# **Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee**

**Date:** October 20, 2021

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Online Video Conference

Members Present Councillor Ron Starr Ward 6 (Co-Chair)

Councillor Sue McFadden Ward 10 (Co-Chair) Abdul Qayyum Mufti Citizen Member Bhagwan (Gary) Grewal Citizen Member **Brad Bass** Citizen Member Hanoz Kapadia Citizen Member Irfan Malik Citizen Member Citizen Member John Henry He Josephine Bau Citizen Member Kaukab Usman Citizen Member

Members Absent Mayor Bonnie Crombie Mayor

Leo Campbell

Raihanna Hirji-Khalfan Citizen Member

Denise Gordon-Mohamud Citizen Member (Vice-Chair)

Citizen Member

#### Staff Present

Diana Rusnov, Director, Legislative Services and City Clerk Sacha Smith, Manager, Legislative Services and Deputy City Clerk Michelle Sanstra, Legislative Coordinator Reanne Kassar, Legislative Coordinator

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

Approved (B. Bass)

# 3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Nil

# 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

# 4.1 <u>Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee Minutes - May 12, 2021</u>

Leo Campbell, Citizen Member was introduced as the newest member to the committee. Mr. Campbell spoke to his previous experiences and passions.

Approved (A.Q. Mufti)

## 5. DEPUTATIONS

# 5.1 <u>Lisa Abbott, Manager, Museums of Mississauga and Small Arms Building regarding a</u> video presentation on the Presence Exhibition Program

Lisa Abbott, Manager, Museums of Mississauga and Small Arms Building spoke to a video presentation on the Presence Exhibition Program.

Brad Bass, Citizen Member expressed support to the project and enquired on where the video can be viewed. Ms. Abbott stated that it is viewable on social media as well as on the Presence project website.

# **RECOMMENDATION DIAC-0005-2021**

Moved By B. Bass

That the deputation and associated presentation by Lisa Abbott, Manager of Mississauga and Small Arms Building regarding a video on the Presence Exhibition program, be received.

Carried

# 5.2 Item 8.1 - Deryn Rizzi, Fire Chief and Director of Emergency Management

Deryn Rizzi, Fire Chief and Director of Emergency Management spoke to the fireworks By-law for Victoria Day, Canada Day, Diwali and Chinese New Year.

Members of the Committee spoke to changing Chinese New Year to Lunar New Year and the Lunar calendar.

# **RECOMMENDATION DIAC-0006-2021**

Moved By J. Bau

- 1. That the deputation and associated presentation by Deryn Rizzi, Fire Chief and Director of Emergency Management regarding Fireworks By-law, be received.
- That the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee supports the proposed amendment as outlined in the Memorandum by Deryn Rizzi, Fire Chief and Director of Emergency Management entitles Lunar New Year – Fireworks By-law, dated October 13, 2021;
  - Business Licensing By-law 0001-2006, to provide that the exemption permitting the selling of fireworks for the Chinese New Year, be changed to the Lunar New Year;
  - Outside Fireworks Vendors Licensing By-law 0340-2021, which regulates the selling of fireworks, to provide that the exemption permitting the selling of fireworks for the Chinese New Year, be received;
  - c. Fireworks By-law 0293-2021, which regulates the setting off of fireworks within the limits of the City of Mississauga, to provide that the exemption permitting the setting off of fireworks for the Chinese New Year, be changed to the Lunar New Year;

# Carried

# 5.3 Item 8.2 - John Dunlop, Manager, Heritage Planning and Indigenous Relations

John Dunlop, Manager, Heritage Planning and Indigenous Relations spoke to the Truth and Reconciliation in Mississauga, Indigenous Peoples, Settlers and Treaties, Days of Significance and next steps.

Members of the Committee spoke to the possibility of an online training video, representation from the community and the possibility of visiting a reserve.

# RECOMMENDATION DIAC-0007-2021

Moved By B. Bass

- That the deputation and associated presentation by John Dunlop, Manager, Heritage Planning and Indigenous Relations regarding Truth and Reconciliation, be received.
- That the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee supports the following recommendations as outlined in the Memorandum by John Dunlop, Manager, Heritage Planning and Indigenous Relations, entitled City of Mississauga Annual Reconciliation Report, dated October 14, 2021;
  - a. That the City of Mississauga remains committed to Truth and Reconciliation and that the City continue to renew its relationship with its Treaty partners;

- That the City of Mississauga recognize the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and implement any changes from this recognition in line with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act;
- That the City of Mississauga adopt the renewed Land Acknowledgement and Statement of Reconciliation and that Council mandate its use for all Standing and Advisory Committee meetings;
- d. That the City of Mississauga file its annual reconciliation report with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.

# Carried

- 6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD 15 Minute Limit Nil
- 7. <u>CONSENT AGENDA</u> Nil
- 8. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED
- 8.1 Amendment to the Fireworks By-Law

Members of the Committee did not engage in discussion.

8.2 City of Mississauga Annual Reconciliation Report

Members of the Committee did not engage in discussion.

- 9. <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>
- 9.1 Resignation Email From Raihanna Hirji-Khalfan, Citizen Member, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee

## **RECOMMENDATION DIAC-0008-2021**

Moved By A. Mufti

That the email dated October 18, 2021, from Raihanna Hirji-Khalfan, Citizen Member with respect to her resignation from the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee, be received.

#### Carried

## 10. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Q. Mufti, Citizen Member spoke to the \$5 Million donation from the Muslim community to the Mississauga Hospital, the \$50,000 to the Mississauga Mayor's Food Drive, as well as other donations.

Brad Bass, Citizen Member enquired about the City's Urban Agricultural Strategy.

- 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING December 1, 2021
- 12. ADJOURNMENT

7:55PM (I. Malik)