



**Clarington Diversity Advisory Committee
Thursday, June 9, 2022, 7:00 PM
Microsoft Teams**

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

Also Present: Erica Mittag – Community Development Coordinator

Regrets: Sajida Kadri

The meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Dione Valentine, seconded by Yasmin Shafi

That the agenda of the meeting of June 9, 2022, be approved.

Carried

2. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Laila Shafi, seconded by Councillor Ron Hooper

That the minutes of the meeting of April 28, 2022, be approved.

Carried

3. Committee Vice-Chair Position

Yasmin Shafi was the sole nominee for the position of Vice-Chair. Yasmin accepted and was elected as Vice-Chair.

4. Council Updates

Updates from Councillor Hooper:

- Bowmanville Rockin Ribs and Brews June 10 to 12, 2022
- Curbside pick up: for trees, debris, branches and leaves starting with Newcastle moving to Bowmanville.
- Durham Community Collective: throughout June with Black African, Caribbean, conversations lack of community resources offering culturally sensitive program and services.
- Durham Region Pride: Bowmanville, Newcastle and Orono banners updated and flag raising ceremony at Town Hall
Presentation to Durham Region Anti-Racism Task Force on May 26 went well and Councillor Hooper shared thanks to the Committee. The presentation was received for information; expect more collaboration with groups across Durham Region in the future.
- Celebrate Clarington on July 1 includes musical entertainment, Soper Creek Wildlife Rescue, children's activities, games, food vendors, fireworks display. Event is 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Garnet B. Rickard Recreation Complex.
- Municipal Elections 2022: Internet and phone voting for next municipal election is a new process. www.votes.clarington.net for more information and contact information available. With this new process, the Committee would like to check in to ensure we plan and that we are not leaving anyone behind and offer input on maintaining equitable process. Councillor Hooper will request that Clarington Clerks Division attend our June 23, 2022 meeting to give further update on the process and share feedback. <https://votes.clarington.net/en/voters/how-do-i-vote/>

5. Community Updates

Updates from Erica Mittag:

- June is National Indigenous History Month and June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. With funding through Department of Canadian Heritage, Clarington has partnered with Clarington Public Library to offer three virtual events. Registration information on Library website. <https://www.clarington-library.on.ca/node/3412>
- June 15 – Film Screening with Anne Taylor, based on Curve Lake First Nations on Treaties, documentary narrated by Anne.
- June 22 – Virtual Cooking Workshop Chef Charles Catchpole – cooking Bannock pizza, salad, Bannock strawberry shortcake.
- June 28 – Author visit with Drew Hayden Taylor, local author, screenplay writer, who will talk about his writing and his experiences as Indigenous writer.
- June is Pride Month. Clarington has partnered with Clarington Public Library to offer a virtual event on Monday, June 27 with Pride Durham to share what is Pride and how to be allies year-round. Registration on Clarington Public Library site: <https://www.clarington-library.on.ca/node/3414>

- Pride Lunch and Learn for Clarington Staff with Jake of PFLAG Canada Durham Region to learn about the history of Pride, how to make our spaces inclusive. Staff coordinated doughnut sale and raised \$140 for PFLAG Canada Durham's Camp Rainbow Phoenix.
- Mayor Foster has signed the Declaration to Request to Join the Coalition of Inclusive Communities. More information to come on the benefits of joining.

6. Update from Presentation to Durham Region Anti-Racism Task Force

- Meera presented to the Task Force. Councillor Hooper, Laila, Jasmyne and Sajida attended to support.
- Shared thoughts and concerns through the delegation on racism and symbols of hate. Suggestions offered are things that the Committee has already explored.
- Room for follow up but request through delegation was clear and anticipate hearing back to see how we can collaborate and be supported. If no response, Meera will follow up on action items.
- Review presentation at June 23, 2022 Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting to see where there may be opportunities to bring forward.

7. 2022 Workplan / Success Tracking Log

- Members reviewed the [success tracking log](#) that was shared which outlined the work of the Committee to date.
- Items in progress were identified as items to continue in 2022.
- Some items were identified as continuing or "evergreen" and happen year over year.
- Some new items were added to the success tracking logs as items to consider implementing in 2022.
- Erica will compile existing list of annual recognitions and observances and will cross-reference DEI Global Calendar and Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion's Multicultural Calendar. Members will review at next meeting to see if there are any gaps and ensure equitable recognition.

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Moved by Dione Valentine, seconded by Laila Shafi

Next meeting: Thursday, June 23, at 7:00 p.m.

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