



VILLE DE DIEPPE
FRANCOPHONIE COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD on Wednesday, September 3, 2014, at 4 p.m.
Dieppe Room – City Hall

MINUTES

Members present: Madeleine Arseneau, Youth Representative
Luc Belliveau, Education Institution Representative
France Caissy, Community Representative
Jody Dallaire, Councillor and Chair
Isabelle McKee-Allain, Community Representative
Serge Milot, Community Representative
Luc Richard, Staff Representative
Ernest Thibodeau, Councillor and Past Chair

Members absent: Annie Duguay, Staff Representative
Joanne Maillet, City Business Representative
Yvan Roy, Post-secondary Institution Representative
Philippe Thériault, Champlain Place Representative

1. Welcoming remarks

Past Chair Ernest Thibodeau welcomed those present at the meeting while waiting for the arrival of the new Chair, Jody Dallaire. He explained the change in the chairmanship of the committee as follows: the Mayor named Councillor Jody Dallaire as Chair of the Francophonie Committee during the council meeting held on May 26.

He thanked Mrs. McKee-Allain for her suggestion to add a presentation on the new Linguistic and Cultural Development Policy (LCDP) to the agenda. He welcomed Sophie Lacroix, coordinator and main author on the project, and thanked her for having agreed to give us a presentation.

2. Adoption of agenda

The adoption of the agenda was moved by Serge Milot and seconded by Luc Belliveau.

Motion carried

3. **Approval of minutes of April 2**

Approval was moved of the minutes of the meeting held April 2, with a few amendments, by France Caissy and seconded by Isabelle McKee-Allain.

Motion carried

4. **Appointment of committee Vice-Chair**

Item no. 5 was inversed with item no. 4 while waiting for the arrival of the new Chair.

The Chair is wondering whether there is interest in the role of committee Vice-Chair. A question was asked regarding the expectations of such a position. The Chair explained that that the role is to replace the Chair when needed.

To determine interest in the position, it was suggested that an email be sent to all committee members.

Item no. 4 was tabled to the next meeting's agenda.

5. **New Linguistic and Cultural Development Policy (LCDP) with guest speaker Sophie Lacroix, project coordinator and main author (Isabelle McKee-Allain)**

Mrs. Lacroix began by thanking the committee for the invitation and mentioned that the LCDP hopes that cities and communities will adopt the Policy. For those who were interested, she provided a copy of ***Linguistic and Cultural Development Policy – A Societal Project for the French Education System*** and indicated that we were their test groups for the presentation.

Mrs. Lacroix asked about the Francophonie Committee's mandate. The Past Chair provided an explanation.

The PowerPoint presentation was a synopsis of the 185-page document. Here is a quick overview of a few points, among others, that came out during the presentation:

- The Policy was launched on May 9, 2014, in the Legislative Assembly in Fredericton. The launch was done entirely in French.
- The project is apolitical.
- There is a drop of about 1,000 students every year in the province.
- Several minority groups in the world are interested in what the LCDP has accomplished.
- The Policy was adopted by the Legislative Assembly on May 9, 2014 – by the government and the community, which gives it a lot of weight.
- Francophone cultural space on page 71.
- Synopsis: It's a tool for vision, for dialogue, for planning for developing discussions, and for reference. It's a lever for change.

Discussion took place, with a few points coming out:

- The committee decided to work on identity building, which is fully within our mandate.
- It's a large societal project. In addition to the City of Dieppe, others could get involved.
- One of the challenges is linguistic insecurity – the shame of speaking French.
- Example of partnership – *Centre de recherche en linguistique appliquée* at U de M.
- Comments and questions:
 - This policy will benefit the entire community, including the anglophone community.
 - How to get everyone to buy in?
 - What comes out most is the process.
- It was mentioned that the document is a valid resource for the committee.
- This will require a cultural change.
- It was mentioned that there have been many changes in Francophonie in Ontario, five years after the establishment of a similar policy.
- It is important to communicate the results so that the public can further engage.
- It was mentioned that – in November – the City of Dieppe will welcome the annual convention of the *Congrès de l'Association francophone des municipalités du Nouveau-Brunswick (AFMNB)* and perhaps could include something in the schedule regarding the Policy.
- We are the first municipality to have a presentation on the LCPD.
- It was also mentioned that the City of Dieppe has just adopted its own cultural policy.
- Question raised: In order to be aligned, what would the committee like to accomplish in the next five years?
- The Chair said she quite likes the idea of giving homework to committee members. She has asked committee members to choose the priorities we want to target in future meetings.

6. Next meeting

The date for the next meeting will be set after the results of a Doodle survey.

The proposed dates in the survey are October 25 and 22, and November 12 and 19.

7. Information sharing

Committee members welcomed the new Chair, Jody Dallaire.

The City has done a lot regarding the Francophonie. The committee is here to see if there is room for improvement. That is why we are here.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.