



Burlington Inclusivity Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: May 24, 2024
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Hybrid Meeting - Virtual and Room 305

1. **Members Present:**

Present Hanadi Almasri, Niyi Olusoga, Surbhi Malhotra, Jarred Sanchez-Cacnio, Charles McGregor, Alex Warne, David Quezada (Burlington Public Library), Don Prescott (BAAC representative)

2. **Members Regrets:**

Vwede Obahor, Ayotunde Samuel Bolaji, Reah Shin, Ashley Wall, Reema Singh, Yaya Andrade (BSAC representative)

3. **Other Members:**

Councillor Angelo Bentivegna, Marcus Logan, (Manager Community Development & Engagement from the Oakville Public Library), Denise Beard (Staff Liason), and Jordan McDonald (Committee Clerk)

4. **Land Acknowledgement**

Hanadi read the land acknowledgment.

5. **Declarations of Interest:**

6. **Approval of Minutes:**

6.1 Approval of minutes from the meeting held on April 26, 2024

On motion, the minutes of the meetings held on April 26, 2024 were approved.

7. **Delegation(s):**

7.1 Delegation from Marcus Logan representing the Oakville Public Library on the Halton Community Services Directory

Delegation from Marcus Logan representing the Oakville Public Library on the Marcus explained the library's importance as a resource for newcomers, and their work with Indigenous, queer, poc and autistic community.

Discussed the Halton Directory, a resource containing over 4000 programs and services available to all Halton residents Directory is can be tailored for three different views: parents, youth and seniors.

Directory is tied with Google translate to help non-English speakers.

Data is constantly updated and is always free.

Resource often used by members of the community that have personal questions that they do not feel comfortable sharing with others.

Resource can be accessed via physical kiosks/pod so a personal device is not required, reducing barriers to access.

90% of Halton 311 calls can be answered by the directory

David Quezada discussed the staffing challenges that prevent the Burlington Public Library from participating to the same degree as Oakville
Surbhi Malhotra raised concerns about use of acronyms that may not be clear in directory, terms that cannot be translated and names/terms that may be confusing to new comers. She also raised a concern about lack of overlap in regards to variance issues and the importance of culturally sensitive mental health resources.

8. Regular Items:

8.1 Updates from Staff Liaison Denise Beard

On motion Denise Beard provided updates to the committee.

8.2 Food for Feedback planning

On motion the committee decided to participate in Food for Feedback. The committee also decided to form a working group to plan event, review previous materials and plan a potential activity.

8.3 Civic recognition update

Clerk informed Committee about the Civic Recognition Ceremony (Monday, June 24). Hanadi agreed to represent committee to review applicants for recognition.

9. Other Business:

10. Adjournment:

Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.