



RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF MARKHAM

Ontario Room, Markham Civic Centre
September 10, 2018

MINUTES

Attendance:	
<u>Committee</u> Astra Josie Rose, Chair Andrew Yu, Vice Chair Harmony Law Maggie Quirt Edward Choi Rina George-Alexander Cheryl McConney-Wilson, <i>Diversity Specialist</i>	<u>Regrets</u> Arul Rajasingam Faiz Mohyuddin Sabat Ismail Devendra Mishra Nayani Nandakumar Sujane Kandasamy Surinder Razdan Regional Councillor Joe Li
<u>Staff</u> Anna Lee, Committee Co-ordinator	

The Race Relations Committee convened at 7:15 PM with Astra Josie Rose presiding as Chair.

Quorum was not met.

1. Markham Human Resources Update

- Terms of Reference - Clerks and Council need to review and approve the Terms of Reference. It will be posted on the Markham website once it is approved.
- Inclusion Charter - The General Committee of Council adopted Markham's Inclusion Charter on September 4.

2. Race Relations Business

A. Race Relations Committee Work Plan

- Many Faces of Markham - Decision to use the theatre or another space needs to be made by the committee.
- Committee – To encourage and motivate consistent attendance and participation in the committee by all members.
- Diversity Training – Diversity page on Markham website needs to be updated with new content. Focus on supporting the creation of conversations surrounding diversity.

- Community Awards – This has been cancelled for this year due to elections – will continue next year.

3. New Business

- Race Relations Committee Resolution Motion presented but not carried because there was no quorum:
 - "Whereas Markham is one community with Indigenous persons, descendants of immigrants and first-generation immigrants living together; Whereas all Markham residents are equal contributors and participants in our community regardless of the means of arrival in this City; Whereas a spirit of unity is essential in building and maintaining Markham as a welcoming community; Therefore, the Markham Race Relations Committee requests that all candidates for municipal elected office reject divisive campaign tactics and emphasize their policy proposals for building a harmonious community of diversity."
- Chair Astra Josie Rose shared the following update:
 - Josie is stepping down as Chair and Andrew Yu will be Chair, going forward, until the election next year.

4. Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting of the Race Relations Committee will be held on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the York Room.

5. Adjournment

- The Race Relations Committee adjourned at 9:10PM.