

**Present:**

Chair – Councillor Martin  
Co-Chair – Councillor Starchuk  
S. Altokhais  
P. Aylward  
A. David  
S. El-Nashar  
M. Fallon  
T. Ghuman  
Dr. B. Gurm  
C. Iweh  
B. King  
K. Polubinski  
M. Pyne  
S. Sarbharwal  
J. Thind

**Absent:**

J. Kovach  
K. Thiara  
School Trustee Liaison, L. Larsen  
D. Preston  
G. Grewal  
M. Malik  
T. Oleman

**Youth Representatives:**

D. Ganan  
S. Al-Samarrai

**Staff Present:**

L. Cavan, GM, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
N. Webb, GM, Human Resources  
R. Takhar, RCMP Crime Reduction & Community  
Services Manager  
R. Affleck, Community Services Coordinator  
L. Bowie, Manager, Healthy Communities  
C. Bejtovic, Legislative Services

**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. The minutes of the Diversity Advisory Committee meeting of March 24, 2015 to be adopted.

It was

Moved by S. El-Nashar

Seconded by K. Polubinski

That the minutes of the Diversity Advisory  
Committee meeting held March 24, 2015, be adopted, as circulated.

Carried

**B. DELEGATION**

1. **2015 Pulling Together Journey - A Law Enforcement and First Nations Partnership Initiative**

Cst. Troy Derrick, First Nations Liaison

In attendance before the Committee to provide a presentation on a law enforcement and First Nations partnership initiative.

Monica Mohammad, Diversity Coordinator and Rosy Takhar, Crime Reduction and Community Services Manager, presented on behalf of Cst. Troy Derrick.

The following comments were made:

- The Pulling Together Canoe Journey is a partnership initiative which was started by the RCMP in 1997, in an attempt to bridge the gap in relations between law enforcement and the First Nations community. Since The Journey began in 1997, there have been 600-800 participants each year.

- Semiahmoo First Nations is hosting this year's event, in collaboration with CN Rail and the Surrey RCMP. It is the first year that Surrey will play an active role.
- The Pulling Together Canoe Journey puts young people in canoes with RCMP and other public service agencies and provides the opportunity for dialogue and working together. Twenty-three canoes and more than 300 participants are expected.
- There are 200 nations in B.C. and this journey brings people together to learn each other's cultures; to sing, drum and dance; to journey together in cooperation and trust. It is a powerful, humanizing experience.
- The 2015 Journey begins on July 1 at Harrison and will travel to Crescent Beach in Tsawwassen and finally into Semiahmoo. In order to participate in this journey, you must be in the boat, and at the end of the day you must make it to land, set up tents, have dinner and share storytelling.
- Staff will be putting forward a Corporate Report for the City to host one of the dinners and storytelling gatherings. Members from the community, the Senior Management Team, and City personnel will come together to provide the meal, serve the food and host and share the stories. The broader opportunity is for this committee to participate as well. July 9 is the proposed date at Crescent Beach.

### Discussion

- This year the RCMP is planning to send a number of people for a portion of the journey; the City has committed one staff person for the 11-day journey in the canoe; and CN Rail has committed a senior executive to start the journey in Harrison.
- The coordinating committee is providing an opportunity for people to participate in one or two-day segments of the journey.
- There will be a full-day celebration on July 11 hosted by First Nations at Semiahmoo, highlighting healing, teaching, sharing, acceptance and respect.
- Staff noted that Cst. Troy Derrick has been the RCMP liaison for the Pulling Together Canoe Journey for seven years. He speaks of his own journey as a young constable trying not to be labeled; going through the journey and coming to a place of peace, pride and healing.

**2. Museums Cultural Collections Projects**

Lana Panko, Curator of Collections, Heritage Services

In attendance before the Committee to provide a presentation on the Museums Cultural Collections Projects.

The following comments were made:

- Within the Heritage Services Collection there are 40,000 artifacts that reflect the history and development of people and events that have shaped Surrey. One-fifth of the collections are on display at the Historic Stewart Farm, the Nature Centre and some of the recreation centers.
- The collection began in 1958 by a group of citizens who had a desire to record history, and contains a wealth of information about people who have contributed to the history of development in Surrey. Artifacts span from First Nations settlements to present day.
- The subject matter of collections includes:
  - clothing - nurses uniforms, a cap from the Muslim community
  - books
  - tools, machines and equipment
  - a small Olympic torch from 2015 gifted to Surrey's Mayor
  - decorative work, wall hangings, framed photos
  - fire truck built in Surrey in 1972
  - 1908 Studebaker
  - Early SkyTrain car
- The collections reflect community celebrations, festivals and historic events; objects that reflect recreation, play and hobbies that span over 100 years.
- Collections are acquired through public donations as well as through purchases. Artifacts are documented and stored according to professional museum standards. Everything requires special handling, care and cleaning.
- The collection is made public through research, exhibits, programs and other community projects and can be viewed on Surrey Archives and Museums On-line Access (SAMOA) at [www.surrey.ca/heritage](http://www.surrey.ca/heritage) and click on SAMOA.
- One of the goals of the Multicultural Acquisition Project are to seek input from the Ukranian, South Asian, Phillipine and Korean communities in Surrey as they are currently under-represented in the heritage collections. The museum would welcome donations representative of the lives, cultural traditions and contributions of past and recent immigrants, to assist in promoting and understanding Surrey's cultural communities.
- Staff are looking for assistance with this project. Anyone interested can contact Lana Panko, Curator of Collections at [lpanko@surrey.ca](mailto:lpanko@surrey.ca)

Discussion

- The potential for digital storytelling was discussed. Staff noted that this would pertain more to archives than to artifacts and encouraged those who are interested to contact the archives. There is an oral history collection in the archives.

**3. Surrey Doors Open 2015**

Robyn Affleck, Diversity & Inclusion Services, Parks, Recreation & Culture

In attendance before the Committee to provide a presentation on Surrey Doors Open 2015.

The following comments were made:

- This is the fourth year for Doors Open; it will be held on June 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Doors will be open in the City Centre, Bear Creek, Newton and Cloverdale communities. Opening ceremonies will take place at the Newton Festival at 1:00 p.m.
- Doors Open provides showcases the history, art, architecture and culture of Surrey. It is a free event with guided tours, free food, and free transportation in all town centers where Doors Open is operating.
- There will be entertainment, face painting, and activities for kids; scavenger hunts for children and adults, and the RCMP will be on hand for kids to try on the red serge.
- There will be 39 venues this year including the Fraser Regional Aboriginal Friendship Center Association (FRAFCA), Surrey Arts Centre, and the Honeybee Centre in Cloverdale which will provide demonstrations on beekeeping.
- The marketing team has created a more modern inclusive look with a new SDO Surrey Doors Open logo. Posters will be distributed to any organization that wants one, and volunteers will have shirts this year to provide better visibility; the web site will be printed on the back of the shirts.
- The brochure is being updated to include a map and a list of venues. There will be transit shelter ads and the web site is being updated to be more user friendly for mobile devices. The web site will include an interactive map - click on a venue to get information on what that venue has to offer, including accessibility, washrooms, etc. Each venue will have its own separate page on the web site.
- Transportation will be free which will increase accessibility and participation. Guides will be available on some of the trolleys providing historical information about Surrey. Trolleys will operate every 30 minutes

in Cloverdale and make stops at many of the venues along the route. Trolleys on the Newton and North Surrey routes will operate every 35 minutes.

- Positive feedback was received from last year's event. All site leaders indicated they would participate again; and of 129 responses from the public, 98% said they would participate again this year.

**C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

**D. NEW BUSINESS**

**E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

**F. CORRESPONDENCE**

**G. INFORMATION ITEM**

**1. Staff Educational 2015 Diversity Calendar**

Laurie Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture

The Staff Educational Diversity Calendar is part of an ongoing effort to ensure City staff are aware of diversity in the community. There are intranet postings and displays in the lobby to assist in keeping staff informed of educational opportunities and significant cultural events.

**H. OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Fusion Festival - Update**

Laurie Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture

The following comments were made:

- Planning is well under way for the annual Fusion Festival, scheduled for July 18 & 19 at Holland Park. The Welcome Ceremony is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on the Celebration Stage.
- Thirty-three cultural pavilions are confirmed to date. There will be four entertainment stages and one cooking stage.
- The Flavours of Surrey Zone will showcase agriculture within the city with some interactive displays for children.
- Jazzy B and Mrs. Kaur are tentatively confirmed to headline the Saturday night performance; Sunday night's entertainment is pending.

- The marketing plan is being finalized. CBC is a major sponsor this year along with Coast Capital, YVR, SFU, Concorde Pacific, BC Hydro and others. Attendance is expected to be in the range of 80,000 people over the course of the two days.
- As this year has been officially declared the year of People to People Cultural Exchange, there will be a Canada China Cultural Exchange stage. All pavilions have been asked to showcase their cultural "instrument".
- Various other activities include a Kids Zone, a Sports Zone, and a Pow Wow. There is a possibility of fireworks on Sunday night as part of the finale.

Discussion

- Staff noted that the theme this year is musical instruments, and invited the Committee to bring forward any other ideas they would like to see at Fusion Festival.
- A member of the Committee asked about the feasibility of bringing in an African church choir to a mainly cultural event. Staff noted that it is possible to have entertainment of that nature to be part of Fusion Festival in some manner. The goal is to ensure the sharing of all elements of all cultures within the community.
- Staff advised that Fusion Festival is viewed as a regional event; media sponsors are engaged in order to promote the event beyond Surrey.

**I. NEXT MEETING**

The next Diversity Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2015.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

It was  
  
meeting now adjourn.

Moved by M. Pyne  
Seconded by C. Iweh  
That the Diversity Advisory Committee

Carried

The Diversity Advisory Committee adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor M. Martin  
Diversity Advisory Committee