

LDRRAC JOINT SUB-COMMITTEE
Notes from the 2012 March 22 Meeting

Attendance: J. Robinson, I. Silver, B. Howse, M. Singeris, D. Lacey

Regrets: D. Stolarski

1. Becky pointed out 2 areas of the City's Strategic Plan, 'A Vibrant and Diverse Community', p. 13 and 'A Caring Community', p. 19 as areas of effort for LDRRAC. The strategies listed under these 'Results' which are key to our planning are:
 - Strengthen and embrace London's diversity and cultural identity.
 - Implement comprehensive public education programs.
 - Promote public awareness through prevention programs.
2. Ian noted that the school boards, Fanshawe and Western U program effectively to promote the celebration of diversity. NB: March 21 'Day for the Elimination of Racism' event. We need to reach the general population which is not connected to the big education providers in London. NB: Only 30% of the population has children in publicly-funded schools currently. We will explore the use of neighbourhood library branches with 'community rooms' to provide annual workshops on diversity. In this way, we hope that our going to the neighbourhoods will increase the participation of the general public. We'll need to advertise in these branches in advance of the workshops.
3. Jeff reminded us of information that he provided earlier this year from Toronto on lunch time events on topics important to Toronto communities as a model for our workshops.
4. Mary noted the community meeting rooms available as well at Carling Heights and the Kiwanis Seniors Centre. We believe that each workshop should be facilitated by at least 1 LDRRAC member. It would be good to present each workshop twice, using 'geographical' locations (north/south, east/west). We would use the Central Library for at least one of the workshops to attract 'downtown' citizens, as well as going to the neighbourhood branches on a regular basis.
5. In terms of the common themes that emerged from the *Breakfast With LDRRAC* sessions, Becky pointed out that 'Engage the Public/Community' is only 1 of the 6 themes identified, the majority of which relate more to LDRRAC advising City councilors and staff.
6. Shelina Kassam is welcomed to the Joint Cttee!
7. The next meeting will be held at **11 a.m. on Thursday, April 19 in the LDRRAC meeting room.**