

City of Chilliwack
MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON
INCLUSIVENESS, DIVERSITY AND ACCESSIBILITY
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2021 – 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:

Fatima Zaidi, CEO, Project Instigate, Board Director of KPU Alumni Association, Crisis Interventionist, & Learning Strategist
Helen Edwards, Deputy Executive Director, Chilliwack Community Services
Justin Mallard, Business Development Manager
Julia Lamb, Disability Advocate and Activist
Saylesh Wesley, Aboriginal Education Enhancement and Learning Support Teacher
Leanna Kemp, Executive Director, Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce
Leandra Ndayifukamiye, Aboriginal Representative, Student

City Staff: Jamie Leggatt, Director of Communications, Staff Liaison
Trish Alsip, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Derek Epp, Chief, Tzeachten First Nation

Guest: Kathleen MacKinnon, CEO Nine Rising, Consultant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ken Popove, Mayor and Co-Chair, acknowledged we are on the unceded territory of the Stó:lō people and called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved /) That the Agenda for the Mayor's Task Force on Inclusiveness, Diversity and Accessibility
Seconded (meeting of Monday, January 18, 2021 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 Monday, November 2, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Carried unanimously

4. DELEGATION / PRESENTATION**5. OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS**

Co-Chairs Lum and Mercer and Ken Popove, Mayor and Co-Chair, each thanked the task force members for their hard work and for being a part of this challenging process.

Justin Mallard joined the meeting at 3:40 pm.

1. Action Plan – Submitted Revisions Discussion

The draft Action Plan document was created based on feedback from the MTFIDA, other committees, community service providers and those with lived experience in Chilliwack. The plan details tangible steps to attain the goals of the task force, with a vision to support an inclusive, diverse, and accessible community where all residents have opportunity to thrive.

An overview of the draft Action Plan was presented and included the following:

- Purpose
- Vision
- Goals
 - Improve the City's facilities, service parks, and public spaces for persons with disabilities;
 - Prioritize the well-being of marginalized community members;
 - Prioritize relationship building with First Nations neighbours;
 - Prioritize opportunities for equitable and inclusive education for City staff;
 - Create opportunities for marginalized voices and identities to have access to City of Chilliwack decision-makers;
 - Explore and identify funding opportunities to support inclusion, diversity, and inclusion.

The draft Action Plan was provided to the task force for input ahead of today's meeting; suggested additions and changes to the document were discussed in further detail.

Leandra Ndayifukamiye left the meeting at 4:30 pm.

Next Steps:

Kathleen MacKinnon, CEO Nine-Rising and consultant for the MTFIDA, will consolidate the feedback gathered. The changes to the Action Plan will be reviewed by the Co-Chairs; and further, brought forward with MTFIDA's recommendation for approval to the February 16, 2021 Meeting of Council.

2. Overview Vision Statement

Due to time constraints, the overview of the Vision Statement conversation was tabled and comments submitted prior to the meeting will be reviewed.

6. NEW BUSINESS**1. Chilliwack Community Services (CCS) Update**

Helen Edwards, Deputy Executive Director, Chilliwack Community Services, provided an update regarding an upcoming public meeting hosted by the Chilliwack Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) on March 3, 2021 from 12:50 pm – 2:00 pm. The meeting will focus on partnering with the community and local businesses to provide accessibility and inclusivity for our local immigration population. Helen Edwards will attend the meeting on behalf of the MTFIDA and provide an update.

6. NEW BUSINESS (continued)**2. Accessibility Advisory Panel (AAP) Update**

Due to technical issues, Kathleen MacKinnon provided an update on behalf of Julia Lamb, Disability Advocate and Activist, regarding the Accessibility Advisory Panel. The City of Chilliwack's Director of Communications, Jamie Leggatt, will be meeting with the AAP on January 25, 2021 to provide an overview of the role of communications for the City of Chilliwack and to learn more about how to better address various accessibility needs in City communication materials.

7. INFORMATION**1. 2021 Terms of Reference**

The 2021 Terms of Reference were provided for information.

2. 2021 Membership List

The 2021 Membership list was provided for information.

8. NEXT MEETING

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Co-Chair