



Hamilton

Minutes

Committee Against Racism

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

6:30pm-8:30pm

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Virtual Meeting

Present: Phillip Jeffrey, Tyrone Childs, Marlene Dei-Amoah, Shamini Jacobs, Annie Law, Simone McWatt, Gregory Smith

Regrets: Leslyn. Gombakomba, Taimur Qasim

Also Present: Mimi John - Staff Liaison

Taline Morris – Admin Assistant

1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

M. Dei-Amoah took a roll call and welcomed new members.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

T. Morris provided the Land Acknowledgement

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(A.Law/S. Jacobs)

That the Committee Against Racism approve the agenda of June 22, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

i. May 25, 2021

(P. Jeffrey/S. Jacobs)

That the Committee Against Racism approves the minutes of May 25, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATION REQUEST (Item 7)

i. Carla Escudero, regarding effective ways to stop bullying (for today's meeting)

(S. McWatt /G. Smith)

That the Committee Against Racism approve the delegation request from Carla Escudero, for today's meeting

CARRIED

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 9)

i. Carla Escudero, regarding effective ways to stop bullying.

C. Escudero addressed the committee and advised of racist incidents directed to C. Escudero and family from their next-door neighbour. Committee members provide support and discussed effective ways and resources to manage incidents.

(P. Jeffrey/G. Smith)

That the delegation by Carla Escudero, be received.

CARRIED

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 11)

i. Implementation action plan - 2021 Work Plan (Item 11.1)

Discussion deferred to next meeting as T. Qasim is away. Workplan will be priority agenda item for next meeting.

ii. Citizen Committee Report re: recommendations for the City's *hamilton.ca/coronavirus* webpage with respect to anti-Asian racism (Item 11.2)

M. John updated that the citizen committee report was approved by Audit, Finance and Administration June 3, 2021 and by Council June 9, 2021, and the communications department was directed to make changes immediately. As a result, the webpage has been updated with enhanced language and resource links.

iii. Shared File for documents (Item 11.3)

Staff provided an update that as per direction from the clerk's office, storage of the committee documents is the responsibility of the committee.

iv. Note to John Ariyo (Item 11.4)

M. Dei-Amoah to connect with staff for forwarding address.

v. Committee Meeting – July and August

(S. McWatt / P. Jeffrey)

That the committee Against Racism will pause committee meetings for July 2021 and August 2021.

CARRIED

(T. Childs / G. Smith)

That the Committee Against Racism will reconvene in July and August if a racially based community issue arises relevant to the work of the committee.

CARRIED

8. MOTIONS (Item 12)

(G. Smith / T. Childs)

That the Committee Against Racism approve the All Advisory Committee Event Date and Time as September 27, 2021 at 4:00 P.M (Item 12.1)

CARRIED

(A.Law/ P. Jeffrey)

That the Committee Against Racism M. Dei-Amoah (Chair) and T. Qasim (Vice-Chair) to attend the All Advisory Committee Event, on behalf of the Committee Against Racism (Item 12.2)

CARRIED

9. COMMUNITY UPDATES (Item 14)

T. Childs addressed to committee to advise that the John C. Holland awards, which provide scholarships to assist Black youth in accessing post-secondary education, was a success this year and, suggested the committee send a note of congratulations.

10. Adjournment (Item 16)

(T. Childs/S. McWatt)

That the Committee Against Racism meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.