



CITY OF DIEPPE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON LA FRANCOPHONIE

MEETING HELD on Wednesday, February 12, 2014, at 4 p.m.
Dieppe Room – City Hall

MINUTES

Members present: Madeleine Arseneau, Youth Representative
 Luc Belliveau, School Representative
 France Caissy, Community Representative
 Annie Duguay, Staff Representative
 Isabelle McKee-Allain, Community Representative
 Serge Milot, Community Representative
 Yvan Roy, Post-secondary Institution Representative
 Philippe Thériault, Champlain Place Representative
 Ernest Thibodeau, Councillor and Chair

Members absent: Joanne Maillet, Dieppe Business Representative

1. Welcoming remarks

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting of the Advisory Committee on La Francophonie.

2. Adoption of agenda

The adoption of the agenda was moved by Isabelle McKee-Allain and seconded by Luc Belliveau.

Motion carried

3. Approval of minutes of meeting held January 15

The approval of the minutes of the meeting held January 15 was moved by Madeleine Arseneau and seconded by Yvan Roy.

Motion carried

4. Identity building

It was mentioned that a definition of identity building can be found on the Association canadienne d'éducation de langue française (ACELF) website. The link was shared with committee members.

A lengthy discussion took place on the subject and a number of statements and ideas were put forward, including:

- There is an advantage to inviting anglophones from immersion to francophone activities. For example, Canada Parents for French (CPF) would be a good partner.
- Awareness during the month of March, Francophonie Month.
- Dieppe is the largest Acadian city in the world and already does a good job with services it offers to the community, including: Wednesday Show, Salon du livre, Youth House, Friendship Carnival, skating at Place 1604, Jeux de l'Acadie, Arts and Culture Centre.
- Dieppe has already initiated and supports a number of activities, among them: Jeux de la francophonie being held in Dieppe in 2017, Rendez-vous de la francophonie, etc.

The committee discussed taking a suggestion to city council aimed at better communicating with the students in the District scolaire francophone sud system and at the Université de Moncton regarding artistic and cultural activities offered by the City of Dieppe. A more detailed proposal will be put forward to committee members.

Moved by Yvon Roy and seconded by Philippe Thériault.

Motion carried unanimously

5. Next meetings

The dates for the next two meetings are:

- Wednesday, March 26
- Wednesday, May 14

Meetings begin at 4 p.m. in the Dieppe Room at City Hall.

6. Information sharing

- Clarification on the committee's role and that of the chair were provided by city council.
- An explanation was provided regarding the changes made to a number of City committees since the new council came into office in 2012.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.