



Attendees: Marisa Carpino, City of Pickering
 Kirk Mark, Community Appointee
 Alma Sandoval, Hispanic Canadian Alliance of Ontario
 Jason Amos, Pine Ridge Secondary School, [YOU]nity
 Constable Keith Richards, Durham Regional Police
 Tanya Taylor, Pickering Public Library
 Linda Roberts, Recording Secretary

Absent: Councillor David Pickles, Chair
 Raymond George Facey, Community Appointee
 Fred Gibson, Pickering Carib Canadian Cultural Association
 Chris Gordon, [YOU]nity
 Steve Holt, Community Appointee
 Philip Howard, Durham District School Board
 Devinder Kaur Panesar, Community Appointee
 Margaret Lazarus, Altona Forest Public School
 Sethu Madhavan, Community Appointee
 Sylvie Morel-Foster, Durham Catholic District School Board

Item / Ref #	Details & Discussion & Conclusion <i>(summary of discussion)</i>	Action Items / Status <i>(include deadline as appropriate)</i>
1.	Welcome	MC
	M.Carpino welcomed members to the meeting and introductions were made. Agenda action items were reviewed and the October 1, 2009 minutes were approved.	
2.0	Review and Approval	
	M. Carpino reviewed the agenda action items as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Your Words & Expressions contest – invitations have now gone out to the Montessori schools in addition to both school boards. • Noted new publication by the Region of Durham – “the Citizen” which is a multi-cultural information newsletter. The submission for In Your Words & Expressions contest was included on the front page of this new publication 	

	<p>which also included some of the winning pictures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K. Richards noted the Region of Durham has initiated a portal in which to access all public facilities – this is a website for newcomers. M. Carpino mentioned that she is also participating in this initiative. • Location of meetings – M. Carpino noted she will try to set up our December meeting in the Devi Mandir location. 	
3.	Updates	All
	<p>3.1) <u>Heritage Day Celebration</u></p> <p>M. Carpino provided a brief overview of the Heritage Day celebrations which are held in February. She noted the location has been booked in the Pickering Town Centre, invitations have gone out as of November 2nd with a deadline date of January 8, 2010 for participants. Advertising will also appear in the Wednesday edition of the News Advertiser, Media Release and Website.</p> <p>3.2) <u>Coffee House</u></p> <p>M. Carpino explained the Coffee House is an annual event hosted by [YOU]nity. J. Amos provided the Committee with an update on this event;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library has been booked for December 7 & 8 for auditions – aiming for 17 performers • Event is open to the public • December 18 is booked for the event, which is held in the Auditorium at the Pickering Public Library • Doors will open at 6:00 pm, with the event running from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm • Still deciding on one of two themes - Winter Wonderland or Around the World • OPG has requested a form be completed for donation purposes – they will be donating funds for the purchase of shirts • M. Carpino suggested the electronic form be forwarded to her and she would assist them in completing it • Unsure of the process for ordering the shirts 	<p>J. Amos to action</p> <p>J. Amos to involve B. George of the Pickering Public Library who will work with M. Carpino on this.</p>

4.0	Other Business	
	<p>4.1) K. Mark informed the Committee that the Minister of Education, Kathleen Wynn has undertaken a review of the policies promoting safe and healthy relationship in schools. He provided an overview of the findings from their research and recommendations. He noted all schools must have an equity policy in place by September, 2010.</p> <p>4.2) K. Richards informed the Committee that the Police Services has created a Language Identification Card. This is a valuable resource tool as it allows citizens to indicate their language, thereby enabling an interpreter to be available in a timely manner. He noted that once the second phase has been implemented, this will be posted at every point of contact within the police services. K. Mark brought forward concerns about the categories listed on the card. K. Mark provided an overview to the timeline and value of the project.</p>	
5	Adjournment/Next Meeting	All
	Next meeting to take place on December 3, 2009. Location to be determined.	

Meeting Adjourned: 8:35 pm

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