6TH REPORT OF THE

<u>DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND ANTI-OPPRESSION</u> <u>ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u>

Meeting held on May 18, 2017, commencing at 12:03 PM, in Committee Room #4, Second Floor, London City Hall.

PRESENT: R. Hussain (Chair), F. Cassar, A. Hamza, L. Hernandez, S. Lewkowitz, L. Osbourne and A. Sanchez and I. Silver and J. Martin (Secretary).

ABSENT: Z. Hashmi.

ALSO PRESENT: T. Allott, F. Andrighetti, C. Camillo, S. Honyust, K. Husain, S. Khan, K. Koltun, E. Low, T. Tomchick-Condon and T. Wall.

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

II. OPENING CEREMONIES

2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Lands

That it BE NOTED that the meeting was opened with an Acknowledgement of Indigenous Lands by R. Hussain.

3. Traditional Opening

That it BE NOTED that Liz Akiwenzie shared world views of the Indigenous and a ritual smudging.

III. SCHEDULED ITEMS

4. Parental Alienation Awareness Day

That it BE NOTED that the Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Advisory Committee received a verbal delegation from J. Peaire with respect to Parental Alienation Awareness Day; it being noted that Parental Alienation Awareness Day is acknowledged on April 25.

5. Community Diversity and Inclusion Strategy - Update

That it BE NOTED that the Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Advisory Committee received the <u>attached</u> communication and presentation from K. Kolton, Government and External Relations Officer with respect to the Community

Diversity and Inclusion Strategy; it being noted that the members of DIAAC are encouraged to participate in the survey.

6. Sanctuary City - Update

That it BE NOTED that the Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Advisory Committee received a verbal update from E. Low, Specialist, Immigration with respect to the City of London's consideration of becoming a Sanctuary City.

IV. SUB-COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

7. Policy and Planning Sub-Committee

That it BE NOTED that the Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Advisory Committee received the <u>attached</u> minutes of the Policy and Planning Sub-Committee, from its meeting held on May 4, 2017.

8. Awards and Recognitions Sub-Committee

That the following actions be taken:

- a) the amount of \$1,600.00 BE APPROVED to cover expenditures for the Diversity, Inclusion and Race Relations Awards; it being noted that the DIAAC has sufficient funds in their 2017 Budget for these expenses;
 - b) the Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament BE INVITED to the Diversity, Inclusion and Race Relations Awards Recognition and BE REQUESTED to post promotional posters for the Diversity, Inclusion and Race Relations Awards;
- c) the minutes of the Awards and Recognitions Sub-Committee, from its meeting held on May 1, 2017, BE RECEIVED.

9. Education Sub-Committee

That it BE NOTED that the Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Advisory Committee received a verbal update from L. Osbourne on behalf of the Education Sub-Committee.

V. CONSENT ITEMS

10. 5th Report of the Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 5th Report of the Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on April 20, 2017, was received.

11. Lincoln M. Alexander Award

That it BE NOTED that a communication dated April 2017, from L. Albanese, Minister, Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, with respect the Lincoln M. Alexander Award, was received.

VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

None.

VII. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

12. 2016 Diversity, Inclusion and Anti -Oppression Advisory Committee Work Plan Summary

That it BE NOTED that consideration of the Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Advisory Committee (DIAAC) 2016 Work Plan Summary was deferred to the next meeting of the DIAAC.

13. 2017 Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Advisory Committee Work Plan

That it BE NOTED that consideration of the Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Advisory Committee (DIAAC) 2017 Work Plan was deferred to the next meeting of the DIAAC.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

NEXT MEETING DATE: June 15, 2017

Dear Community Partner:

Diversity and inclusion are important priorities for Londoners and City Council. In 2016, Council initiated a process to develop a Community Diversity & Inclusion Strategy, to be led by a group of community volunteers.

Nearly 200 Londoners stepped forward to serve as 'Champions' and work together to write the Community Diversity & Inclusion Strategy. This work took place over a series of workshops from January to March 2017. There were additional opportunities for Londoners to provide input into the work throughout this process. More than 1,000 Londoners provided additional input.

Attached is the <u>draft content</u> for the Community Diversity & Inclusion Strategy, as developed by the Champions. It includes a draft vision, statement of commitment, strategies, and priorities.

- 1. Have we missed anything in the strategies?
- 2. Do you have any concerns with any of the strategies being proposed? [Please reference the specific strategies in your response.]
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- 5. Any other thoughts or comments?

Your feedback will be used by the Community Diversity & Inclusion Strategy Steering Committee to help us finalize our draft content.

If you are willing to provide feedback, you can do so by completing the confidential survey https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RJVRBF3 If you would prefer to provide feedback in another way, please contact Kate Graham (kgraham@london.ca) and Kinga Koltun (kkoltun@london.ca) who would be happy to meet with you or speak with you at your convenience.

Steering Committee
Community Diversity & Inclusion Strategy

Community Diversity & Inclusion Strategy

<u>DRAFT</u> Content, as developed by the Community Diversity & Inclusion Champions

Vision

London is a diverse and inclusive community that honours, welcomes, and accepts all people; one where we empower each other to eliminate systemic oppressions.

Statement of Commitment

The City of London commits to:

- Mandating equity and exemplifying our vision of London as a diverse and inclusive community.
- Learning and honouring the unique histories and lived experiences of all peoples in our community.
- Removing systemic barriers to accessibility as experienced by our community by listening and responding to the voices of marginalized groups.

As Londoners, we commit to:

- Working together with the City of London towards our vision of London as a diverse and inclusive community
- Modeling the community we aspire to be by respecting others, learning, acknowledging our biases, and celebrating the diversity and history of our community
- Being passionate allies with our neighbours and fellow Londoners, and standing up for one another to ensure we live in a city where everyone belongs.

The Change London Needs

What would it take to achieve our vision of a more diverse and inclusive London? Through discussion with nearly 200 Londoners – and with input from hundreds more – five main themes emerged. These are the changes we need to see in London if we are serious about building a more inclusive city.

1. Have zero tolerance for oppression, discrimination and ignorance.

Too many Londoners experience oppression and discrimination in their daily lives. The Champions clearly articulated that some of the best ways to address this are through learning, sharing of knowledge, and building awareness about people with different experiences and perspectives. This also requires a greater awareness about oneself, including acknowledging privilege and addressing bias. Ultimately, understanding each other and ourselves is a vital first step towards overcoming ignorance – and identifying and addressing oppression and discrimination.

2. Remove employment barriers.

Londoners from many backgrounds continue to face barriers at every stage of employment, from application stage and while on the job. These barriers perpetuate inequity and are challenging forms of oppression for individuals to overcome. Employers have an obligation to ensure an inclusive work environment regardless of gender identity, ability, creed, heritage, ancestry, race, sexual orientation, age or non-Canadian professional experience. For London to be an inclusive city, local employers must provide transparent, supportive and inclusive work environments.

3. Connect and engage Londoners.

We live in an increasingly diverse city. Without opportunities to connect with one another, build relationships and contribute to one's community, Londoners can feel isolated and excluded. Community connections and engagement allow London to become more inclusive to all of its residents. All Londoners should feel welcomed, connected, included and engaged.

4. Remove accessibility barriers to services, information and spaces.

Londoners continue to face barriers to accessing services, finding information, and navigating physical spaces. This theme was particularly common among seniors, people with disabilities, newcomers, and other groups. These barriers exclude large portions of our community from accessing all that London has to offer. Particular emphasis was given to the importance of including individuals from non-dominant groups in local decisions making processes and in the development of new policies and strategies.

5. Take concrete steps towards healing and reconciliation.

Indigenous peoples have faced generations of exclusion and oppression. The time has come to take steps towards healing and reconciliation, including working with Indigenous peoples to implement the Calls to Action of the *Truth and Reconciliation Commission* and lead the change process in the community. This is a vital part of understanding our history, healing relationships, and building a more inclusive London, Ontario and Canada for all people.



Change #1: Have zero tolerance for oppression, discrimination and ignorance.

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Strategy	City of London	Businesses & Organizations	Individuals
Implement a social media campaign			
modelled after City of Edmonton's			
#MakeItAwkward			

2.	Learn, share, and recognize the lived			
	experiences, cultures and histories of			
	Londoners.			
3	Recognize and address one's own			
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	privilege and bias, and encourage others			
	to take action.			
4.	Encourage local media and community			
	figures to promote inclusive messages			
	and to address barriers and oppressions			
	within London.			
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5.	Build cultural awareness among children			
	and youth through schools, community			
	groups, mentorship, community			
	champions, parent councils, and			
	community engagement activities.			
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6.	Develop and recognize a common			
0.	language around racism and			
	discrimination including a definition of			
	Islamophobia, oppression, etc.			
7.	Promote courses on diversity and			
	inclusion, accommodations and			
	accessibility.			
Ω	Advocate to other municipalities and			
0.	levels of government about faith based			
	discrimination and inclusion.			
9.	Acknowledge the existence of anti-black			
1	racism, islamophobia, sexism, racism,			
	anti - Semitism, ageism, xenophobia,			
	homophobia, and other forms of			
	discrimination in our community.			
	alcommutation in our community.			
10	Support employers and community			
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	members in learning how to assist			
	newcomers with their integration.			
11.	Encourage local businesses and			
	organizations to share knowledge,			
	resources, and information and provide			
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educational opportunities on issues such		
as faith-based discrimination, oppression,		
and accessibility.		
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12. Encourage everyone to undertake anti-		
racism, anti-oppressions, cultural, and		
diversity training in order to understand		
those around them.		
those around them.		
13. Work to establish courses on Indigenous		
culture, cultural competency, diversity		
and inclusion within all education		
systems.		
Systems.		
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14. Encourage social services and health		
practitioners to learn about the		
Indigenous culture.		
15. Create guidelines and evaluation		
standards to measure the level of		
diversity within the community.		
16. Promote healthy living within the		
community by making Londoners aware		
of where to access courses on nutrition		
and healthy eating, community gardens		
and free meal options.		
17. Create guidelines and evaluation		
standards to measure the level of		
diversity within the community.		
18. Provide educational opportunities to		
police officers and staff on racialized		
Muslim profiling, LGBT2QI+ related		
barriers and needs, bias and racism.		
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19. Provide community training on trans		
health & HIV.		
20. Provide easily available and accessible		
education on sexual harassment, sexual		
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assault and safety, including a		
comprehensive definition of "sexual		
harassment" and "consent" in order to		
gain an understanding of boundaries.		
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21. Support employers and community member in learning how to assist newcomers with their integration.		
22. Encourage police to continue to provide support and protection to faith establishments.		
23. Work collaboratively with LGBT2QI+ community to ensure visible presence and support from police.		



Change #2: Remove employment barriers.

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Strategy	City of London	Businesses & Organizations	Individuals
24. Implement metrics and regular			
opportunities to measure diversity and			
inclusion within the community, including			
the workforce and local leadership.			
25. Include accommodations in job			
advertisements.			
26. Include gender specific needs in all			
health and safety standards.			
27. Develop transparent hiring practices and			
evaluation processes to ensure women			
and racialized individuals are actively			
hired.			
28. Create hiring panels reflective of the			
community.			
29. Establish a local committee to support			
women's development in the workplace.			
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30. Encourage local businesses and			
organizations to recognize foreign			
credentials.			
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31. Promote equity within policy, practices and strategies development in businesses, non-profit, public and labour		
organizations.		



Change #3: Connect and engage Londoners.

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Strategy	City of London	Businesses & Organizations	Individuals
32. Support events, programs, and activities that facilitate community connections and encourage Londoners to be actively engaged in championing diversity and inclusion.			
33. Bring organizations together around common goals of inclusion.			
34. Promote opportunities for Londoners to collaborate, share, and access information and opportunities happening within London.			
35. Recognize and celebrate Londoners, organizations and businesses that promote and undertake diversity, inclusion, and anti-oppression activities.			
36. Promote mentorship, co-op, apprenticeship and internship programs happening within the City of London and the community.			
37. Increase participation of all Londoners from non-dominant groups on City of London Advisory Committees, Boards and Commissions.			
38. Establish long-range plans to grow diversity activities, including grants and recognition programs.			
39. Establish awards for architects and/or other professionals if they build or innovate in the accessibility area.			

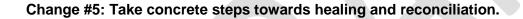
40. Establish and implement a policy on		
accountability for engagement by		
organizations in London and the City of		
London.		
41. Promote free and low cost activities		
available to all Londoners.		
42. Foster open and ongoing communication		
between all levels of government, local		
business and organizations.		
43. Establish a community youth		
engagement strategy.		

Change #4: Remove accessibility barriers to services, information and spaces.

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Strategy	City of London	Businesses & Organizations	Individuals
44. Create awareness about the services			
available within the community.			
45. Ensure that all current and future			
transportation options are easily			
available and accessible to seniors and			
people with disabilities.			
46. Work to develop population specific			
housing approaches and make the			
community aware of the housing			
opportunities available.			
47. Develop integration and settlement			
services geared towards seniors.			
48. Include people with disabilities and			
special needs in policy development,			
consultations, and implementation			
process in order to address different			
accessibility perspectives.			
49. Research and implement best practices			
for progressive accessibility standards.			
50. Encourage the development of a central			
resource for assistive technologies in			
order to make them more available to			
Londoners.			
51. Ensure transportation options are			
reviewed from an accessibility			
perspective with people with disabilities			
and special needs.			
52. Ensure washrooms have adequate			
lighting and baby change tables are			
installed in non-gender specific			
washrooms.			
53. Create coordinated services network			
within the city to increase awareness.			
54. Ensure the safety of the community by			
developing comprehensive and			
adaptable emergency and safety			
procedures.			
55. Conduct regular safety audits throughout			
the community.			
56. Promote the local welcome and			
assessment centre for newcomers.			
57. Provide accommodation for religious			
practices.			



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Strategy	City of London	Businesses & Organizations	Individuals
58. Establish an Indigenous relations			
department within the City.			
59. Work with local Indigenous peoples to establish a <i>Truth and Reconciliation</i> Commission – Calls to Action (TRC) accountability and implementation body and plan.			

60. Develop an audit and evaluation process		
to measure the progress towards the		
Truth and Reconciliation Commission –		
Calls to Action (TRC) recommendations.		
61. Ensure Indigenous people lead the		
change process within our community.		
62. Create a community pledge to encourage		
everyone to take action towards the		
recommendation of the Truth and		
Reconciliation Commission – Calls to		
Action (TRC).		
63. Work with local Indigenous peoples to		
develop a unified Indigenous health		
strategy.		
64. Forge partnership agreements between 3		
communities (Chippewas of the Thames		
First Nation, Munsee Delaware, and		
Oneida of the Thames) and the City.		
65. Provide opportunities for on-reserve		
economic development through strategic		
and innovative partnerships with the City		
and the private sector.		

APPENDIX A: Strategies – Perspectives

During their last meeting the Community Diversity and Inclusion Champions brainstormed ways to address the needs as well as barriers and oppressions faced by specific populations within London. Champions developed strategy ideas that align with the following issues or populations:

- Accessibility
- Ageism and intergenerational relations,
- Anti black racism
- · Faith based discrimination and Islamophobia
- Gender
- Immigrants and newcomers
- Income inequity
- Indigenous and First Nations
- LGBT2QI+
- Racism

When looking at all of these perspectives it is key to understand the concept of Intersectionality. Intersectionality can be defined as the intersection, or crossover, of our many identities affects how each of us experience the municipality. These intersections occur within a context of connected systems and structures of power (e.g., laws, policies, state governments, other political and economic unions, religious institutions, and media). (*Advancing Equity and Inclusion, A Guide for Municipalities*)

Accessibility

All residents should have free and unrestricted access to all the information and amenities a municipality has to offer in order to fully enjoy the city. Champions discussed ways which will allow people with disabilities and special needs to thrive within the community and fully participate in its decision making processes. The three themes identified within the topic of accessibility are inclusion in decision making, physical environment and awareness and integration. Within this perspective the most common idea was providing people with disabilities and special needs with the ability to participate in the review and consultation process when developing new policies or transportation options. This can be achieved either by using technology or making public meetings fully accessible. Accessibility of information and resources was also mentioned as a way for allowing people with disabilities and special needs to be able to participate in the community and to be fully engaged.

Ageism and Intergenerational Relations

Discussing ways in which to build relationships between generations and how to help seniors continue to be thriving members of the community will help us create a London which can be enjoyed by all. Within the topic of ageism and intergenerational relations Champions identified the following three focus areas; isolation challenges, communication and awareness, and services and amenities available for all ages. Accessible and easily available information was identified as one of the top priorities within this perspective. This involves both the idea of having information in multiple format and educating the community where to access the information they may be looking for (i.e. 211). Accessible and affordable transportation was also identified, this includes making the surrounding environment such as sidewalks, ramps and shelters to be accessible and unobstructed as well as ensuring that the community can afford to access all the transportation options available. Finally, relationship building between generations was also highlighted as important, this may involve intergenerational housing, or free activity nights.

Anti - Black Racism

Anti-black racism was recognized as a form of racism which is present within the community and one that needs to be addressed. Discriminating individuals and communities based on their heritage or skin colour is unacceptable and needs to stop. During their discussion Champions highlighted education, law enforcement and employment barriers as the main focus areas within anti-black racism perspective. The discussion highlighted the aspect of recognition, education and discussion around the topic as being very important. This may involve recognizing the existence of anti- black racism within the community and raising awareness through education and discussion. Employment was also highlighted as an important aspect within this perspective, actions such as recognition of workplaces who have a highly diverse workforce as well as development of transparent hiring practices were recommended.

Faith Based Discrimination and Islamophobia

Religious affiliation often plays a big part in one's identity. Creating a safe and welcoming community where everyone is able to freely express themselves without the fear of being judged or discriminated is important to Londoners. Champions highlighted education, safety and security, and systemic issues as being the three key objectives. Some of the ideas discussed were; making faith-based resources easily available within the community, establishing a common and comprehensive definition of Islamophobia, accurate media representation of all faiths, and higher participation of diverse faith communities on City of London boards and commissions. Gaining a common understanding of the faiths present within the community and making sure their voices are heard and included will help London become a diverse and inclusive community as it strives to be.

Gender

When discussing gender Champions identified workplace, municipal accessibility and safety as being the key focus areas. Allowing both women and men to be thriving members both within the workplace and at home was highlighted through the ideas. Concepts such as supporting women's development within the workforce or having extended paternity leave were mentioned. Safety was also indicated as having a great role in making our community welcoming to all. This was highlighted through the ideas of conducting regular safety audits throughout the community, making sure all city streets are well lit, and having a common understanding of sexual harassment and assault. Finally, making all community meetings, and consultations fully accessible by providing supports such as child minding was also mentioned. This will allow all community members to fully

participate in the local decision making and to have their perspectives heard on issues that may affect their everyday lives.

Immigrants and Newcomers

London has a vast population of immigrants and newcomers, thus creating a friendly community where all are welcomed and included is very important. Champions defined advocacy, education, and services as being important aspects for a successful settlement and integration of immigrants. This includes ideas such as supporting the development of immigrants within the workforce through credential and experience recognition and educating employers on how to assist with this development. In addition, community based cultural competency training was also mentioned as being important when assisting newcomers with their settlement and integration. This will allow both the community members and service providers to understand the needs and experience of newcomers and how to address them. Finally, the availability of information both on how to assist immigrants with their settlement and what services are available within London was stated as being important when creating a welcoming community.

Income Inequity

Income inequity is a characteristic present within numerous communities, and one that is caused by multiple factors. Champions identified health, housing, security, access, and navigation as being aspects of income inequity. The idea of affordability was mentioned as one of the top contributors to income inequity. This includes affordability of things such as housing, medications, and food which play a big role in one's quality of life and health. Also, the idea of making the community aware where to access the necessary resources such as free meals or shelter as well as courses on budgeting, child care and healthy living were expressed as having high importance. Allowing those with lived experiences of income inequity to share their voices with people working in social service will help to create a mutual understating of the community needs and resources available. Providing individuals with the tools and knowledge necessary to break out of the cycle of poverty will help improve their quality of life and of those around them.

Indigenous and First Nations

There are three communities located in close proximity to London, they are the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, Munsee Delaware and Oneida of the Thames. Many members of these communities have chosen to make London their home either permanently or temporarily. Champions identified infrastructure, education, changing mindsets, and reconciliation as playing a role in the lives of local Indigenous peoples. A large emphasis was placed on the *Truth and Reconciliation Commission – Calls to Action* and ways in which both the City of London and the community can work together with the local Indigenous peoples to implement this. This may include an implementation of an accountability plan and creating ways to measure progress. Also, having the local Indigenous peoples to lead the change within the community was highlighted as being important. Finally, the idea of establishing an Indigenous relations department within the City of London and working with the local Indigenous peoples to create a health, and homelessness and housing strategies geared to their needs were also discussed.

LGBT2QI+

London has a well-established LGBT2QI+ community, however its members continue to face many problems within our city. Champions discussed education and awareness, protection and security, and health as being the key focus areas for this community. Two of the key aspects mentioned are awareness and support. This may include being aware of the supports and resources available within London, as well as awareness of the needs the LGBT2QI+ community may have. The idea of collaboration was also mentioned as being important

within this perspective. This includes creating tools and means to help all Londoners to safely collaborate together and learn from each other in order to gain a common understanding and create a safe and inclusive community.

Racism

Racism has been present within our society for centuries, and it has taken on many different forms causing numerous problems. It is a form of oppression present within the London community, and one that has to be addressed. Champions identified education, employment, as well as discussion and dialogue as being the three focus areas for this issue. Ideas such as community based education on cultures, anti-racism training in the workplace, establishment and recognition of common language around the issue, and use of media to promote inclusive messages were mentioned as ways to address racism within London. Community based education and anti-racism training will allow Londoners to establish a common understanding of the causes of racism and how to address it, as well as help them to become more sensitive to the experience of others and to recognize their own privilege and bias. Creating a safe space where everyone is welcomed and able to share their experiences were highlighted as being very important when creating an inclusive community. Finally, accurate media representation plays a large role on how people are perceived, for that reason working with local media to create inclusive and accurate portrayals of Londoners is very important.



Community Diversity & Inclusion Strategy



Consultation

May 23 – June 9

The Changes London Needs

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SurveyMonkey

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Policy and Planning Subcommittee – May 4th, 2017

Present: Ian Silver, Saleha Khan, Shawna Lewkowitz, and Rifat Hussain

Regrets: Terri Tomchick-Condon and Kash Husain

CDIS

Update: Subcommitee currently reviewing strategies and refining them. We are also assessing different report layouts for the final report in July.

Work plan

- Reviewed existing work plan
- Agreed to focus on reviewing the orientation package in June and to cross reference with Education subcommittee.
- Terms of References and development of standard diversity statements to be developed and reviewed in July.
- Ranked ballots
 - Action: Ian to ask Conservative Party of Canada to see if they are doing any studies into participation re: ranked ballots
 - Councillor Morgan group at Western studying municipal elections, now study London b/c of ranked ballots.

Delegation Status re: JP

He would like to make a presentation re: parental alienation with the hopes to declare re: parental alienation day. We already communicated to JP that the City does not do declarations for any issue.

Action: Shawna to share research with regards to parental alienation.

High school Mascots

Update: No info on websites. Ian doing some research ask board...list of mascots of different schools.

Action: Ian to connect with Board to see list of mascots from Catholic board.

Next meeting June 1st.