

Social Sustainability Pillar Committee

Minutes

Thursday, April 22, 2021

Electronic Meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Councillor Bill Phillips, Chair

Councillor Sal Sorrento

Phil Cristi, Director of Community, Recreation and Cultural Services

Jeanette Pillitteri, Director of Corporate Support Services

Gail Riihimaki, Vice-Chair, Older Adults Advisory Committee ~ left at 5:25 p.m.

Liam Coward, Chair, LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee

Michelle Sanders, Co-Chair Accessibility Advisory Committee

Saleh Waziruddin, Chair, Anti-Racism Advisory Committee

Absent:

Councillor Greg Miller

Brody Longmuir, Chair, Town & Gown Advisory Committee

Haley Bateman, Chair, Equity & Inclusion Advisory Committee

Jim Richardson, Chair, Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee

Koby Vanyo, Older Adults Advisory (staff liaison)

Melissa Wenzler, Equity and Inclusion Advisory (staff liaison)

Guests:

Lori Mambella, Manager Programs and Culture Services

Staff Liaison:

Chantal Switzer, LGBTQ2+ Advisory and Anti-Racism Advisory

Eric Lamothe, Recreation Master Plan Advisory

Karen Doyle, Town and Gown

Megan Detlor, Accessibility Advisory

Leanne Kurek, Social Pillar

1. Call meeting to order (Chair, Bill Phillips)

4:31 p.m.

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

Councillor Phillips acknowledged that the land on which the Social Sustainability Committee meets today is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Peoples. Acknowledging this is a reminder that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.

3. Amendments to the Agenda

NA

4. Motion to approve the agenda

That the Social Sustainability Committee adopt the agenda as presented.

Moved by: S. Waziruddin

Carried

5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting

Motion to adopt the SSC minutes, Feb 11, 2021.

Moved by: S. Sorrento

Carried

6. Declarations of Interest

NA

7. Presentations (invited guests)

NA

8. Business arising from the minutes

NA

9. Business

- a. 9.1 Review of applications for Anti-Racism Advisory (vacancy) and make recommendations.**

Motion to go In Camera at 4:35 p.m.

That the Social Sustainability Committee go In Camera for personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

Moved by: S. Waziruddin

Carried

In Camera ~ Review applications for the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee

Motion to move to Open Session at 4:45 p.m.

That the Social Sustainability Committee move to Open Session

Moved by M. Sanders

Carried

That the Social Sustainability Committee approve the recommended names for the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee as discussed in the In Camera Session and for the recommendations to be referred to council.

Moved by G. Riihimaki

Carried

b. 9.2 Older Adults Advisory Committee & Work plan update

- i. 2021 Work Plan to be presented at the next meeting.
- ii. Committee has not had a meeting with full quorum due to challenges with stay at home order

That the Social Sustainability Committee approve the update from the Older Adults Advisory Committee.

Moved by: S. Sorrento

Carried

c. 9.3 Accessibility Advisory Committee 2020 Work plan summary

- i. 2020 Work plan summary attached

That the Social Sustainability Committee approve the presentation from the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Moved by: M. Sanders

Carried

d. 9.4 Carousel Accessibility

- i. Motion from Accessibility Advisory Committee requesting options to improve accessibility for the Port Dalhousie Carousel

Motion recommending that the Social Sustainability Pillar and City Council request that staff provide a report on the options for improving the accessibility of the Carousel.

ii. Motion by Social Sustainability Committee

That the Social Sustainability Committee endorse the motion and send to St. Catharines City Council with the recommendation that staff provide a report on the options for improving accessibility of the Carousel to make it more inclusive.

Moved by: M. Sanders

Carried

e. 9.5 Equity and Inclusion 2021 Work plan

- i. Deferred to next meeting

f. 9.6 Review of Leadership Accord for Gender Diversity

- i. Deferred to next meeting

g. 9.7 LGBTQ2+ Promotion of Equity Groups

- i. Motion from the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee (April 7, 2021)

The Chair of the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee will, at the next Social Pillar meeting, make enquiries of the Social Pillar's intention to further promote equity groups to the community.

ii. Motion by the Social Sustainable Committee

That the Social Sustainability Committee support the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee motion to further promote equity groups to the community via print material and that it be referred to Directors Pillitteri and Cristi to take to Senior Staff.

Moved by: L. Coward

Carried

h. 9.8 Anti-Racism Advisory Committee 2021 Work plan

- i. 2021 Work Plan attached

That the Social Sustainability Committee approve the 2021 Anti-Racism Advisory Committee Work Plan.

Moved by: S. Waziruddin
Carried

i. 9.9 Anti-Racism Advisory Committee recommendation to amend the City's Sign Bylaw

- i. Proposal attached

That the Social Sustainability Committee recommend the proposal from the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee for amendments to the current by-law for the erection of signs be sent to City Council to request a report back from City staff on the following:

Amend the current by-law for the erection of signs and other advertising devices to state that no person shall display or cause to be displayed a sign that bears a hate message or a logo, crest or graphic that would convey such a message.

Moved by: S. Waziruddin
Carried

j. 9.10 Anti-Racism Advisory Committee recommendation to develop a Diverse Supplier policy

- i. Backgrounder attached
ii. M. Sanders to forward organization that represents AAC to be included in policy.

That the Social Sustainability Committee accept the presentation from the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee; and

That the diverse supplier policy proposal from the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee, as amended, be sent to City Council to request a report back from City staff on the development of a Diverse Supplier Policy.

Moved by: S. Waziruddin
Carried

10. Date of next meeting

Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

11. Motion to Adjourn

That the Social Sustainability Committee be adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Moved by: M. Sanders
Carried

Attachments:

- Accessibility Advisory Committee 2020 work plan summary
- Anti-Racism Advisory Committee 2021 work plan
- Anti-Racism Advisory Committee sign by-law amendment proposal
- Anti-Racism Advisory Committee diverse supplier policy proposal