



RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Agenda

Zoom Meeting

September 11, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Committee

Darius Sookram, Chair
Nayani Nandakumar, Vice-Chair
Satya Arora
Jas Atwal
Suat Kenar
Madge Logan
Danielle Russell
Claudette Rutherford
Councillor Juanita Nathan

Guest

Alicia Lauzon, York Regional Police

Staff

Jamal Kossy, Diversity Equity and Inclusion
Specialist
Hristina Giantsopoulos, Election and
Committee Coordinator

Regrets

Edward Choi
Faiz Mohyuddin
Mohamad Mtairek

1. Call to Order

The Race Relations Committee Meeting convened at 6:10 PM with Darius Sookram presiding as Chair.

The Committee observed a moment of silence in recognition of the James Smith Cree Nations victims.

The Committee further noted that the City will be hosting the Little Native Hockey League Tournament in 2024.

2. Adoption of the September 11, 2023, agenda.

Moved by: Satya Arora

Seconded by: Danielle Russell

That the September 11, 2023 Race Relations Committee Meeting Agenda be adopted.

Carried

2. Approval of the Minutes from June 5, 2023.

Moved by: Danielle Russell

Seconded by: Jas Atwal

Carried

That the June 6, 2023, Race Relations Committee Minutes be adopted.

3. Business Related to Previous Minutes

The Committee discussed that the minutes that include the committee recommendations will be on the September 19, 2023, General Committee Agenda.

4. Incident of Anti Black Racism at George Brown College

An update will be forthcoming at a future meeting.

5. Committee and Sub-Committee Updates

An update for a sub-committees will be forthcoming at a future meeting.

6. Nomination of Chair and Vice-Chair

Satya Arora nominated Danielle Russell for the position of Chair and Madge Logan for the position of Vice-Chair. Danielle nominated Jas Atwal for the position of Vice-Chair.

Madge declined her nomination. Danielle and Jas accepted their nominations.

Moved by: Satya Arora

Seconded by: Madge Logan

That Danielle Russell be appointed as the new Chair of the Race Relations Committee.

Carried

Moved by: Danielle Russell

Seconded by: Satya Arora

That Jas Atwal be appointed as the new Vice-Chair of the Race Relations Committee.

Carried

8. New Business/Other

The Committee discussed succession planning, term expiry of existing members and the recruitment of new members. Staff indicated that recruitment is underway to fill three

vacancies and that the application link will be forwarded for members to share with their networks.

Councillor Nathan advised she will be away on September 19, 2023 and requested that the March 2023 RRC Minutes which included the recommendation to revert back to monthly meetings be deferred to the following General Committee meeting when she will be in attendance. It was suggested that a written communication be submitted and that if a RRC member is available, that they attend the meeting to make a deputation in support of monthly meetings.

9. Next Official Meeting Date: Monday December 4, 2023 at 6:00 PM

10. Adjournment

The Committee thanked Alicia Lauzon for attending the meeting and her continued support to the committee.

The Committee also thanked Suat for his contributions to the RRC and wished him well on his future endeavours.

Moved By: Suat Kenar

Seconded By: Satya Arora

That the Race Relations meeting adjourn at 7:05 PM.

Carried