



GEORGINA

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF GEORGINA**

Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2020
Time: 4:30 PM

Members of
Committee Present: Mayor Margaret Quirk
Alicia Lauzon
Berenice Ruhl
Andrew Snowball
Kyle Stipanic
Lily Pourzand

Members of
Committee Absent: Karen McGill

Staff Present: Sandra Dipietrantonio, Records Coordinator
Racheal Rossetti, Committee Services Coordinator

Others Present: Cathy Tustin, H.R. Business Partner

Kyle Stipanic, Vice Chair assumed the roll of Acting Chair.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2020-0009

Moved By Margaret Quirk
Seconded By Berenice Ruhl

That the September 22, 2020 Committee agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried.

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2020-0010

Moved By Berenice Ruhl
Seconded By Alicia Lauzon

That the Committee Minutes be adopted as presented:

1. Minutes for the Committee Meeting held on February 25, 2020

Carried.

8. DELEGATIONS/ PETITIONS

1. Lee Miller, York Region Alliance African Canadian Communities
Requesting support for the black residents of the municipality.
 - Lee Miller from the York Region Alliance African Canadian Communities is speaking about Anti-Black Racism through a PowerPoint presentation
 - Mr. Miller defined what Anti-Black Racism is and how racism affects the people within Canada and more specifically York Region.

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2020-0011

Moved By Berenice Ruhl

Seconded By Andrew Snowball

That the Committee receive the delegation.

Carried.

2. Kendra Mullings, Black York Region Youth Group
Requesting space for Georgina's BIPOC Youth and Community
 - Requesting a safe space for marginalized people in Georgina with emphasis on Black Youth; this would be open to all marginalized people.
 - They welcome but are not asking for funding. Their program is primarily done through volunteer work which include: teachers, financial experts, wellness practitioners and many more.
 - They are asking for free space to assist with bringing together the marginalized youth.
 - A few members part of Georgina's BIPOC Youth and Community are present and are requesting the space to provide a safe space for youth to feel included and provide resources for them.

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2020-0012

Moved By Margaret Quirk

Seconded By Berenice Ruhl

That the Committee receive the delegation from Kendra Mullings and refer to staff within the Town of Georgina to work with Kendra to provide a space for programs that support marginalized youth.

Carried.

11. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2020-0014

Moved By Berenice Ruhl

Seconded By Alicia Lauzon

That the Committee receive the General Information Items, that the first item come back to the Committee with additional information from the research provided by the Committee members in order to provide additional discussion at the next meeting. That the second item be referred to the Sub-Committee for discussion and the third item be received.

Carried.

3. Simcoe Landing Solidarity Walk

- The initiative for the solidarity walk is in response to the racism written on the side of the school.
- It is important to show that the community stands together in solidarity and that a discussion is had to see that the people who were targeted in the community realize their community does not feel this way about them.

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2020-0013

Moved By Berenice Ruhl

Seconded By Lily Pourzand

That the Committee receive the information about the Simcoe Landing Solidarity Walk.

Carried.

1. Adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's working definition of Antisemitism

The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism:

"Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."

RESOLUTION NO. C-2020-0148

Moved by Regional Councillor Grossi

Seconded by Councillor Waddington

That Council endorse the adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism and advise the Georgina Equity and Diversity Committee of its endorsement.

Carried.

2. Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury's Anti-racism Resolution
Mayor Quirk, verbal update

13. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Community Book Club
 - This item deferred to next meeting with Karen present

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2020-0015

Moved By Lily Pourzand
Seconded By Berenice Ruhl

That the Community Book Club item be deferred to the next meeting when Karen is present.

Carried.

15. MOTION TO ADJOURN

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2020-0016

Moved By Andrew Snowball
Seconded By Berenice Ruhl

That the meeting adjourn at 5:58pm.

Carried.

DocuSigned by:



CBAC72E54FE7494...

Kyle Stipanic, Vice Chair

DocuSigned by:



8CCA83627E114FU...

Racheal Rossetti,

Committee Services Coordinator