



Hamilton

- MINUTES -
COMMITTEE AGAINST RACISM
Tuesday June 28, 2011 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 71 Main Street West - Room 192

Present: Ismail Baris Oz, Jessica Brennan, Roger Cameron, Tyrone Childs, Yim Chung, Amirah Hassan, Mimoza Kajtazi, Ashok Kumar, Winston Morrison, Baldeep Virk, Joe Rhodes
Also Present: Maxine Carter, Jennifer Mak, Jaffar Hayat - City of Hamilton, Brian McHattie
Regrets: Wael Ghuneim, Zafar Siddiqui, Nerene Virgin
Absent: Taimur Qasim, Michelle Poirier

1. Welcome and Introductions.

- All were welcomed

2. Declaration of Interest.

- None declared

3. Review of Agenda.

- Addition of item # 8.2 Michael Dixon
- Addition of item # 8.3 AM640, CKMJ

A. Hassan/ W. Morrison

To accept the agenda as amended.

CARRIED.

4. Approval of Minutes May 24, 2011.

Review of minutes

A. Kumar/J. Brennan

That the Committee Against Racism May 24, 2011 minutes be approved, as presented.

CARRIED.

5. Matters Arising From Minutes.

No matters arising. Agenda items are discussed in Business items.

6. Review of Mission/Mandate, Terms of Reference and Work Plan.

- Committee reviewed the work plan of the previous committee (2006-2010)
- Discussion regarding the past sub-committee's accomplishments
- Committee members shared their experiences of racism and the urgent need to develop supports for the community
- Councillor McHattie would like to see the committee finalize the report and present the findings of the 3rd Symposium on "The Reality of Racism" in Hamilton to the General Issues Committee

- Also to include in the report an update on the Equity and Inclusion Policy, the Anti-racism training program progress report, what other municipalities are doing with respect to equity and inclusion, including other achievements at the City such as the outcome of the Workforce Census.

T. Childs/A. Kumar

To accept the report on previous committee's work plan.

CARRIED.

7. Equity and Inclusion Policy – Maxine Carter .

- Tabled to the next meeting.

8. New Business.

8.1 Will there be July and August meetings.

- Committee agreed to meet for July and August meetings. July 26th and August 23rd.

8.2 Michael Dixon Report.

Staff reported on the sub-committee meeting with Michael Dixon and shared further details regarding the article that is being written.

Hassan/J. Rhodes

To accept the report of the sub-committee regarding the draft article prepared to respond to the Michael Dixon story and that said article will be completed once the final settlement information has been release to the public.

CARRIED.

8.3 AM 640 CKMJ – John Oakley

- A member of the committee reported hearing something very disturbing while listening to a radio show on the morning of Tuesday June 28, 2011 hosted by John Oakley on CKMJ 640 AM, where the broadcaster sent a call out to the public inviting them to rise up against multiculturalism.
- He made a point of stating that the Dutch are now trying to reverse their policies on multiculturalism
- The committee would like to receive a copy of the broadcast transcript from 640 AM in order to review the content in detail before making any recommendations.

T. Childs/W. Morrison

That the Committee Against Racism (CAR) recommends that Council request, on behalf of CAR, from the Canadian Radio, Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), a copy of the transcript from the John Oakley show AM 640 that aired from 5:30 am to 10:00 am, Talk Radio, Tuesday June 28, 2011 show. The content of the transcript will be reviewed by the committee and subsequently recommendations will be made should the committee find it necessary.

CARRIED.

9. Information Sharing.

- 9.1 Immigration Watch Newsletter

An offensive article regarding the recent Vancouver riots was shared with committee. While this was completely false, the article blamed the cause of these riots on immigrants and newcomers to Canada.

10. **Adjournment.**

- Next meeting July 26, 2011