



**Clarington Diversity Advisory Committee
Thursday, September 2, 2021, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Via Microsoft Teams**

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Present: Meera McDonald
Lyndsay Riddoch
Rachel Traore
Rajeshwari Saharan
Dione Valentine
Yasmin Shafi
Councillor Ron Hooper

Also Present: Erica Mittag – Community Development Coordinator

Regrets: Laila Shafi
Sajida Kadri

The meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Land Acknowledgement Statemen

Meera McDonald read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

2. Declaration of Interest

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

Moved by Yasmin Shafi, seconded by Lyndsay Riddoch

That the Agenda for the meeting of September 2, 2021 be approved.

Carried

4. National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

- Tonight's special meeting request was extended to the Committee to review and vote on two motions to support the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, September 30, 2021.
- The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation was announced in June 2021 by the Federal Government with respect to Call to Action #80 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission recommendations on the legacy of residential schools.

- The Committee reviewed a draft motion prepared by the Association for the Municipalities of Ontario for Municipalities to present to Council for approval.

Moved by Meera McDonald, seconded by Yasmin Shafi

THAT Clarington's Diversity Advisory Committee supports the proposed motion as shared by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and recommends that the Council of the Municipality of Clarington recognizes September 30, 2021 as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) by sharing the stories of residential school survivors, their families, and communities.

Carried

- The Committee discussed ways to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Erica will investigate these options and will share a recognition plan with the Members.

Ideas to be considered include:

- Share free online university course available
- Virtual event – speakers
- Encourage wearing Orange Shirts – suggest suppliers that give back to the Indigenous Community
- Social Media Campaign
- Discuss ways to recognize in a meaningful way with Bawaajigewin
- Flag raising
- Diversity Advisory Committee members – wear orange shirts

Moved by Dione Valentine, seconded by Rajeshwari Saharan

That Clarington's Diversity Advisory Committee purchase Orange Shirts from a local Indigenous group to wear and show support of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day).

Carried

Notes:

- Suggestion to include Indigenous Cultural Awareness as part of Community/Board Orientation
- Erica to share video links from Durham College Indigenous Learning Recordings

5. Other Business

No other business

Moved by Meera McDonald, seconded by Lyndsay Riddoch

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, September 23, 2021

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