

**City of Chilliwack  
MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON  
INCLUSIVENESS, DIVERSITY AND ACCESSIBILITY  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020 – 3:30 pm  
Held Electronically**

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**Council Members:**

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

**Task Force Members:**

Dan Coulter, Board Chair, Chilliwack School District #33  
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  
John Sovereign, Retired Priest  
Leandra Ndayifukamiye, Aboriginal Representative, Student  
Fatima Zaidi, CEO, Project Instigate, Board Director of KPU Alumni Association, Crisis Interventionist, & Learning Strategist

**City Staff:** Jamie Leggatt, Communications Manager, Staff Liaison  
Trish Alsip, Recording Secretary

**Regrets:** Helen Edwards, Deputy Executive Director, Chilliwack Community Services

**Guest:** Kathleen MacKinnon, CEO Nine Rising, Consultant

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<b>1. CALL TO ORDER</b>
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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.

<b>2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b>
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Moved /        )   That the Agenda for the Mayor's Task Force on Inclusiveness, Diversity and Accessibility  
Seconded     (   meeting of Tuesday, June 23, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Carried unanimously

### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

Carried unanimously

### 4. DELEGATION / PRESENTATION

### 5. OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

### 6. NEW BUSINESS

Some initial comments were received regarding the call to defund the police in the United States, as well as past Indigenous and RCMP relations in Canada.

#### **Work-to-Date:**

Kathleen MacKinnon provided an update regarding the work-to-date. At the last MTFIDA meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, the committee defined key terms and participated in a roadmapping breakout session discussing how to address gaps within inclusion, diversity and accessibility. Also discussed was the City of Chilliwack's current initiatives/events supporting inclusion, diversity and accessibility.

Kathleen provided an 'MTFIDA Roadmapping' graph outlining the information collected at the June 9, 2020 meeting for the committee's information.

#### **Workshop - Roadblocks & Barriers**

The committee participated in a roadblocks and barriers breakout session to discuss insights and assessment of community and City barriers.

Discussions took place regarding gaps in the following areas:

- Youth – leadership, services, supporting vulnerable youth
- Seniors
- Indigenous reconciliation
- Spirituality
- LGBT2QIA+
- Service providers
- Accessibility

Councillor Bud Mercer left the meeting at 5:00pm.

Justin Mallard left the meeting at 5:16 pm.

Kathleen MacKinnon will be facilitating service provider sessions and MTFIDA follow-up discussions the week of July 6 – 10, 2020.

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<b>7. INFORMATION</b>
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<b>8. NEXT MEETING</b>
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The next meeting will be held at the call of the Chairs.

<b>9. ADJOURNMENT</b>
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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

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Co-Chair