



Terms of Reference

Advisory Committee on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Authority

Section 55 of *The Cities Act*; City Council Resolution – November 20, 2017 and June 25, 2018

Mandate

The function and mandate of the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee (“DEIC”) shall be to:

1. Provide advice to City Council on policy matters relating to the following:
 - diversity and inclusion of all citizens within the community
 - emerging equity or diversity issues or trends arising in the community
 - initiatives to combat racism, acts of prejudice or hate in the community
 - initiatives to promote acceptance of all citizens of Saskatoon
 - consideration of the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in formulating City policies and initiatives
 - diversity in naming streets and City infrastructure
 - explore barriers faced in accessing city services, information, programs and facilities
 - explore barriers to participation in public life and achievement of social, cultural and economic well-being of residents
 - proposed City of Saskatoon policies, initiatives, and civic programs and services to meet changing needs of a diverse community
 - employment and employee awareness policies, initiatives, and civic programs
2. Provide advice and recommendations on the development and contents of a new Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Policy
3. Monitor the success of the DEIC and to advise City Council on ways for the City of Saskatoon to increase the success in working with community organizations, business and labour, all orders of government, and other stakeholders to create an inclusive and diverse community where everyone is welcomed and valued
4. Provide education and awareness programs on diversity, equity and inclusion of all citizens in the City of Saskatoon in consultation with the Administration and within budget allocated by City Council

Composition

Voting Members:

<p>Agency Representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 representative from the Board of Education, Saskatoon Public Schools • 1 representative from the Board of Education, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools • 1 representative from the Saskatchewan Intercultural Association 	<p>Citizen Representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 citizen representative of the First Nations Community • 1 citizen representative of the Métis Community • 1 citizen representative of the LGBTQ2S Community
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 representative from the Saskatchewan Health Authority • 1 representative from the Ministry of Social Services • 1 representative from the Ministry of Corrections and Policing • 1 representative of the Open Door Society • 1 representative of the Saskatoon Police Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 citizen representative who is a visible minority or newcomer to Canada • 1 citizen representative of the youth community (16 – 23 years old) • 1 citizen representative of the senior citizen community (55+ years old) • 3 additional citizen representatives
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Non-Voting Resource Members:

- 1 Councillor (?)
- 1 representative from the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission
- Representatives of the City’s Administration:
 - Corporate Performance Department
 - Community Services Department

Preferred Qualifications

- Representatives of organizations or communities must be members or employees of the organizations or communities they represent.
- Knowledge, expertise or interest regarding principles of diversity, inclusion and human rights issues an asset.
- Demonstrated commitment to improving diversity, inclusion and human rights in the community.
- Ability to commit time to attend meetings and participate in other activities undertaken by the Committee.
- Any other qualifications as outlined in Policy C01-003, *Appointments to Civic Boards, Commissions, Authorities, and Committees*.

Reporting

The DEIC shall report to City Council through the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services (“SPC-EUCS”).

The DEIC shall report to the SPC-EUCS as required to update on any major initiative or report back on any matter referred to them by either the SPC-EUCS or City Council.

The DEIC shall submit an annual report, in the prescribed form, outlining the previous year’s accomplishments and a work plan for the upcoming year, to City Council through the SPC-EUCS. The annual report is intended to update City Council on progress goals and initiatives, and to provide an update on any outstanding issues or recommendations within its mandate. This report shall be submitted by March 31 and serve to demonstrate how the Committee remains relevant and current. In considering the report, Council will determine whether it requires continuation of the Committee or any changes to the mandate.

Appointment and Term

Voting Members:

- 2 year, staggered terms, maximum of 3 consecutive terms for citizen representatives (6 years)
- Agency representatives are not subject to a maximum term

Non-Voting Resource Members:

- Councillor, 4 year (Council) term

A Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee must be elected upon majority vote of Committee membership at its annual organizational meeting.

Mentorship of Youth Member

The Chair, or in the alternative as required, the Vice-Chair of the Committee shall mentor and serve as a role model to the youth member of the Committee.

Quorum

Quorum is met by attendance of a majority of voting members (9).

Subcommittees and Working Groups

- The DEIC may form subcommittees and working groups within its membership as may be necessary to address specific issues within its mandate.
- Subcommittees shall draw upon members of the Committee and the Chair of the subcommittee shall be a voting member.
- Issues identified outside the DEIC mandate may be the subject of an ad hoc committee or task force established by the SPC-EUCS.

Meetings

- Meets on the second Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. during each of January, February, April, May, September and November
- The City Clerk's Office shall provide administrative support to each meeting of the DEIC

Remuneration & Expense Reimbursement

DEIC members shall serve without receiving remuneration. The following services and benefits are provided to members in accordance with Policy No. C01-003, *Appointments to Civic Boards, Commissions, Authorities, and Committees*:

- Reimbursement of childcare expenses for scheduled DEIC meetings (receipt required)
- Parking and bus ticket expenses
- Hearing & visual assistance

Resource Documents

[The Cities Act](#)

[Bylaw No. 8174, The City Administration Bylaw, 2003](#)

[Bylaw No. 9170, The Procedures and Committees Bylaw, 2014](#)

[Policy No. C01-003, Appointments to Civic Boards, Commissions, Authorities, and Committees](#), which includes the attached *City of Saskatoon Code of Conduct for Members of Civic Boards, Commissions, Authorities and Committees* and *City of Saskatoon Anti-Harassment Policy for Members of Civic Boards, Commissions, Authorities and Committees* **(under review)**

[Policy No. C10-023, Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Policy](#) **(under review)**

Any other policies as required (under review)