# 11TH REPORT OF THE LONDON DIVERSITY & RACE RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on November 17, 2011, commencing at 12:03 p.m.

PRESENT: M. Edwards (Chair), N. Buteau, S. Kassam, P. Shanahan, I. Silver, M. Singeris and J. Martin (Secretary).

ALSO PRESENT: R. Howse, K. Husain, L. Kowalchuk, D. Lacey, K. McManus, J. Robinson, D. Stolarski and U. Troughton.

REGRETS: C. Lord.

### YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### London Celebrates Canada

1. That the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC) heard the <u>attached</u> presentation and from R. Warden, Chairperson, and M. Hamou, Director Multi-Culturalism, London Celebrates Canada, with respect to the London Celebrates Canada organization and its objectives.

#### Chair's Updates

- That the Chair provided the following updates:
- (a) thanks to U. Troughton for her hard work and dedication to the Committee and welcome to D. Lacey as her replacement as the Council for London Seniors representative;
- (b) the PILLAR recognition event was a great success; and,
- (c) congratulations to the members of the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee on a job well done with respect to the "Breakfast with the LDRRAC" event.

### Community Updates

- 3. That the London Diversity & Race Relations Advisory Committee was advised of the following community updates by its members:
- (a) the Multi-culturism Subcommittee for London Seniors is accepting volunteers for their new VISITORS program;
- (b) the details regarding ACFO Community Connections monthly program;
- (c) the details regarding London Middlesex United Way's Community Strategic Plan for Integration; and,

(d) details regarding the "Take the Pledge Against Bullying" event, put forth by CTV London.

#### Education Sub-Committee

4. (B) That the London Diversity & Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC) heard a verbal update from B. Howse, Chair, Education Sub-Committee, with respect to the success of the "Breakfast with the LDRRAC" event; it being noted that the Education Sub-committee will provide a complete report from the event at the LDRRAC's December meeting.

## Policy & Planning Sub-Committee

5. (C) That the London Diversity & Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC) was advised by P. Shanahan, Chair, Policy & Planning Sub-Committee, that a presentation was made to the Finance & Administration Committee with respect to expanding the Terms of Reference for the Diversity Task Force.

## Finance & Resource Sub-Committee

6. (D) That the London Diversity & Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC) requested its Committee Secretary to provide an updated budget at its December meeting.

### Nominations Sub-Committee

7. (E) That the London Diversity & Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC) requested its members to consider potential nominees for the Race Relations Award and to engage community input on potential nominees, for consideration at its December meeting.

### Transgendered Individual Banned at Trail's End Farmers Market

8. (5) That the London Diversity & Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC) reviewed and received a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held October 3, 2011 with respect to a transgendered individual banned at Trail's End Farmers Market. The LDRRAC held a general discussion with respect to a request to provide a response to the Community and Neighbourhoods Committee with respect to this matter. The LDRRAC requested its Chair and the Communications and Public Relations Sub-Committee develop three draft response statements for review at its December meeting.

### Banana Hurling Incident at the John Labatt Centre

- 9. (6) That the London Diversity & Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC) reviewed and received a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held October 3, 2011 with respect to a banana hurling incident at the John Labatt Centre. The LDRRAC held a general discussion with respect to a request to provide a response to the Community and Neighbourhoods Committee with respect to this matter. The LDRRAC requested that:
- (a) its Chair and the Communications and Public Relations Sub-Committee develop three draft response statements for review at its December meeting; and,

(b) the Committee Secretary to schedule a meeting with the John Labatt Centre with respect to this matter.

### Future Meeting Agenda

- 10. (Add) That the London Diversity & Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC) asked its Committee Secretary to place the video "Paperclips A Lesson in Prejudice" on its December agenda; it being noted that the LDRRAC would like to start the meeting at 11:00 a.m. in order to accommodate the viewing of the video.
- 11. That the London Diversity & Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC) received and noted the following:

9th & 10th Reports of the LDRRAC

(a) (1) the 9th and 10th Reports of the LDRRAC from its meetings held on September 15, 2011 and October 26, 2011 respectively;

Breakfast with the LDRRAC

(b) (2) a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on August 29 and 30, 2011 with respect to the Breakfast with the LDRRAC;

June Callwood
Outstanding
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Voluntarism in
Ontario

(c) (3) a communication, dated August 2011, from Dr. E. Hoskins, Minister, Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, with respect to the June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Awards for Voluntarism in Ontario;

Council for London Seniors Representative on LDRRAC (d) (4) a communication, dated October 3, 2011, from L. Bakker, Executive Assistant, Council for London Seniors, with respect to the replacement of its representative on the LDRRAC;

Review of Advisory Committees

(e) (7) a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on November 7, 2011 with respect to the review of advisory committees; and,

LDRRAC Resignation (f) (8) a communication, dated September 19, 2011, from U. Troughton, with respect to her resignation from the LDRRAC.

**Next Meeting** 

12. That the London Diversity & Race Relations Advisory Committee will hold its next meeting on December 15, 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

# London Diversity & Race Relations Advisory Committee

Randy Warden & Mariam Hamou Thursday, 17 November 2011

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