

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE ON RECONCILIATION, SOCIAL INCLUSION AND ENGAGEMENT

Notice is hereby given of the following Regular Meeting of
the Task Force on Reconciliation, Social Inclusion and Engagement
February 3, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.
Committee Room 2

AGENDA

Call to order.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA Urgent/time sensitive matters only

1. ***MOTION to Add or Delete Items from the Agenda.***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. **None.**

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3. **None**

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS FOR ACTION

4. **Terms of Reference – Task Force**
5. **Terms of Reference – Advisory Committee**
6. **Council motion: A Welcoming and Inclusive City**

NEW BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Task Force on Reconciliation, Social Inclusion and Engagement will occur on:

Date:	April 20, 2020
Time:	9:30 a.m.
Location:	Committee Room 2 City Hall

ADJOURNMENT

Minutes Extract
Regular Council Meeting
January 13, 2020

21. Motion: A Welcoming and Inclusive City

In discussion, Council noted the following:

- There is a need to consider the implicit ways in which we make people feel welcome or not;
- People who have a language barrier should be able to access Council proceedings;
- Need a report where Council can delve into this as to what expectations are for the community,;
- There is an interest in taking complex issues out to the people as Council is not necessarily the best form of public engagement for making decisions;
- Council needs to have all data when the decision is made, and not receive new information at the last minute;
- Part of increasing engagement is making City processes more understandable; and
- The Reconciliation, Social Inclusion, and Engagement Task Force should look at some elements of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

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AND WHEREAS the City's core values state that "We place high value on the principles of equality and equity and strive to build an environment where everyone is included, valued, and treated with dignity and respect";

AND WHEREAS City meetings and events provide opportunities to create a welcoming and inclusive environment;

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- *Create accessibility descriptions for all civic facilities;*
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- *Take Council meetings into the community in various neighbourhoods throughout the year and at times that may allow members of our diverse community to attend and take part;*
- *Offer access to translation services by request for City meetings and public hearings;*
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- *Make Council agendas easier to read;*
- *Provide a Council Meeting 101 type workshop for the public;*
- *Create an engagement hub at our libraries;*
- *Create gender inclusive washrooms for all existing single stall washrooms in civic facilities;*
- *Create an acronym key for all City documents including Council packages;*
- *Offer the opportunity to accept video submissions for public hearing or delegations;*
- *Audit what accessibility standards are met on the City's website;*
- *Provide staff training on how to create welcoming and inclusive spaces; and,*
- *Utilize more inclusive language during council meetings.*

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City committees be consulted on further ideas and recommendations for inclusion;

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Amended.

AMENDMENT MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the words "and interpretation" be added following the words "Offer access to translation" in the sixth bullet point of the motion.

CARRIED.

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED with all members present voting in favour.

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

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