

**MULTICULTURALISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, September 16, 2020**

A Regular Meeting of the Multiculturalism Advisory Committee convened on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 7:09 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC, with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Trish Mandewo, Chair  
Simin Ahmadian  
Adrienne Ahn  
Carolina Echeverri  
Pamela Garcia  
Honore Gbedze  
Ann Johannes  
Andrea Kwasnicki  
Priti Shah  
Zahra Zaker

REGRETS: Councillor Teri Towner, Vice Chair  
Iris Sun

GUEST: Abigail Cameron, Manager, Tri-Cities Local Immigration Partnership

STAFF: Genevieve Bucher, Manager Community Planning  
Kathleen Vincent, Manager Corporate Communications  
Heather Escaravage, Project Team Lead Website Project  
Christina Rucci, Community Social Development Manager  
Demian Rueter, Planner 3  
Torill Gillespie, Social Planner  
Dan Ward, Planner 1  
Jeri Hohn, Committee Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**1. Minutes of the Multiculturalism Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, July 15, 2020**

The Minutes of the Multiculturalism Advisory Committee meeting held on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS****2. Tri-Cities Local Immigration Partnership Presentation**

The Chair welcomed the Manager, Tri-Cities Local Immigration Partnership (TCLIP) to the meeting and she introduced herself to the Committee and gave opening remarks regarding the TCLIP's purpose and action plan for 2020.

The Manager TCLIP provided a presentation, referring to on-screen slides titled as follows:

- Tri-Cities Local Immigration Partnership
- About Us
- Mandate
- Our Partners
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Strategic Priorities
- Research
- Social Inclusion
- Immigrant Labour Market Integration
- Potential Opportunities
- Civic Engagement
- Collaborations
- Thank You!

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Belief in the importance of TCLIP's promotion of equity, diversity, and inclusion
- Support for TCLIP's engagement with settlement organizations and community ambassadors
- The key takeaways of a recent International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) conference and appreciation for the attendance of City staff at the event
- How digital technologies such as Zoom can support public engagement
- The belief that it is equally important for public engagement to be offered virtually, as well as digitally, so that people without internet access or computers can provide remote input
- How TCLIP plans to provide upcoming workshops on the topic of resilience in the community
- Support for the Manager of TCLIP's leadership in the community
- The desire for the collection and aggregation of local data relative to race, anti-racism, and systemic racism in the community
- TCLIP's potential to influence the collection of race-based data and the feasibility of such data being collected and aggregated by municipalities
- The observation that crime is relative to income level, gender, and violence and the belief that they are integrated
- Details of the collection of race-based data through a Provincial hub (incident reporting mechanism)
- TCLIP's goal to determine whether there is an opportunity to request that those who report incidences of racism through the Provincial hub also provide their consent to share that data with the police

The Chair thanked the Manager, Tri-Cities Local Immigration Partnership for her presentation.

### **3. City Website Update Project Presentation**

The Chair welcomed the Project Team Lead Website Project to the meeting and she introduced herself to the Committee and gave opening remarks, noting that a link to an online survey would be provided to the members by email following the meeting.

The Project Team Lead provided a presentation and a preview of the updated website to the Committee, referring to on-screen slides titled as follows:

- City Website Update Project
- Website Update Project Process to Date
- How We Got Here
- Here's the Updated Website!
- How You Can Provide Input...

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Positive support for the updated website
- Whether links to local service providers could be included on the Resources page
- That Immigrant Services Society of BC (ISSofBC) uses the City's website as a tool to teach its students how to navigate websites and the desire to share the online survey with teachers at the Society
- Whether "new residents" could be a standalone mega menu and the belief that it could help improve navigation of the site by newcomers to Coquitlam
- Whether another word or image for "resident" could be substituted in the mega menu titled "Resident Services"
- Whether emergency phone numbers and wildlife information could be made more prominent on the website

The Chair thanked the Project Team Lead for her presentation.

### **4. Heritage Management Strategy Presentation**

The Planner 3 introduced himself and the Planner 1 and made introductory remarks regarding the Heritage Management Strategy being undertaken by the City. The Planner 1 provided a presentation, referring to on-screen slides titled as follows:

- Heritage Management Strategy – Multiculturalism Advisory Committee
- Kwikwetlem First Nation
- Overview
- I. Project Background
- Goals of the Strategy
- Process Summary
- II. Draft Thematic Framework
- 1. Evolution of Heritage Planning
- 2. Thematic Framework
- Thematic Framework – What Are Themes?

- Thematic Framework – A Building Block for the HMS
- Coquitlam's Draft Thematic Framework
- Theme 1 Uplands to Lowlands: Geography Shapes a City
- Theme 2 Regional Nucleus
- Theme 3 Diverse Landscape, Diverse People
- Theme 4 Sustenance Economy to Commercial Centre
- Theme 5 Community Connections
- Theme 6 Canoe Route to SkyTrain
- Theme 7 Coquitlam's Evolving Identity
- Discussion
- III. Draft HMS Vision
- Draft Vision & Heritage Values
- IV. Next Steps
- Next Steps
- Thank You
- Contact Info

The Planner 1 invited the Committee to consider the following focused questions:

1. Do you see any major gaps in the thematic framework? Are we missing a key theme or narrative in Coquitlam's story?
2. Are there key events, individuals, organizations, or places that you think should be included with one of the themes?
3. What themes resonate with you the most? What themes resonate with you the least?
4. Anything else?

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The suggestion that the City undertake a videography of Coquitlam's history – past to present
- The suggestion that the Kwikwetlem First Nation is a missing key theme in Coquitlam's story
- The suggestion that the Heritage Management Strategy (HMS) could include 'indigeneity' as a standalone theme to better serve indigenous communities in Coquitlam
- Questions revolving around what the City considers 'heritage' in Coquitlam to be, such as when or how one or a community becomes a heritage component to be remembered, how that is captured, and who could be missing in that dialogue
- That local histories, stories, and documents can be captured at Mackin House in Maillardville
- Whether local historic roads (assets, infrastructure components) in Coquitlam could be acknowledged within the HMS
- How economic components are reflected within the HMS
- The suggestion that the Facebook page "I Grew Up in Coquitlam" could be a valuable source of historic information for staff
- The desire to capture the stories of Coquitlam's first school and its homeless people within the HMS

In response to a question from a Committee member, the Planner 1 and Planner 3 spoke to

the opportunities for the Committee to provide the City with further input and noted staff's intention to share a link to the City's HMS online survey with the Committee once the survey was active.

The Chair thanked staff for the presentation and encouraged the Committee members to share further input or suggested resources with staff.

The Manager Community Planning briefly spoke to the City's past approach relative to heritage and current efforts to broaden that approach through HMS, including staff's intention to continue meaningful discussions with Kwikwetlem First Nations.

**5. 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Welcome to Coquitlam Update**

The Manager Community Planning provided the Committee with a verbal update further to discussions held during the July 15, 2020 Committee meeting. She spoke to the Committee's desire to inform newcomers and residents, possibly via an online video promotion, that the fall 2020 event had been rescheduled to the spring of 2021. She noted that although such a promotion would not be possible, the City was considering an online format for the spring event, and welcomed input from the Committee.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- A recent suggestion by the Universal Access-Ability Advisory Committee that an in-person event be held outdoors in Buchanan Square in concert with a virtual (online) tour of City Hall for those wishing to participate remotely
- Examples of online promotions undertaken in Australian cities (Queensland and Victoria), including a virtual neighbourhood centre, a Councillors' café, a hub for community businesses, and micro-websites showcasing local neighbourhoods

The Chair encouraged the Committee members to email further ideas and suggestions to staff.

**6. Multicultural Communities and Emerging Issues Updates (Standing Agenda Item)**

The Chair invited the Committee to share information updates regarding emerging issues occurring in their communities.

A Committee member inquired about the possibility of making a recommendation to Council. The Chair spoke to the process for adding an item to a future Committee agenda for discussion, and the possibility of the Committee considering a recommendation to Council following that discussion. The Committee member thanked the Chair and undertook to liaise with staff regarding the proposed agenda item in advance of the next meeting.

The following information was shared:

- That Orange Shirt Day would occur on September 30<sup>th</sup>
- How best to promote the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Welcome to Coquitlam event to members of the community who may not be aware of the event or have access to the internet
- The intention of a Committee member to email a link regarding the Sage Foundation's

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Creative Teens Theatre Program to the Committee

- Coquitlam Public Library (CPL) updates, including a reminder regarding the survey previously circulated to the Committee, a multiculturalism program being provided through October in partnership with S.U.C.C.E.S.S., and that English practice groups would begin in October for a 10-week period
- An expression of support and gratitude for a Committee member who had publicly condemned a racist incident that had occurred in another Fraser Valley municipality
- That the Centre for Community Engaged Learning at UBC would be hosting a virtual volunteer fair on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, with September 18<sup>th</sup> slated as the final day for organizations to register
- That English classes would continue to be held online at ISSofBC through January 2021 and some details of their Learning in Action Program
- Whether anyone might have resources or information available for free new or used laptops or desktops to assist the mothers of children enrolled in online English classes

In response to a question from a Committee member, and at the Chair's request, the Committee Clerk undertook to follow-up regarding whether the conversations simultaneously occurring in the Zoom chat during the Committee meeting could be copied and shared.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

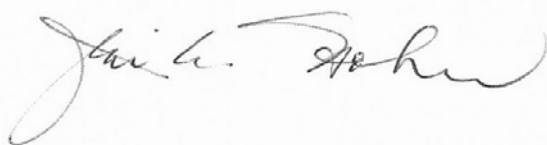
**NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, October 14, 2020**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

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CHAIR



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Jeri Hohn  
Committee Clerk