

5TH REPORT OF THE

LONDON DIVERSITY AND RACE RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on May 16, 2013, commencing at 12:05 p.m.

PRESENT: M. Edwards (Chair), C. Callander, S. Kassam P. Shanahan and M. Singeris and B. Mercier (Secretary).

ALSO PRESENT: F. Andrighetti, M.L. Goodfellow, S. Honyust, K. Husain, L. Kowalchuk, M. Marcellin, A. Prince, J. Robinson, T. Tomchick-Condon and S. Wilson.

REGRETS: D. Cardoso and D. Goodwin.

I YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

LDRRAC Media
Relations
Protocol

1. (C) That the attached Media Relations Protocol for the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC) **BE ADOPTED**; it being noted that in the event that diversity-related issues arise the Protocol would be observed to promote the delivery of a timely, insightful and responsive communication to the City by the LDRRAC Members.

II YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Immigration and
Immigrants

2. That the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC) received the following with respect to immigration and immigrants, in Canada:
 - a) the attached presentation from Dr. V. Esses, UWO, London and Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership Pathways to Prosperity Pan-Canadian Partnership, with respect to the recent changes to the immigration policy in Canada;
 - b) the attached presentation from M. Al-Adeimi, Coordinator, Newcomer Settlement Services, South London Neighbourhood Resource Centre, with respect to immigrant categories and changes to refugee claims; and,
 - c) a verbal delegation from H. Hussein, London and Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership (LMLIP).

Chairs Remarks

3. The Chair advised the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC) that she will be resigning from the LDRRAC, effective June 30, 2013.

- Community Updates
4. That the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC) was advised of the following community updates by its members:
- a) M. L. Goodfellow, London and Middlesex Housing Corporation - Affordable Housing for new Canadians update;
 - b) S. Kassam – World Partnership Walk; and,
 - c) S. Honyust, N’Amerind London Friendship Centre – Exhibit of Contemporary Indigenous “Tangled Art” at the Forest City Gallery.
- Nominations Sub-Committee
5. (E, 4) That the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC) heard a verbal update from T. Tomchick-Condon, on behalf of the Nominations Sub-committee; it being noted that the LDRRAC asked that the Sub-committee bring forward recommendations with respect to the Race Relations Recognition Award for the LDRRAC’s consideration, at its next meeting.
- Advisory Committee Policy
6. (3) That the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC) reviewed and received a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on April 30, 2013, related to the Advisory Committee Policy. The LDRRAC referred the matter of social media for advisory committees to its Policy and Planning Sub-committee to provide comments at the next LDRRAC meeting.
7. That the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC) noted and filed the following:
- 4th Report of the LDRRAC
- a) (1) the 4th Report of the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee from its meeting held on April 18, 2013;
- LDRRAC Appointment – M. L. Goodfellow
- b) (2) a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on April 30, 2013, with respect to the appointment of M. L. Goodfellow as the London and Middlesex Housing Corporation representative on the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee for the term ending February 28, 2015; and,
- Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship
- c) (5) a communication dated April 2013, from M. Coteau, Minister, Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, with respect to the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship.
- Next Meeting
8. That the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC) will hold its next meeting on June 20, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.