

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, CULTURE AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES



Minutes of the Community Engagement, Culture and Inclusion Committee Meeting held on Thursday, October 12, 2017 in Council Chambers at Village Hall, 2697 Sunnyside Road, Anmore, BC

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## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councillor Ann-Marie Thiele (Chair)  
Ping Luo  
Babak Taghvaei

## **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Nil

### **1. Call To Order**

Chair Thiele called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

### **2. Approval Of The Agenda**

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

**“THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.”**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Committee agreed to remove from the agenda item 6(a) Community Engagement.

### **3. Minutes**

#### **(a) Minutes of the Meeting held on September 14, 2017**

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

**“THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT,  
CULTURE AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2017 BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.”**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **4. Business Arising From The Minutes**

Nil

### **5. Unfinished Business**

Nil

## 6. New Business

### (a) Community Engagement

NB: This item removed by Committee resolution.

### (b) Cultural Diversity

The Committee shared their own thoughts and experiences regarding cultural diversity in Anmore, and then agreed that the focus should be on creating an atmosphere of inclusion.

### (c) Community Outreach to New Residents

Key points raised during discussion are as follows:

- The Village could consider sponsoring a multicultural fair, possibly in the form of an arts and culture celebration / food fair.
- The Village could consider providing space for volunteers to host an “English Corner” to help improve language barriers that are prevalent within the community.
- Correspondence cannot be offered in alternate languages in full. Could staff incorporate multiple languages on event mailers in a simplified form to make more people feel welcome?
- Could include reference on billing notices to request that home owners have the information translated.
- Most prevalent languages in Anmore, other than English, seem to be Korean, Persian, Mandarin/Chinese and Punjabi.

Committee requested that staff provide input on which language barriers are most prevalent.

## 7. Adjournment

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

**“TO ADJOURN.”**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Certified Correct:

**C. MILLOY**

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Christine Milloy  
Manager of Corporate Services

Approved:

**A. THIELE**

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Councillor Ann-Marie Thiele  
Chair, Community Engagement, Culture  
and Inclusion Committee