

**City of Chilliwack
MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON
INCLUSIVENESS, DIVERSITY AND ACCESSIBILITY
MINUTES OF MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020 – 3:30 pm
Held Electronically**

Council Members:

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

Task Force Members:

Helen Edwards, Deputy Executive Director, Chilliwack Community Services
John Sovereign, Retired Priest
Justin Mallard, Business Development Manager
Julia Lamb, Disability Advocate and Activist
Saylesh Wesley, Aboriginal Education Enhancement and Learning Support Teacher
Leandra Ndayifukamiye, Aboriginal Representative, Student
Tony Neels, Dairy Farmer

City Staff:

Jamie Leggatt, Manager of Communications, Staff Liaison
Trish Alsip, Recording Secretary

Regrets:

Dan Coulter, Board Chair, Chilliwack School District #33
Derek Epp, Chief, Tzeachten First Nation
Leanna Kemp, Executive Director, Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce
Fatima Zaidi, CEO, Project Instigate, Board Director of KPU Alumni Association, Crisis Interventionist, & Learning Strategist

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 3:30 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved /) That the Agenda for the Mayor's Task Force on Inclusiveness, Diversity and Accessibility
Seconded (meeting of Tuesday, June 9, 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 Accessibility
Seconded (meeting of Tuesday, May 12, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Carried unanimously

4. DELEGATION / PRESENTATION

5. OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

6. NEW BUSINESS

Work-to-Date:

Kathleen Mackinnon provided an update regarding the work-to-date and milestones the MTFIDA has reached. Kathleen has engaged the MTFIDA as well as community stakeholders, collecting necessary data in order to move forward in facilitating and supporting the Task Force's recommendations for City Council.

Resident Sub-Committee:

A separate resident sub-committee has been created and will be led by a committee member, Julia Lamb, to address accessibility issues in our community whereby prioritizing marginalized voices that experience systemic inequities and addressing representation to ensure future programming for these communities.

Educational opportunities to further create equality and equity within our community were planned earlier in the spring; however, due to COVID-19 and health protocols, one of the workshops was cancelled. Future workshops are planned in the upcoming months that address topics of cultural safety, anti-racism and LGBTQ2+ matters, followed by future workshops.

- **What is already being done towards inclusion, diversity and accessibility by the City of Chilliwack and the Committee's circles and community:**

Inclusion, Diversity and Accessibility at City Hall:

The following events/ initiatives were presented that are already underway through the City of Chilliwack:

- Funding & Events
- Truth and Reconciliation
- Roads and Transportation
- Employment

6. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

Co-Chair Mercer noted the City of Chilliwack continues to seek opportunities to provide greenspace in Chilliwack. Of note, the City of Chilliwack has partnered with the Chilliwack Fraser Rotary Club in the construction of a new park on Promontory that will include a range of downhill play features built onto a natural slope and also a second, level, fully inclusive play area which is designed to be accessible to all children regardless of ability. The City of Chilliwack is anticipating substantial completion of this playground in the later part of July barring any weather delays. The funding model is a combination of City of Chilliwack funding, SD #33, funds raising by the school PAC, Rotary Club Contribution and grants from Tire Stewardship BC and the Chilliwack Foundation.

Kathleen provided the following key term definitions:

- **Defining Key Terms**

- Diversity
- Inclusion
- Accessibility
- Equality
- Equity

Co-Chair Mercer expressed the importance of accessibility for the many seniors in our community.

- **Roadmapping Session**

The Committee participated in a roadmapping breakout session and discussed the following questions with respect to addressing gaps within inclusion, diversity and accessibility:

- Services (social services, community services, etc.)
- Institutions (businesses, certain government agencies, etc.)
- People (folks of lived experiences, community leaders, etc.)
- Things (events & sessions)
- Communities we need to hear from (Indigenous communities, Gender support network, religious groups, etc.)
- What questions do we want to answer through the MTFIDA? How inclusive do residents feel Chilliwack is now? How will we know Chilliwack is equitable?

Roadblocks & Barriers Assessment Session:

The next MTFIDA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2020. It will focus on roadblocks and barriers within the community and City to provide insights and assess barriers to providing equitable spaces, services, and more. A separate session will be facilitated for service providers (Chilliwack Healthier Community) and community members on this topic. The first resident sub-committee meeting is planned for the end of June 2020.

7. INFORMATION**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 3:30 pm (via Zoom).

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:12 pm.

Co-Chair