



Town of Shelburne
Diversity Equity and Inclusion
October 19, 2023, at 6:30 pm
Committee Meeting – Minutes
Virtual Town Hall – 203 Main Street East



MINUTES

Members in Attendance:

Chair Ryan Degen
Deputy Mayor Hall
Councillor Walter Benotto
Stella Aluze-ele

Members Absent:

Councillor Len Guchardi (with notice)

Staff Present:

Denyse Morrissey, CAO
Alice Byl, Deputy Clerk, Committee Coordinator

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1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm.

Land Acknowledgement:

We would like to begin by respectfully acknowledging that the Town of Shelburne resides within the traditional territory and ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, including the Ojibway, Potawatomi, Chippewa and the People of the Three Fires Confederacy.

These traditional territories upon which we live, work, play and learn are steeped in rich indigenous history and traditions. It is with this statement that we declare to honour and respect the past and present connection of Indigenous peoples with this land, its waterways and resources.

We encourage residents to review the call-to-action information by visiting the following website to further research and educate oneself:

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2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

No disclosures.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Chair Ryan Degan requested to add the new DEI mandate and vision statement to Item 5.4 for review and revisions.

Motion #1

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Shane Hall

Seconded by: Councillor Walter Benotto

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the DEI meeting on October 19, 2023, be adopted as amended.

Carried

4. Adoption of Minutes

Motion #2

Moved by: Councillor Walter Benotto

Seconded by: Deputy mayor Shane Hall

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes from the September 21, 2023, meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

5. General Information - Discussion Items

- 1) National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day) – Sept. 30, 2023

The committee discussed September 30, 2023 event. While there was strong attendance it was less than 2022. The unfortunate impact of the guest speaker not being available at the last minute was noted. Working with other Indigenous organizations will be reviewed for the 2024 ceremony.

- 2) Update on DEI Vacancies

The committee received an update that Shaquile Bulhi had provided his resignation. Applications are now being received for new

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applicants to the DEI committee.

- 3) Grant funding from the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility's 2023-24 Inclusive Community Grants Program for downtown accessibility – not supported

The committee received the information that the Town's application for this grant was not successful. The Town will continue to apply for grants to support accessibility projects.

The committee also discussed the need for benches along the walking trails within the Town to support the accessibility needs of the community.

- 4) DEI Mandate Review

The committee discussed a new mission, mandate and vision statement for the DEI committee.

Motion #3

Moved by: Councillor Walter Benotto

Seconded by: Stella Aluze-ele

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DEI committee adopts the new mission, mandate and vision statement;

AND THAT the mission, mandate and vision statement be forwarded to Council for their approval.

Carried

6. New Business

There was no new business.

6. Adjourn

Motion #4

Moved by: Councillor Walter Benotto

Seconded by: Stella Aluze-ele

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we now adjourn to reconvene at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

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