



THE TOWN OF GEORGINA
EQUITY & DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

4:30 PM

Council Chambers

Followed by sub-committee meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 PM

The Chair read the following statement:

We would like to begin today's meeting by acknowledging that the Town of Georgina is located over lands originally used and occupied by the First Peoples of the Williams Treaties First Nations and other Indigenous Peoples and thank them for sharing this land. We would also like to acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our close neighbour and friend, one that we strive to build a cooperative and respectful relationship with.

2. ROLL CALL

The following Committee members were present:

Karen McGill, Chair

Courtney Baumhard, Vice Chair

Alicia Lauzon

Berenice Ruhl (arrived at 4:36)

Kyle Stipanic

The following Committee member was absent with regrets:

Councillor Charlene Biggerstaff

The following staff members were in attendance:

Cathy Tustin, Human Resources Generalist

Sarah Brislin, Committee Services Coordinator

3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS

(1) 2018 meeting schedule

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Kyle Stipanic, Seconded by Courtney Baumhard

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2018-0001

That the Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee approve the January 9, 2018, meeting agenda with the following addendum item:

1. 2018 meeting schedule added under Other Business as item 11(7).

Carried.

5. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF - *None*
6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
 - (1) Meeting minutes from November 14, 2017

Moved by Courtney Baumhard, Seconded by Alicia Lauzon

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2018-0002

That the Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee November 14, 2017, meeting minutes be adopted as amended.

Carried.

7. DELEGATIONS/SPEAKERS - *None*
8. PRESENTATIONS - *None*
9. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS ON THE AGENDA - *None*
10. COMMUNICATIONS
 - (1) Ontario Working to Build an Inclusive and Equitable Society for All
 - (2) Statement by Minister Laura Albanese
 - (3) Joint Statement on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
 - (4) Province and Chiefs of Ontario Reaffirm Commitment to Work Together Toward Reconciliation
 - (5) Ontario Ensuring Students Learn Indigenous Histories and Cultures

- (6) Statement from the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation on Aboriginal Veterans Day

Moved by Courtney Baumhard,

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2018-0003

That the Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee receive the following Communication items:

1. Ontario Working to Build an Inclusive and Equitable Society for All
2. Statement by Minister Laura Albanese
3. Joint Statement on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
4. Province and Chiefs of Ontario Reaffirm Commitment to Work Together Toward Reconciliation
5. Ontario Ensuring Students Learn Indigenous Histories and Cultures
6. Statement from the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation on Aboriginal Veterans Day

Carried.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- (1) Community Response to Hate (ongoing item) - sub-committee to set meeting date.

The members of the Sub-Committee advised they would schedule a follow up meeting following the Committee meeting.

- (2) Music in the Streets 2018 (ongoing item) – Committee members to report back on actions assigned at the November 14, 2017 meeting.

Alicia Lauzon advised she has obtained a list of diverse performers from YRP and that she will request YRP reach out to see if the performers mind having their contact information shared with the Committee.

The Committee was advised that if they are pursuing sponsorship they must reach out to more than one business. The Committee asked if there was a process for this that they should follow. Sarah Brislin, Committee Services Coordinator, advised she follow up with further information.

- (3) Georgina 200 year anniversary 2018 event, discussion - Committee members to report back on actions assigned at the November 14, 2017 meeting.

Cathy Tustin reached out to Phil Rose-Donahoe, who is on the Georgina 200 Year Anniversary Committee and was provided with a list of opportunities the Committee may be interested in participating in. The Committee was advised there appears to be no single or main event being planned. The Committee discussed the importance of sensitivity with respect to the Chippewas of Georgina Island.

- (4) Diversity and Food event, discussion - Committee members to report back on actions assigned at the November 14, 2017 meeting.

Berenice Ruhl advised she has followed up with Councillor Davison regarding her expectations relating to the potential diversity and food event. Councillor Davison wanted to know if the Committee would be interested working collaboratively with her on such an event. The Committee discussed timelines, and suggested hosting the event in the fall or early 2019.

Berenice offered to reach out to York cultural center to inquire about the planning process for the Ramadan.

Cathy Tustin suggested reaching out to Michele Vandentillaart, Link Coordinator, to see if she would be able to assist in the planning.

The Committee discussed requiring more information as to the committee responsibilities they would be expected to take on.

- (5) Communications strategy, discussion - Committee members to report back on actions assigned at the November 14, 2017 meeting.

Courtney Baumhard advised she was unable to locate the communication blurbs from the former GEDAC that she had worked on and would have to start again. She also suggested that it would be good to coordinate with dates in a multi-faith electronic calendar.

- (6) multicultural multi-faith electronic calendar

The Committee reviewed the prices of the possible electronic calendars. Alicia Lauzon advised she would try to get a copy of the calendar from YRP corporate communications.

Alicia handed out a poster for black history month, Cathy Tustin advised she would try to place it on the Town intranet

- (7) 2018 meeting schedule

1. January 9, 2018
2. March 13, 2018

3. April 10, 2018
4. May 8, 2018
5. July 10, 2018

Moved by Courtney Baumhard, Seconded by Berenice Ruhl

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2018-0004

That the Georgina Equity and Diversity Committee schedule a meeting for February 13, 2018.

Carried.

12. CLOSED SESSION, IF REQUIRED - *None*
13. MOTION TO ADJOURN


Next meeting: February 13, 2018.

Moved by Kyle Stipanic, Seconded by Courtney Baumhard

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2018-0005

That the Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee January 9, 2018, meeting adjourn at 5:13 PM.

Carried.



Karen McGill
Chair



C. Sarah A. Brislin
Committee Services Coordinator