

1ST REPORT OF THE

LONDON DIVERSITY AND RACE RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on February 20, 2014, commencing at 12:07 p.m.

PRESENT: P. Shanahan (Chair), S. Behruz, C. Callander, F. Cassar, A. Medina, I. Silver and D. Wettlaufer and B. Mercier (Secretary).

ALSO PRESENT: F. Andrighetti, D. Hamou, S. Honyust, K. Husain, R. Hussain, J. Robinson and J. Tufts.

REGRETS: D. Goodwin, C. Hamilton, S. Kassam, L. Kowalchuk, D. Lacey, A. Prince, M. Singeris and T. Tomchick-Condon.

I YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Election of Chair
and Vice Chair

1. That the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC) elected P. Shanahan as its Chair for the term ending November 30, 2014, and postponed the election of its Vice Chair to its next meeting.

Community
Updates

2. That the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC) was advised of the following community updates by its members:

- a) Jewish Community - upcoming annual Israeli brunch;
- b) February 21, 2014 – International Mother Language Day;
- c) February 22, 2014 – announcement of the United Way fundraising campaign results;
- d) March 21, 2014 – Naw Ruz New Year; and,
- e) June 21, 2014 – National Aboriginal Day.

Joint Nomination
and Education
Sub-Committee

3. (B, E, 3) That the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC) heard a verbal update from J. Robinson, and reviewed and received the Joint Nomination and Education Sub-committee minutes from its meeting held on December 19, 2013.

Policy and
Planning Sub-
Committee

4. (C) That the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC) heard a verbal update from P. Shanahan, and reviewed and received the Policy and Planning Sub-committee minutes from its meetings held on December 5, 2013 and January 9, 2014, respectively.

5. That the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC) noted and filed the following:

10th Report of the LDRRAC

a) (1) the 10th Report of the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee from its meeting held on November 21, 2013;

LDRRAC Appointments

b) (2) a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on September 17, 2013, with respect to the appointment of S. Behruz, F. Cassar and C. Hamilton to the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee for the term ending February 28, 2015;

Lincoln Alexander Day in Ontario

c) (4) a communication dated January 25, 2014, from Councillor H. Usher, with respect to the Province of Ontario declaring January 21 as Lincoln Alexander Day;

Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers

d) (5) a communication dated November 2013, from L. Vincent, Manager, Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, with respect to the Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers;

Newcomer Champion Award

e) (6) a communication dated January 2014, from The Honorable M. Coteau, Minister, Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, with respect to the newly launched Newcomer Champion Award;

Blacks in History Month

f) (7) the Blacks in History Month, Our Community, Communicating Unity 2014 publication;

LDRRAC Appointment – M. Zhu

g) (8) a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on February 11, 2014, with respect to the appointment of M. Zhu as the Western University representative to the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee for the term ending February 28, 2015; and,

Dance of Inclusion

h) (9) a communication from K. Wynne, Ontario Premier, with respect to the Dance for Inclusion, a celebration for World Down Syndrome Day.

Next Meeting

6. That the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC) will hold its next meeting on March 20, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.