

**COMMUNITY AND RACE RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
May 3, 2007**

**MINUTES**

- PRESENT:** Ms. Betty Thomas, Chair  
Ms. May Lui, Vice Chair  
Councillor Mary Wile  
Ms. Alexandra McCallum  
Dr. Inder Bhatia  
Ms. Shelley Fashan  
Ms. Tamara Krawchenko  
Mr. Thomas Rissesco  
Ms. Sylvia Paris  
Ms. Betty Josey  
Mr. David Khokar
- ABSENT:** Ms. Nicole Briand  
Councillor Debbie Hum
- STAFF:** Mr. Laughlin Rutt, Diversity Consultant  
Ms. Christina Sears, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

The Chair welcomed Ms. Patricia Skeir to the committee. Round table introductions were provided.

Councillor Mary Wile, Mr. David Khokar and Ms. Sylvia Parris arrived at 5:08 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 1, 2007**

**MOVED by Councillor Mary Wile, seconded by Ms. May Lui, that the minutes of February 1, 2007 be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

The agenda as circulated was accepted.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

**4.1 Canadian Commission for UNESCO re: Coalition of Canadian Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination**

Mr. Laughlin Rutt advised that there has been no change in status.

**4.3 Update from Cultural Advisory Committee Representative**

Ms. May Lui advised that she does not have anything to update.

Mr. Thomas Rissesco arrived at 5:15 p.m.

**4.2 Community and Race Relations Advisory Committee - Work Plan**

The Chair thanked Ms. Alexandra McCallum for her efforts in creating the list of associations. She advised that the Committee will now utilize this list to send letters to association members according to Item 3.3 on the Work Plan.

Ms. McCallum thanked Mr. Laughlin Rutt for his suggestion to contact the Registry of Joint Stock Companies.

Discussion ensued among Committee members regarding the various associations.

Ms. Shelley Fashan arrived at 5:21 p.m.

Ms. McCallum noted that an information package will be sent out to various associations with a covering letter, HRM's policy and a copy of the Community and Race Relations brochure.

The Chair requested a Committee member undertake the creation of a list of HRM residents that are not involved in an organization but would be interested in knowing more about the Committee.

Ms. Sylvia Parris provided information to the Committee on community council schedules.

Ms. McCallum and Ms. Parris requested Ms. Tamara Krawchenko join their subcommittee. Ms. Krawchenko agreed and advised she has data and presentations she would like to provide to the Committee.

The Chair requested Ms. Betty Josey email the Councillors to obtain information of recreation centres, churches, mosques in their district. It is the Committee's intention to provide Community and Race Relations packages to their constituents.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

### **5.1 Community and Race Relations Advisory Committee - Brochure Update**

The Chair requested the Clerk's office print one thousand copies of the brochures for distribution.

### **5.2 Nova Scotia Demographics, Equality & Labour Force Expansion: Exploring a Rapport Agenda- Tamara Krawchenko**

C A copy of Ms. Krawchenko's report "Nova Scotia Demographics, Equality & Labour Force Expansion: Exploring a Rapport Agenda, was before the Committee.

This item was not discussed.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - None**

## **7. ADDED ITEMS - None**

## **8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - June 7, 2007**

The next meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2007 in the Media Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, City Hall.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Christina Sears  
Legislative Assistant

The following information items were distributed to the Committee:

1. Copy of correspondence to Ms. May Lui from the Chinese Society of Nova Scotia  
Re: Proclamation of June 22<sup>nd</sup> as Chinese Canadian Head Tax Redress Day
2. Active Living & Healthy Aging - Avoiding Isolation Workshop
3. List of Community Organizations