## **Administration Update**

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### Background

- UNESCO Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities
- Diversity & Inclusion
   Community Plan 2017-2022
- Strategic Plan 2018-2021









### D&I Community Plan – Progress To Date



#### Accessibility of Spaces

- Seniors Parking
- Pride Crosswalk
- Quiet Rooms
- Bus Pass Program Expanded
- New Website





#### Financial Support

 CIP grant funding support for low to no cost social programs including Black History Month, MCA EXPO, Human Rights day



#### **Training & Education**

- Active Witnessing & Hate Hurts, Unconscious Bias, LGBTQ2S+, Cultural Awareness, Seniors & Accessibility
- Indigenous Learning Series,
   Blanket Exercise



#### **Public Awareness**

- I See You: Sawubona exhibit
- "I am Different Because... Campaign
- New Perspectives Film Series
- Poverty & Homelessness Awareness Week

#### Engagement of Diverse Voices

- Conversation Cafés
- Reconciliation Advisory Circle formed

### D&I Community Plan – Next Steps

## Effective Communication

- Communications on progress pertaining to equity and inclusion
- Improve accessibility
   of information
   including plain
   language, translation,
   and ASL or CC

# Diverse Voices Involved and Engaged

- Review of the Public Engagement Policy
- Examine
   opportunities to
   improve plain
   language and
   inclusive marketing

# Recognize and Celebrate Diversity

- Documents appropriately reflect diversity
- Continue to support events celebrating diversity

### D&I Community Plan – Next Steps

## Increase Awareness & Understanding

- Awareness campaign
- Ongoing training opportunities

## Foster Trust & Collaboration

- Continue to collaborate closely with community partners to support equity & inclusion
  - Diversity calls
  - NIN, CRI, Pride YMM, SRC, EYC, etc.

#### Reduce Barriers

- Review opportunities for increased physical accessibility, affordability, and inclusion of all residents
  - Accessibility checks
  - Gender-neutral washrooms
  - Transit bus tracking

### **RACIDE Recommendations**

Recommendation	Update	Status
Committee Bylaw Update	Legal reviewing and updating	In Progress
Black Community – Working Group	Ad hoc member invitations Continuance of working group? – RACIDE direction	Outstanding
Committee Recruitment & Selection Review	Awaiting bylaw update	Outstanding
Equity & Inclusion Office	Interdepartmental taskforce transitioned to Office	Complete
Support for Black & Indigenous led Initiatives	Capacity development, support for grant applications, etc.	In Progress
Independent Study on racism	Anticipated employee census	In Progress

### **RACIDE** Recommendations

Recommendation	Update	Status
Antiracism Training	Discussion with MCA for community-based development	In Progress
Equity & Inclusion Policy	Working with legal to develop	In Progress
Letter to Minister of Education	Letter sent on January 11 <sup>th</sup>	Complete
Acknowledgement Statement	Development with communications	In Progress
Review & Improve Supports for Employees experiencing racism	No update	Outstanding
GBA+ Policy & Procedural Review	No update	Outstanding





## **Questions**