2, 2019.

CARRIED

5.3.2 Together We Rise Event

- Funds withdrawn to support this event to be obtained from the reserve funds requested as part of the ongoing support for HARRC

J. Webster/J. Scott

That the Committee Against Racism approves the amount of \$250.00 to support the Together We Rise Event.

CARRIED

5.3.3 Workers Art and Heritage Council Community Panel

- Funds withdrawn to support this event to be obtained from the reserve funds requested as part of the ongoing support for HARRC

J. Webster/J. Brennan

That the Committee Against Racism approves the amount of \$250.00 to support the Workers Art and Heritage Council Community Panel event

CARRIED

5.4 Workplan Discussion

- Item deferred to the next meeting

6 Announcements and Information Sharing

6.1 Dismantling Racism Workshop

(J. Scott/ J. Webster)

That J. Brennan and T. Childs return to Committee with information about Hamilton Wentworth School Board Equity committee.

CARRIED

7 Adjournment

J. Webster/J. Scott

That the Committee Against Racism meeting adjourn at 8:50pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 26, 2019.