



Town of Aurora
Anti-Black Racism and Anti-Racism Task Force
Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 18, 2022
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Video Conference

Committee Members: Noor El-Dassouki (Chair)
Jennie Dekkema (Vice Chair)
Edlene Antonio
Shivangi Bagga
Councillor Harold Kim

Members Absent: Mark Lewis
Keenan Hull
Mae Khamissa

Other Attendees: Techa Van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services
Phillip Rose, Manager, Aurora Town Square
Ishita Soneji, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Committee acknowledged that the meeting took place on the traditional and treaty territory of the Anishinaabe and many other Nations whose presence here continues to this day, and that Aurora has shared responsibility for the stewardship of this land. It was noted that Aurora is part of the treaty lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit, recognized through Treaty #13 and the Williams Treaties of 1923.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Edlene Antonio

Seconded by Jennie Dekkema

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

Carried

4. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50*.

5. Receipt of the Minutes

5.1 Anti-Black Racism and Anti-Racism Task Force Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2022

Moved by Shivangi Bagga

Seconded by Jennie Dekkema

That the Anti-Black Racism and Anti-Racism Task Force meeting minutes of April 20, 2022, be received for information.

Carried

6. Delegations

None.

7. Matters for Consideration

7.1 Memorandum from Manager, Aurora Town Square; Re: Diversity and Inclusion Mural – Design Update

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum and sought the Committee's input regarding the Diversity and Inclusion Mural design. The Committee discussed various aspects of the proposed mural design and expressed appreciation towards inclusion of diverse community and cultural groups. The Committee and staff discussed about the research process conducted by staff and the artists for the quilt patch designs and

suggested improvements to various patch designs. The Committee suggested that input from specific community or cultural groups would be beneficial for any further improvements to the quilt patch designs. It was further suggested that an informative description regarding the background and detail of each patch design should be displayed beside the mural. The Committee expressed support on the design approach and initiative and discussed the next steps regarding the approval of the design.

Moved by Edlene Antonio

Seconded by Jennie Dekkema

1. That the memorandum regarding the Diversity and Inclusion Mural - Design Update be received; and
2. That the Anti-Black Racism and Anti-Racism Task Force comments regarding the Diversity and Inclusion Mural - Design Update be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

8. Informational Items

8.1 Memorandum from Recreation Supervisor, Special Events Re: Special Event Opportunities

Staff provided a brief overview of the memorandum and details of the upcoming community engagement opportunities and events. The Committee members expressed interest in participating and attending the events.

Moved by Shivangi Bagga

Seconded by Councillor Kim

1. That the memorandum regarding Special Event Opportunities be received for information.

Carried

9. **Adjournment**

Moved by Edlene Antonio

Seconded by Jennie Dekkema

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Carried