



Attendees: Councillor David Pickles, Chair
 Raymond George Facey, Community Appointee
 Devinder Kaur Panesar, Community Appointee
 Tiera Dookhie, J. Clarke Richardson School
 Becky George, Pickering Public Library
 Chris Gordon – Pine Ridge Secondary School
 Margaret Lazarus, Valley Farm Public School
 Fred Gibson, Pickering Carib Canadian Cultural Association
 Marisa Carpino, City of Pickering
 Linda Roberts, Recording Secretary

Absent: Steve Holt, Community Appointee
 Sethu Madhavan, Community Appointee
 Kirk Mark, Community Appointee
 Emily Honsberger, Dunbarton High School
 Brandyn Mascall, St. Mary Catholic School
 Sylvie Morel-Foster, Durham Catholic District School Board
 Philip Howard, Durham District School Board

<i>Item / Ref #</i>	Details & Discussion & Conclusion <i>(summary of discussion)</i>	Action Items / Status <i>(include deadline as appropriate)</i>
1.0	Welcome	All
	Councillor Pickles welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introductions were made around the table. He informed the Committee that he had invited the Tamil Association to attend as well.	
2.0	Review & Approval of Agenda & Minutes	All
	Marisa reviewed the action items from the January 8 th meeting minutes and provided an update. The agenda and minutes were approved by the Committee.	
3.0	Updates	
	<u>Heritage Day Celebration</u> Marisa provided an update for the Committee with respect to Heritage Day. She informed everyone that there is a strong line up of performers for this	

	<p>honorariums. Contributions to charities is not allowed. It was suggested they try to have more local speakers from within the community involved as well. Marisa suggested asking Keith Richards from the Durham Regional Police Service.</p> <p>Councillor Pickles suggested that the flyer be sent to everyone on our regular distribution list of cultural organizations as well. Margaret noted this could be distributed to all the schools through inclusion in their newsletters. Marisa will provide a copy of our press release to Margaret.</p> <p>Fred Gibson offered to distribute flyers as well.</p> <p>Marisa noted she will need a formal budget from [YOU]nity</p> <p><u>Race Relations Forum</u></p> <p>Marisa provided the Committee with an update on the Race Relations Forum which will take place on Wednesday, March 25th at 7 pm in the Council Chambers;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winners have been confirmed • Letters have been approved and have been sent out to the schools, judges and cultural organizations as well as Committee members • Alvin Curling has been confirmed as guest speaker • Promotional Campaign has been launched – website, press release, etc. • Display will be in lobby at the Civic Complex the month of March • Encourage other organizations to attend as well <p>Discussion ensued with respect to the Creative Arts entries and how best to recognize them. It was suggested when they are invited up, their entries could be displayed on the screen behind them, and they could be asked to provide an explanation on their piece. They should be asked to prepare this ahead of time.</p> <p>Email membership a copy of the press release. All Committee members were encouraged to attend.</p>	<p>Marisa to action</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>2009 Annual Work Plan</p>	
	<p>Councillor Pickles advised the Committee we need to think about presenting our annual report to Council. Discussion ensued with respect to having the presentation in April, along with a delegation as was done last year, with one Committee member and one youth. Margaret Lazarus volunteered for the presentation.</p> <p>Marisa will prepare the report for review at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Marisa to</p>

	<p>development and how to enhance employment opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestions to contact at UOIT: Louise Farr, Diana Hills-Milligan – Marisa will contact them to discuss recruitment of students • Councillor Pickles will speak with them regarding the possibility of a symposium in the future. 	
6.0	Other Business	
	<p>6.1) <u>Black History Month</u> Fred Gibson noted the Pickering Carib Canadian Cultural Association will be holding a dance on February 28 at the Complex this year. Advertising will be on our website and at the Library Marisa noted she had submitted a request to Council for a proclamation for Black History Month.</p> <p>Becky updated the Committee with respect to the events happening through the Library and will continue to provide updates with respect to any events on Asian Heritage Month.</p> <p>6.2) Correspondence received from the Ministry of Culture & Immigration regarding nominations for Newcomer Champion Awards for Ontarians who have facilitated cultural understanding and diversity or helped newcomers to successfully settle and integrate. Deadline for nominations is March 15, 2009.</p> <p>6.3) Correspondence received from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, David C. Onley, with respect to nominations for the Order of Ontario, which recognizes anyone for extraordinary achievements or contributions which have had an impact on their local community, province, country or beyond. Deadline for nominations is March 16, 2009.</p> <p>Committee members were asked to submit any suggestions to Marisa, in order to nominate as a Committee.</p>	
7.0	Next Meeting	
	Next Meeting: March 5, 2009 at 7pm in the Main Committee Room	

Meeting Adjourned: 8:53 pm
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