

Anti-Racism Advisory Committee

Minutes

Thursday, September 12, 2019

St. Catharines City Hall, 50 Church St. at 5 p.m.

Attendance:

Hanna Awdah
Rashmi Biswas
Samah Marei
Rhiannon McRae
Kim Radersma

Stanley Sadava
Fatima Sheikh
Vicki-Lynn Smith
Saleh Waziruddin

Absent:

None

Staff Liaison:

Cindy Pfeffer

1. Call meeting to order

Cindy Pfeffer called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

3. Additions / Deletions to the Agenda

K. Radersma requested that discussion on an upcoming regional council delegation be added to the agenda.

Moved by: S. Waziruddin

That the amended agenda for the Sept. 12, 2019 meeting of the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

4. Declaration of Interest

No members declared a conflict.

5. Business

6.1 Committee introduction

Members of the committee took turns introducing themselves.

6.2 Committee Overview/Orientation

The staff liaison provided an overview of the committee, its terms of reference and its relation to the Equity and Inclusion Committee.

6.3 Meeting Schedule

Through discussion, the members decided to set the committee's regular meeting date as the first Thursday of each month, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Meetings will be held at City Hall.

6.4 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Following a call for committee members to express interest in serving as the Chair or Vice-Chair of the committee, there was one interested candidate for each position.

Moved by: S. Sadava

That Salah Waziruddin be appointed Chair of the Anti-Racism Committee; and

That Vicky-Lynn Smith be appointed Vice-Chair of the Anti-Racism Committee.

CARRIED

Moved by: S. Waziruddin

That Vicky-Lynn Smith be appointed as the Anti-Racism Committee representative of the Equity and Inclusion committee; and

That Samah Marei be appointed as the back-up Anti-Racism Advisory Committee representative on the Equity and Inclusion Committee.

CARRIED

6.5 Delegation to Niagara Regional Council

K. Radersma and R. Biswas indicated they have both been approached (separately) to speak at an upcoming regional council meeting in support of the Niagara Region joining the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities. Both were asked to speak due to their work and involvement in other inclusivity initiatives.

Following discussion, K. Radersma and R. Biswas were advised they could speak at the meeting, but that they should make it clear they are not speaking on behalf of the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee.

6. Date of next meeting

Oct. 3, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

7. Motion to Adjourn

F. Sheikh moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 p.m.