



**THE TOWN OF GEORGINA
EQUITY & DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 23, 2019
4:30 PM
Committee Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM.

“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 with which we strive to build a cooperative and respectful relationship.”

2. ROLL CALL

The following Committee members were in attendance:

- Karen McGill, Chair
- Kyle Stipanic, Vice Chair
- Mayor Margaret Quirk
- Berenice Ruhl
- Lily Pourzand

The following Committee member was absent with Regrets
Alicia Lauzon, York Region Police

The following staff members were in attendance:
Cathy Tustin, Senior Human Resources Consultant
Sarah Brislin, Committee Services Coordinator

3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS - *None*

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Kyle Stipanic, Seconded by Lily Pourzand

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2019-0007

That the Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee waive the rules of procedure move Item 11(8) Music in the Streets ahead of all other business.

Carried.

Moved by Kyle Stipanic, Seconded by Bernice Ruhl

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2019-0008

That the April 23, 2019, Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

5. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF - *None*

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(1) Meeting minutes from Tuesday March 26, 2019

Moved by Kyle Stipanic, Seconded by Bernice Ruhl

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2019-0009

That the minutes of former Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee meeting held on March 26, 2019, be adopted.

Carried

7. DELEGATIONS/SPEAKERS - *None*

8. PRESENTATIONS - *None*

9. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS ON THE AGENDA - *None*

10. COMMUNICATIONS

(1) Public Heroes Awards 2019 (Keynote Speaker Wendy Cukier) and Meet Your Neighbour Dinners

(2) IAP – (a former GEDAC) sub-committee – package for review.

Moved by Kyle Stipanic, Seconded by Bernice Ruhl

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2019-0010

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

1. Public Heroes Awards 2019 (Keynote Speaker Wendy Cukier) and Meet Your Neighbour Dinners
2. IAP – (a former GEDAC) sub-committee – package for review.

Carried

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- (1) Music in the Streets

Moved by Bernice Ruhl, Seconded by Kyle Stipanic

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2019-0011

That the Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee approve a budget of \$1500.00 towards the 2019 Music in the Streets festival to facilitate and compensate for the ceremony and performances of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation. Further that the funds as provided be allocated to cover following in the order as listed:

1. Request traditional knowledge keeper
2. 4 traditional dancers
3. Big drum, and
4. hoop dancers

Carried.

- (2) Discussion - Community Response To Hate Slogan (ongoing item)
The Committee previously discussed the possibility of proposing Council pass a statement resolution that will denounce hate with an additional objective of asking other York Region Municipalities to adopt the same or similar type of resolution.

Members reviewed the municipal and government resources for Anti-hate slogans and agreed to review the Saskatoon resource before the next meeting.

- (2) Diversity Dinner with education and empowerment piece (continued discussion)

Moved by Bernice Ruhl, Seconded by Kyle Stipanic

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2019-0012

That the Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee organize an education and empowerment event for the community in the fall.

Carried.

- (3) Step-up program discussion (include with previous item)

The Committee discussed the idea of encouraging active by-standers or 'up-standers'

- (4) Multi-faith dates

YRP has confirmed they have a Multi-Faith Calendar they can share.

- (5) Bursary/education award

The Committee discussed creating an anti-hate award. The Committee to discuss the criteria, who will judge, and prize to be awarded

- (6) Communication strategy

- (7) Former Subcommittee discussion

Bernice Ruhl offered to present at next meeting.

- (8) Additional Meeting date

Moved by Bernice Ruhl, Seconded by Kyle Stipanic

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2019-0013

That the Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee added an additional meeting October 8th 2019.

Carried.

- (9) Respectful Engagement Strategies for Engaging Equity-Seeking Populations (Page 228).

Moved by Kyle Stipanic, Seconded by Mayor Quirk

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2019-0014

That the Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee approve allocating the funds needed to cover the cost of registration and travel for committee

member Bernice Ruhl to attend the Respectful Engagement Strategies for Engaging Equity-Seeking Populations workshop.

Carried.

12. CLOSED SESSION, IF REQUIRED

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Bernice Ruhl, Seconded by Lily Pourzand

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2018-0015

That the Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee April 23, 2019, meeting adjourn at 5:46 PM.

Carried.



Karen McGill, Chair



Sarah Brislin, Committee Services
Coordinator