



Minutes

Welcoming City Advisory Committee

Date: March 1, 2022 from 5:00pm to 6:30pm via MS Teams

Attendees: Nora Butz, Sandra Hough, Jabril Mohamed, Daniela Pinto, Maureen Sawa, Jerome Thomas, Florentien Verhage

Council Liaisons: Sharmarke Dubow

City Staff: Silvia Mangué Alene

Regrets: Albert Galiev, Lisa Helps, Karen Hira, Karacee Whittle-Brown

	AGENDA	NOTES
	Welcome and Land Acknowledgement	Land acknowledged via Chair Councilor Dubow
	Introduction to the new Advisory Committee	Committee members introduced themselves and organizations they represent
	Welcoming City Strategy and Action Plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on desired outcomes for the committee 	The Committee members discussed the approach to the recommendations in the Strategy and Action Plan and roles of the Committee and the City in the implementation of the Action Plan. The discussion on the approach to the work plan will continue
	Participate in the Welcoming Day Celebration with Here Magazine and Francophone Immigration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silvia would be participating in/ attending this event representing the City of Victoria and the EDI office. • Members of the Committee, Maureen, Florentien, Daniela and Sandra, will be attending the event representing the Committee as well as their own organizations. • Silvia will be talking with the organizers of this event for a collaboration/partnership next year with the City. The Committee members discussed the City hosting the event next year as it aligns with one of the recommendations in the Strategy and Action Plan.

	<p>Greater Victoria Local Immigration Summit (ICA) Associated themes: Housing and accreditation, newcomer's business owners.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The event is organized by the ICA • ICA would like the City to support the event by offering avenue such as the Conference Center)
	<p>Other Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniela discussed starting a story-telling workshop and proposed that the City could create a wellness program for new immigrants. The program would include doing hikes, outings, and learning about the land and the history of Indigenous people. This program would be for adults as well as for children. This suggestion also aligns with some of the recommendations of the Welcoming City Strategy and Action Plan.
	<p>Closing remarks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No closing remarks