

Minutes of the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee

December 9, 2021, 6:00 p.m. Chair and Secretary Participating Remotely The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville

Members Present: Lisa Post

Joe Andrews Sharyn Ayliffe

Polvier Folkes-Grandison

Hazel Mason Shawna McNally David Nairn Patti Thomas

Members Absent: Dawn Kelly

Sushil Shundil

Staff Present: Emily White

Sarah Alexander

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Recommendation: 2021-009

Moved by Hazel Mason

That the minutes of the following meeting are approved:

2021-11-11 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee Minutes

Carried Unanimously

4. Presentations

None.

5. Items for Discussion and Reports

5.1 Community Engagement Survey Draft Review

Discussion on the length of the survey. The Secretary was asked to create a test survey for Committee members to try prior to the January meeting.

Recommendation: 2021-010

Moved by David Nairn

That the draft survey be approved for a final review in January.

Carried Unanimously

5.2 Working Group: Community Survey

Chair Post will be the lead on the Community Survey Working Group. Working Group to include: Polvier Folkes-Grandison, Shawna McNally, David Nairn, Sushil Shundil and Patti Thomas.

5.3 Working Group: Holi Celebration

Co-chair Andrews will be the lead on the Holi (Hindu festival) Working Group. Working Group to include: Sushil Shundil and Patti Thomas.

Recommendation: 2021-011

Moved by Hazel Mason

That the formation of both the Working Groups be approved.

Carried Unanimously

5.4 Consultant Budget Request Update

Chair Post advised that the budget was still under review. Council was supportive of the Committee work plan, and corresponding request for a consultant; however, it is not guaranteed that the budget will be approved.

6. Correspondence

None.

7. New Business

Co-chair Andrews advised that Ms. Nancy Simms hopes to join and present at the January Committee meeting.

Chair Post met with representatives with the members of the Upper Grand District School Board to discuss future opportunities for Indigenous education and representation within the Town's equity, diversity and inclusion efforts. Intent of discussion was to form partnerships within the community.

Members to have conversation with the President of the Orangeville Legion to discuss ways to make the Remembrance Day ceremony more diverse and inclusive. An update will be provided at the January Committee meeting.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 6 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.