# **Minutes**



# **Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee**

Date: February 10, 2021

Time: 6:32 PM

Location: Online Video Conference

Members Present Mayor Bonnie Crombie Mayor

Councillor Ron Starr

Councillor Sue McFadden

Abdul Qayyum Mufti

Bhagwan (Gary) Grewal

Brad Bass

Citizen Member

Citizen Member

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Denise Gordon-Mohamud Citizen Member (Vice-Chair)

Hanoz Kapadia Citizen Member
Irfan Malik Citizen Member
John Henry He Citizen Member
Josephine Bau Citizen Member
Kaukab Usman Citizen Member

Members Absent Jo-Anne Beggs Citizen Member

Raihanna Hirji-Khalfan Citizen Member

#### **Staff Present**

Robert Trewartha, Director, Strategic Initiatives
Ivana Di Millo, Director, Strategic Communications
Graham Walsh, Deputy City Solicitor
Diana Rusnov, Director, Legislative Services and City Clerk
Sacha Smith, Manager, Legislative Services and Deputy Clerk
Lindsay Francini, Supervisor, Employee Communications and Events
Michelle Sanstra, Legislative Coordinator
Megan Piercey, Legislative Coordinator

### 1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:32 PM

# 2. <u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u>

Councillor Starr advised that the Resignation Email from Jo-Anne Beggs, Citizen Member, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee be added to the agenda as item 9.1

Approved, as amended (B. Bass)

- 3. <u>DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST Nil</u>
- 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
- 4.1 <u>Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee Minutes December 2, 2020</u>

Approved (D. Gordon-Mohamud)

- 5. <u>DEPUTATIONS</u>
- 5.1 <u>Lindsay Francini, Supervisor, Employee Communications and Events regarding a</u>

  <u>Community Recognition Policy Review</u>

Ms. Francini provided a presentation on the Community Recognition Policy of National Flag Raising and spoke to the background, benchmarking, criteria for national flag raising and next steps. Ms. Francini recommended that the City continue to offer community flag raisings with an updated request process and decision-making model for national flags. Committee Members engaged in discussion and inquired further about the eligibility and criteria for national flag raising.

#### RECOMMENDATION DIAC-0001-2021

Moved By B. Bass

That the deputation and the associated presentation from Lindsay Francini, Supervisor, Employee Communications and Events regarding a Community Recognition Policy Review be received.

#### Received

6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit - Nil

No members of the public registered to speak during public question period.

- 7. CONSENT AGENDA Nil
- 8. MATTERS CONSIDERED Nil
- 9. INFORMATION ITEMS Nil
- 9.1 Resignation Email from Jo-Anne Beggs, Citizen Member, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee

No discussion took place regarding this item.

#### **RECOMMENDATION DIAC-0002-2021**

Moved By Councillor S. McFadden

- 1. That the email dated February 5, 2021, from Jo-Anne Beggs, Citizen Member with respect to her resignation from the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee received.
- 2. That due to the resignation of Jo-Anne Beggs, a vacancy exists on the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee, and that the City Clerk be directed to fill the vacancy in accordance with the Corporate Policy #02-01-01 on Citizen Appointments to Committees, Boards and Authorities.

#### **Approved**

## 10. <u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>

Councillor McFadden thanked Megan Piercey for her service as the Legislative Coordinator of the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee and welcomed Michelle Sanstra as the new Legislative Coordinator.

Brad Bass, Citizen Member advised the Committee that he received notification from the Canadian Urban Institute that the Healthy Communities Initiative was open for applications and the funding would assist communities in building safe and vibrant public spaces Robert Trewartha, Director, Strategic Initiatives advised that staff had prepared a briefing note to take to the leadership team for discussion the following day. Mr. Bass offered his assistance if needed.

Mayor Crombie advised the Committee of a virtual inter-faith prayer meeting, for the inter-faith Council of Peel gathering Friday, February 12, 2021 at 7:45 to 9:00 AM.

- 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING May 12, 2021
- 12. ADJOURNMENT 7:09 PM (H. Kapadia)