



Hamilton

**- MINUTES -**  
**COMMITTEE AGAINST RACISM**  
**Tuesday September 28, 2010, 6:30 p.m.**  
**City Hall, 71 Main Street West - Room 192**

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**Present:** Roger Cameron, Marilyn Hunt, Winston Morrison, Taimur Qasim, Mandira Raha, Joe Rhodes, Cherian Thomas, Samer Salman, Tyrone Childs

**Also Present:** Maxine Carter, Jaffar Hayat - City of Hamilton

**Regrets:** Nasir Sarwar

**Absent:** Jude Okpala, Basharat Tayyab, Sophie Adair, Gurcharan Mander, Andre Nkundimfura, Marwan Masri, Essam Bayoumy, Fatima Ahmad Minhas, Aimee Nezavdal, Muhammad Dar, Jaswinder Singh Bedi

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

- All were welcomed

**2. Declaration of Interest**

- None declared

**3. Review of Agenda**

- Agenda was reviewed

**S. Salman/C. Thomas**

To accept the agenda as presented.

**CARRIED.**

**4. Approval of Minutes August 24, 2010**

- Review of minutes
- Page 2, item 6.2.2, "Noreen" should be "Nereen"

**W. Morrison/T. Childs**

That the Committee Against Racism August 24, 2010 minutes be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED.**

**5. Matters Arising From Minutes**

- Item 7.1 Elections 2010, questions developed

**6. Business Items**

**6.1 Report from Sub-committee I & II, III & IV**

**6.1.1 Anti-Racism Symposium Follow up/Wrap up**

- Debriefing of the event:
- Facilities – had difficulty with lights, sound system, technician disappeared several times

- No screen for projector, we had to have one brought in
- We did not assign someone to give our the gifts & thank you to panel members, therefore, panel members had to get gifts after the event
- Disappointed that some CAR members did not show up to support the event
- Low attendance; only 67 participants
- Next time, let audience ask own questions
- Very few other volunteer committees members were not present
- Despite the small numbers the questions that were asked were very relevant and focused,
- Participants gave very good feedback regarding the quality of the event and the relevant topic,
- Participants would like to participate in more of these events,
- In future a committee member will be responsible for preparing a summary of the event and ensuring the media gets a copy,

**S. Salmon/B. Tayyab**

That R. Cameron and B. Tayyab prepare a summary of the event and specifically provides a brief overview of each panel members' presentation and the summary article to be sent to the editor of the Spectator for publishing

**CARRIED.**

R. Cameron and B. Tayyab will prepare a draft of the article by October 12, 2010 and send to committee members for comments.

Committee will start planning for the next forum right away (this item to be on the next agenda). The symposium/forum will need to be planned by the whole committee in the future. Committee discussed changing the meeting structure to sub-committees meeting in the first part then followed by the regular meeting.

**R. Cameron/W. T**

That staff advise City Clerks to include in their advertising for potential Committee Against Racism Committee members for future terms that they are expected to participate in two committee meetings per month for their the duration of their term.

**CARRIED.**

**6.3 Racist incidents report & follow up.**

**6.3.1 Nick Farrell's case.**

- No report.

**6.3.2 Noreen Virgin.**

- Noreen will attend October 2010 meeting

**6.3.3 Ann Coulter interview on Charles Adler, CHML.**

- No update

**6.4 Report regarding meeting with Councillor Brian McHattie.**

- No report.

**6.5 HCCI report back.**

- J. Rhodes reported that HCCI is restructuring and Pat Wright was appointed as the interim Executive Director.
- HCCI moved to Barton and Centennial Parkway in SISO's office

**6.6 Follow-up Taxi Working Group presentation.**

**6.5.1 Taxi Driver Criteria**

- Tabled to the November 2010 meeting

**6.7 CCAR e-mail - discussion.**

- Ken Stone will attend the October meeting

**6.8 Pan Am Games Social Inclusion Strategy Policy Advisory Team**

Staff advised that the Pan Am Games Working committee on Social Inclusion Strategy has requested that each advisory committee select one member from each committee to participate on the working committee to help develop the Social Inclusion Strategy.

**S. Salman/R. Cameron**

That S. Salman be the primary representative and R. Cameron act as the back up to represent CAR on the Pan Am Games Social Inclusion Strategy working group, to provide input and bring information back to committee.

**CARRIED.**

**8. Information Sharing**

Nothing to report.

**9. Adjournment**

- Next meeting October 26, 2010
- Adjourned meeting at 9:00 p.m.