

**City of Chilliwack
MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON
INCLUSIVENESS, DIVERSITY AND ACCESSIBILITY
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2020 – 3:00 pm
Held Electronically**

Council Members:

Ken Popove, Mayor, Co-Chair
Jason Lum, Councillor, Co-Chair
Bud Mercer, Councillor, Co-Chair

Task Force Members:

Justin Mallard, Business Development Manager
Derek Epp, Chief, Tzeachten First Nation
Julia Lamb, Disability Advocate and Activist
Saylesh Wesley, Aboriginal Education Enhancement and Learning Support Teacher
Leanna Kemp, Executive Director, Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce
Tony Neels, Dairy Farmer
Fatima Zaidi, CEO, Project Instigate, Board Director of KPU Alumni Association, Crisis Interventionist, & Learning Strategist

City Staff:

Jamie Leggatt, Director of Communications, Staff Liaison
Diane Alling, Recording Secretary

Regrets:

Leandra Ndayifukamiye, Aboriginal Representative, Student
Helen Edwards, Deputy Executive Director, Chilliwack Community Services
Dan Coulter, Board Chair, Chilliwack School District #33
John Sovereign, Retired Priest

Guest:

Kathleen MacKinnon, CEO Nine Rising, Consultant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ken Popove, Mayor, acknowledged we are on the unceded territory of the Stó:lō people and called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved /) That the Agenda for the Mayor's Task Force on Inclusiveness, Diversity and Accessibility
Seconded (meeting of Wednesday, August 5, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Carried unanimously

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved /) That the Minutes for the Mayor's Task Force on Inclusiveness, Diversity and
Seconded (Accessibility meeting of Tuesday, June 23, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Carried unanimously

4. DELEGATION / PRESENTATION

5. OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

6. NEW BUSINESS

Kathleen MacKinnon provided an update regarding the upcoming Anti-Racism and Accessibility training sessions. The Anti-Racism training session scheduled on July 24, 2020, at City Hall for Council and senior City staff was postponed and will be rescheduled in the fall; the Anti-Racism training session for this committee will proceed via Zoom on August 11, 2020; and, the Accessibility training session facilitated by committee member Julia Lamb will be held on August 17, 2020 via Zoom. A query was made regarding the possibility of having the Accessibility training session recorded for viewing at a later date.

Kathleen provided a presentation regarding workable objectives and key results.

Julia Lamb joined the meeting at 3:28 pm.

Derek Epp joined the meeting at 3:30 pm.

Discussion ensued regarding the objectives overview and differing opinions were expressed. The remainder of the agenda was abandoned in order to facilitate further discussion. Comments were received regarding group values.

Councillor Jason Lum left the meeting at 3:37 pm.

Saylesh Wesley left the meeting at 3:37 pm.

The remainder of the workable objectives presentation and solutions building session will be rescheduled at a later date in order to be completed.

7. INFORMATION

Upcoming Important Dates:

- MTFIDA Anti-Racism Training (Zoom)
Tuesday, August 11, 2020 from 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm
This workshop will be facilitated by Leah Sanford
- MTFIDA Accessibility Training (Zoom)
Monday, August 17, 2020 from 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm
MTFIDA Member, Julia Lamb will facilitate an informative workshop focusing on accessibility for the group.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the call of the Chairs.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:19 pm.

Co-Chair