



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA IN THE
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK**

GEORGINA EQUITY AND DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, August 4, 2015
Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER
4:31 pm

2. ROLL CALL

The following Committee members were present:

Heather Kemp
Jeanne Faria
Detective Mark Topping YRP
Regional Councilor Danny Wheeler

The following Committee member was absent with regrets:

Courtney Baumhard
Karen McGill

The following staff members were in attendance:

Sarah Brislin, Committee Services Coordinator
Phil Rose-Donahoe, Manager of Cultural Services

3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS

Moved by Councilor Wheeler, Seconded by Detective Topping

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2015-0012

That Jeanne Faria be nominated as Acting Chair for the August 4th meeting

Carried

Jeanne Faria assumed the role of Acting Chair at this time.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councilor Wheeler, Seconded by Detective Topping

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2015-0013

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

Carried.

5. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Pages 1-6

Tuesday June 23 2015

Moved by Councilor Wheeler, Seconded by Jeanne Faria

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2015-0014

That the minutes be adopted with the corrections made to resolutions GEDAC-2015-0005, 2015-0006, 2015-0007, 2015-0008 items 9. (1) Where it was recorded as 2015/12016 and shall be corrected to read 2015/2016.

Carried.

7. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS ON THE AGENDA

8. COMMUNICATIONS

(1) General Information Items

Pages 7-8

- (a) First Nations, Ontario Agree to New Political Accord

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- (b) Diversity Dialogues – Follow up

Manager of Cultural Services, Phil Rose-Donahoe provided a summary of the follow up regarding the Diversity Dialogues hosted by the Municipal Multi Cultural Reference Group.

- Consultant was hired
- Diversity Dialogues were held in April.
- Next step – to take the finding of 9 participating municipalities and create a diversity charter to self-evaluate diversity and inclusion.
- Manager of Cultural Services, Phil Rose-Donahoe to continue to update as information becomes available.

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- (c) Ontario Celebrates National Aboriginal Day

Pages 12-13

- (d) Ontario Connecting More Seniors with Their Communities

Pages 14-16

- (e) Ontario Investing in Aboriginal Postsecondary Education and Training
- Pages 17-19
- (f) Ontario Launches Enhanced Youth Action Plan
- Pages 20
- (g) Statement on Election of Isadore Day as Ontario Regional Chief
- Pages 21-35
- (h) York Region, Mental Health and Wellbeing Initiatives in York Region
- (i) First Nations, Ontario Agree to New Political Accord
<http://news.ontario.ca/maa/en/2015/06/first-nations-ontario-agree-to-new-political-agreement.html>

The Committee discussed:

The truth and reconciliation, referring to article Premier's Statement on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission from the June 23rd GEDAC meeting.

The upcoming POW WOW, to be hosted by the Chippewa's on Georgina Island, on Sept 12th. The focus will be around the truth and reconciliation findings. The Committee discussed options for strengthening the relationship between the Town and the First Nation Communities of the Georgina Area. The Committee requested staff submit an informal request to the Mayor and Council and ask that they attend and encourage community members to attend the upcoming event. The Committee Services Coordinator advised she would try to get it in under Community Announcements in an upcoming Council meeting before the date of the event.

Moved by Jeanne Faria, Seconded by Heather Kemp

That items 8.(1) (a)- (i) be received for information.

Carried.

(2) Disposition Items

- Pages 26-31
- (a) Inclusivity Action Plan (IAP) subcommittee update. Bernice Ruhl to tentatively attend the GEDAC September 1st meeting.

Committee Services Coordinator advised Committee of update. Bernice Ruhl tentatively scheduled to attend September 1st meeting

to brief Committee on the progress and unfinished business of the former IAP sub-committee. Manager of Cultural Services, Phil Rose-Donahoe offered to circulate the 'how to interact with local Government. Civics 101 guide'. Committee Services Coordinator, Sarah Brislin offered to contact the York Region Welcoming Center and see if statistics were available with respect to diversity and use of mobile centres.

The Committee discussed work plan items, as laid out at previous meeting, June 23rd 2015. The discussion uncovered Committee members wanted to discuss the work plan items in further detail. In response to the discussion, Manager of Cultural Services, Phil Rose-Donahoe offered to present the budget at the next meeting. Committee Services Coordinator, Sarah Brislin offered to get more information on the Banner campaign, specifically the locations of the strategic placement.

Detective Mark Topping, notified committee of the YPT eyes and ears campaign (don't be a silent witness). The Committee discussed ways to reach the public or make information accessible to the public. Committee Services Coordinator, Sarah Brislin advised this may be something the IAP sub-committee can look at if formed.

The Committee discussed the option of an informative web page.

The Committee discussed future use of the Link's new kitchen as a way of celebrating diversity in the community. Committee members discussed the positive impacts and event or a series of classes that featured cooking from different cultures. Manager of Cultural Services, Phil Rose-Donahoe suggested booking a future meeting at the Link so the committee can see the facility first hand.

The Committee discussed alternatives to the expensive banners such as posters that illustrate a consistent message.

The Committee discussed participations in existing upcoming events rather than hosting an event.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Heather, Seconded by Detective Mark Topping.

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2015-0015

That the August 4th Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting be adjourned at 5:49 pm.

Carried.

Jeanne Faria
Acting Chair

C. Sarah A. Brislin
Committee Services Coordinator