



Attendees: Councillor David Pickles – Chair
 Kirk Mark, Community Appointee
 Adrian Rampersad, Dunbarton High School
 Constable Keith Richards, Durham Regional Police Services
 Mariyah Gonzales, Dunbarton High School
 Philip Howard, Durham District School Board
 Marisa Carpino, City of Pickering
 Linda Roberts, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Tanya Malika Foster, Community Appointee
 Sethu Madhavan, Community Appointee
 Fred Gibson, Pickering Carib Canadian Cultural Association
 Joanne Guindon, Durham District Catholic School Board
 Cathy Grant, Pickering Public Library
 Margaret Lazarus, Valley Farm Public School
 Ansar Siddiqui, Pine Ridge Secondary School
 Sharon Singh, Pine Ridge Secondary School
 Siobhan Saravanamuttu, Dunbarton High School

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1.	Welcome & Introductions	
	Councillor Pickles welcomed everyone and introductions were made.	
2.	Review & Approval of Agenda	
	Marisa reviewed items from the previous meeting.	
3.	Approval of Minutes & Business Arising	
	Marisa went over the business arising from the April 5 th minutes.	

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	<p>Mariyah relayed the events of the day from the Annual Cultural Show which was hosted by the Dunbarton High School. Attendance was good the night of the event, with over \$1,000.00 being raised for the orphanage in Africa. Marisa congratulated the school for a well run event.</p> <p>Councillor Pickles handed out a draft letter which will go out to all the Race Relations contacts to invite them out to our meetings. He asked for comments/feedback on this letter.</p> <p>Minutes from the April 5, 2007 meeting were approved.</p>	<p>Mariyah to bring photos to next meeting</p>
4.	Annual Workplan	
	<p>Marisa went over the workplan. She explained this is an annual workplan, and we would like to try to finalize this at our next meeting. She noted that some of the items have already been achieved, Heritage Day and the writing contest. She indicated the Multi Faith Holiday Celebration is a more recent addition to the workplan.</p> <p>Councillor Pickles recommended we coordinate with other race relations advisory committees, as well as other organizations outside the area.</p> <p>Discussion ensued with respect to the writing contest and the publishing of the essays. Points touched on:</p> <p>Objective would be to have some printed this year School board could purchase at cost Use as a marketing tool to get businesses to support this event in the future Start with the winners from the last three years We need to showcase it, make it stand out over everything else Must look marketable Need to go out to the schools to speak, possibly Councillor Pickles and Marisa to go with a printed version of the program Potential sponsors must be cleared with the school boards Draft a sample for next meeting</p> <p>Philip Howard, representative from the Durham District School Board, indicated that the information needs to get back to the school boards after the awards. It could then be published in their newsletters to help promote the event. He stressed the</p>	<p>Councillor Pickles and Marisa to draft</p> <p>Marisa to forward excerpts from the winning entries with photos to Philip</p>

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	<p>importance of receiving items for approval at the start of the school year, as this is when decisions are made.</p> <p>Further discussion ensued on the types of entries for the contest and the publishing as well as the outline of the booklet.</p> <p>Mariyah questioned whether these could go into the “My Ontario” book.</p> <p><u>Survey</u></p> <p>A draft of the proposed survey was passed around. Councillor Pickles briefly outlined the contents. Discussion ensued and comments and suggestions were given.</p> <p>Councillor Pickles noted he would like to get the Community Survey out as soon as possible. The plan for now would be to send it out for initial feedback by next week, and then again in the Fall to a larger group.</p> <p>Councillor Pickles indicated he would like to have final comments in by next week. He noted this would be subject to changes, but would like to see it mailed out as soon as possible. It was felt the survey should reflect the opinions of the organization or group as a whole as opposed to an individual.</p>	<p>Marisa and Councillor Pickles to send out prior to next meeting</p>
5.	Canadian Tapestry Event	
	<p>Councillor Pickles discussed the June 9th Tapestry event at the Pickering Museum Village. The last on-site meeting will take place this Saturday with the organizations involved.</p>	<p>Marisa to follow up with Tanya and Sethu on their participation</p>
6.	Other Business	
a)	<p><u>Canadian Commission for Unesco</u></p> <p>Councillor Pickles handed out material received from the Canadian Commission for Unesco, for discussion at the next meeting</p>	

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b)	<p><u>Lincoln M. Alexander Award</u></p> <p>Correspondence received regarding the Lincoln Alexander Award nominations for 2007. Submission deadline is May 31, 2007. Nominations can be made individually or suggestions may be made to the Committee.</p>	
c)	<p>Councillor Pickles passed around a newspaper clipping from the Globe and Mail for the members to read for discussion at a future meeting.</p>	
7.	Adjournment	
	<p>Adjournment: 9:15 pm</p> <p>Next Meeting – June 7, 2007 7:00 pm</p>	