



## MINUTES – WELCOMING CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 11, 2022, 5:16 P.M.  
via Microsoft Teams

The City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees and Esquimalt People

PRESENT: Daniela dos Santos Pinto, Agnes Myhre, Kareece Whittle-Brown, Jibril Mohamed, Sandra Hough

ABSENT: Karen Hira, Nora Butz, Jerome Thomas, Florentien Verhage, Maureen Sawa,

STAFF PRESENT: A. Galiev – Equity Diversity & Inclusion Lead, S. Mangué – Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator, S. Stoltz – Committee Secretary

### 1. Welcoming

Acting Chair Sylvia Mangué called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

### 2. Land Acknowledgement

The Acting Chair acknowledged that the City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations communities.

### 3. Discussion

*The Committee discussed the following:*

- *The recent “Better Together” gala; how the event was very successful, and highly anticipated as it had been two years since the last gala was held*
- *More events to be held in the spring, as well as upcoming events later this year that are meant to help newcomers foster new connections within the city*
- *The potential for the City of Victoria to attend one of the upcoming career fair events*
- *Appreciation for the City of Victoria’s generosity and contributions to the Better Together gala*
- *How information is added to the ConnectVictoria app*
- *The Ciranda event at the Belfry*
- *Desire to bring more newcomers to future Ciranda and other storytelling events in order to make connections between groups*
- *Barriers to newcomers in Canada/Victoria*
- *Ways that newcomers can feel supported coming to events*
- *Different methods of supporting storytelling for new immigrants*

4. **Adjournment**

The Welcoming City Committee Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.