

THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

Council Meeting of July 18, 2007

MOTION

Moved by Councillor Smith,

Seconded by His Worship Mayor Sam Katz,

WHEREAS The Canadian Commission for UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) is calling on municipalities to join a Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination and be part of UNESCO's international coalition launched in 2004;

AND WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities endorses the Call for a Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and encourages its members to join;

AND WHEREAS municipal governments in Canada, along with other levels of government, have an important role to play in combating racism and discrimination and fostering equality and respect for all citizens;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council endorse the following:

1. That the City of Winnipeg agrees to join the Coalition of Canadian Municipalities Against Racism and will work towards realizing the Common Commitments (attached);
2. That the City of Winnipeg Citizen Equity Committee be responsible for carrying out the Common Commitments in conjunction with the City's ongoing actions towards the elimination of racism through that Committee;
3. That the Citizen Equity Committee will exchange expertise and share best practices with other municipalities involved in the Coalition and will report publicly on an annual basis on actions undertaken towards the realization of the Common Commitments.

RECORDED VOTE	YEA
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CANADIAN COALITION OF MUNICIPALITIES AGAINST RACISM TEN COMMON COMMITMENTS

In undertaking these Commitments and in developing unique plans of action for addressing racism and discrimination, municipalities will be encouraged to take a participative approach that will engage Aboriginal people and initiate dialogue among communities

COMMITMENT 1: Increase vigilance against systemic and individual racism and discrimination

COMMITMENT 2: Broaden accountability and monitor racism and discrimination in the municipality and monitor municipal actions taken to address racism and discrimination

COMMITMENT 3: Increase support for people who experience racism and discrimination

COMMITMENT 4: Inform and involve all residents in anti-racism initiatives and decision-making

COMMITMENT 5: Support measures to promote equity in the labour market

COMMITMENT 6: Provide equal opportunities as an employer, service provider and contractor

COMMITMENT 7: Support measures to challenge racism and discrimination in housing and implement measures to promote diversity and equal opportunity

COMMITMENT 8: Support measures to challenge racism and discrimination in the education sector, as well as in other forms of learning, and promote diversity and equal opportunity

COMMITMENT 9: Promote respect, understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity and the inclusion of Aboriginal and racialized communities into the cultural fabric of the municipality

COMMITMENT 10: Support policing services in their efforts to be exemplary institutions in the fight against racism and discrimination