



REVISED AGENDA

SPC ON COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES RE: CALGARY'S COMMITMENT TO ANTI-RACISM

July 7, 2020, 9:30 AM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

Members

Councillor G-C. Carra, Chair
Councillor E. Woolley, Vice-Chair
Councillor S. Chu
Councillor D. Colley-Urquhart
Councillor J. Davison
Councillor J. Farkas
Councillor J. Magliocca
Mayor N. Nenshi, Ex-Officio

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Members may be participating remotely.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. OPENING REMARKS
3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 4.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Standing Policy Committee of Community and Protective Services, 2020 May 13

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 DEFERRALS AND PROCEDURAL REQUESTS
None

- 5.2 BRIEFINGS
None

6. POSTPONED REPORTS
(including related/supplemental reports)

None

7. ITEMS FROM OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEES

- 7.1 Update on Calgary's Commitment to Anti-Racism, CPS2020-0776

NEW MATERIALS

- 7.1.1 *Attach 4 - Public Submissions - CPS2020-0776*

NEW MATERIALS

- 7.1.2 *Attach 5-Public Submissions-CPS2020-0776*

8. ITEMS DIRECTLY TO COMMITTEE

- 8.1 REFERRED REPORTS
None

- 8.2 NOTICE(S) OF MOTION
None

9. URGENT BUSINESS
None

10. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

- 10.1 ITEMS FROM OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEES
None

- 10.2 URGENT BUSINESS
None

11. ADJOURNMENT



MINUTES

SPC ON COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

**May 13, 2020, 9:30 AM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER**

PRESENT:

Councillor G-C. Carra, Chair
Councillor E. Woolley, Vice-Chair (Remote Participation)
Councillor S. Chu (Remote Participation)
Councillor D. Colley-Urquhart (Remote Participation)
Councillor J. Davison (Remote Participation)
Councillor J. Farkas (Remote Participation)
Councillor J. Magliocca (Remote Participation)
Councillor G. Chahal (Remote Participation)
Councillor P. Demong (Remote Participation)
Councillor D. Farrell (Remote Participation)
Councillor J. Gondek (Remote Participation)

ALSO PRESENT:

A/General Manager K. Black
Chief Steve Dongworth
Deputy City Clerk T. Mowrey
Legislative Advisor J. Palaschuk
Legislative Advisor A. de Grood
Legislative Advisor A. Pendola

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Carra called the Meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. OPENING REMARKS

Councillor Carra provided opening remarks.

ROLL CALL

Councillor Chahal, Councillor Chu, Councillor Colley-Urquhart, Councillor Demong, Councillor Farkas, Councillor Farrell, Councillor Gondek, Councillor Magliocca, Councillor Woolley, Councillor Carra, Councillor Davison

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Woolley

That the Agenda for the 2020 May 13 Regular Meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services be confirmed.

MOTION CARRIED

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services, 2020 March 11

Moved by Councillor Woolley

That the Minutes of the 2020 March 11 Regular Meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services be confirmed.

MOTION CARRIED

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Woolley

That the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services receive the following briefings for the Corporate Record, in an omnibus motion:

MOTION CARRIED

5.1 DEFERRALS AND PROCEDURAL REQUESTS

None

5.2 BRIEFINGS

5.2.1 Multicultural Communications and Engagement Report Back, CPS2020-0358

5.2.2 2020 SPC on CPS Workplan – Q2 Update, CPS2020-0554

MOTION CARRIED

6. POSTPONED REPORTS

None

7. ITEMS FROM OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEES

7.1 Calgary Police Service Annual Report 2019, CPS2020-0406

A presentation entitled "Presentation by Chief Constable Mark Neufeld", was electronically displayed and distributed with respect to Report CPS2020-0406.

Councillor Gondek left the Remote Meeting at 10:39 a.m. on May 13 and returned at 11:31 a.m. on May 13, during Item 7.2 CPS2020-0532.

Councillor Farrell rose on a Question of Privilege regarding temporarily disconnecting the public telephone bridge for this item.

Moved by Councillor Farkas

That with respect to Report CPS2020-0406, the following be approved:

That Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services recommend that Council receive this report for the Corporate Record.

MOTION CARRIED

7.2 Banning Conversion Therapy, CPS2020-0532

The following documents were electronically displayed and distributed with respect to Report CPS2020-0532:

- A presentation entitled 'Banning Conversion Therapy: CPS2020-0532'
- A presentation entitled 'Conversion Therapy in Canada, Dr. Kristopher Wells'

The following documents were electronically distributed with respect to Report CPS2020-0532:

- A document entitled 'Conversion Therapy in Canada: The Roles and Responsibilities of Municipalities'
- A document entitled 'Attach 11 - Letters 1-100'
- A document entitled 'Attach 11 - Letters 101-200'
- An email from Salima Stanley-Bhanji
- A document entitled 'Attach 11 - Letters 201-300'
- A document entitled 'Attach 11 - Letters 301-400'
- A document entitled 'Attach 11 - Letters 401-500'
- A document entitled 'Attach 11 - Letters 501-584'
- A document entitled 'Attach 11 - Letters 585-623'
- A document entitled 'Attach 11 - Letters 624-1003'
- Transcript from Jeremy Williamson
- A Memo entitled "Banning Conversion Therapy CPS2020-0532 – Stakeholder Engagement"

The following speakers addressed Committee with respect to Report CPS2020-0532:

1. Dr. Kristopher Wells

Councillor Farkas left the Remote Meeting at 11:56 a.m. on May 13 and returned at 03:50 p.m. on May 13.

Pursuant to Section 6(1) of the Procedure Bylaw 35M2017 and by General Consent, Commission suspended Section 78(2)(a), in order to complete Questions of Clarification prior to the scheduled lunch recess.

Committee recessed at 12:08 p.m. on May 13 and reconvened at 1:15 p.m. on May 13 with Councillor Carra in the Chair.

ROLL CALL

Councillor Farrell, Councillor Gondek, Councillor Magliocca, Councillor Carra, Councillor Chu, Councillor Colley-Urquhart, Councillor Davison, Councillor Demong

Councillor Davison rose on a Question of Privilege with respect to clarifying the scope of the item for the public.

Councillor Colley-Urquhart rose on a question for the Clerk with respect to facilitating public participation.

2. Emmanuel Sanchez

Councillor Woolley joined the Remote Meeting at 1:28 p.m. on May 13.

3. Jonathan Taylor

4. Marty Moore

5. Keith Murray

6. Graeme Lauber

7. Salma Stanley-Bhanji

8. Jose Ramos

9. Chantelle Osborne

10. Jen Shukuda

11. Daniel Komori

12. Josh Gayle

13. Crystal Elliott

14. Jeremy Williamson

15. David Macphail

Councillor Magliocca rose on a Point of Order with respect to the process for facilitating remote participation of the public.

16. Colette Hofsink

Committee recessed at 3:15 p.m. on May 13 and reconvened at 3:45 p.m. on May 13 with Councillor Carra in the Chair.

ROLL CALL

Councillor Farrell, Councillor Gondek, Councillor Magliocca, Councillor Carra, Councillor Chu, Councillor Colley-Urquhart, Councillor Davison, Councillor Demong, Councillor Woolley

17. Dave Levson

Councillor Woolley rose on a Point of Order with respect to the remarks made by the speaker.

18. Marie H

19. Brad Osborne

Councillor Woolley rose on a Point of Order with respect to the remarks made by the speaker.

Councillor Gondek left the Remote Meeting at 3:57 p.m. on May 13 and returned at 4:17 p.m on May 13.

20. Brandon Beavan

21. Leslie Montgomery

22. Pam Rocker

23. Dr. Ann Gillies

24. Ian Fraser

- 25. Arthur Schmidt
- 26. Ed Hoogerdyk
- 27. Dave Meyers
- 28. Jason Caldwell

Councillor Woolley rose on a Point of Order with respect to the remarks made by the speaker.

- 29. Michelle Robinson
- 30. Pastor Jon Lim
- 31. Tanya Dale
- 32. Grant Gunnink
- 33. Dan Kowalczyk
- 34. Christine Leonard
- 35. Jonathan Stolarчук
- 36. Sherryl Anderton

ROLL CALL

Councillor Farkas, Councillor Farrell, Councillor Gondek, Councillor Carra, Councillor Chu, Councillor Colley-Urquhart, Councillor Davison, Councillor Demong, Councillor Magliocca, Councillor Woolley

Committee recessed at 6:04 p.m. on May 13 and reconvened at 7:01 p.m. on May 13 with Councillor Carra in the Chair.

ROLL CALL

Councillor Farkas, Councillor Farrell, Councillor Gondek, Councillor Carra, Councillor Chu, Councillor Colley-Urquhart, Councillor Davison, Councillor Magliocca, Councillor Woolley, Councillor Demong

- 37. Priscilla Lipp
- 38. Bryan Thiedemann
- 39. Lucas van Boeschoten
- 40. Romy Garrido
- 41. Leah Nicholson
- 42. Mathew Shurka

43. Daniel Love
44. James Bellamy-Henn
45. Colleen Shantz
46. Jason Fan
47. Jonathan Brower
48. Mary Beamish
49. Gerald Anderson
50. Chelsea Wrightson
51. Kent Priebe
52. Beau Shaw
53. Benjamin Ferland
54. Laura C
55. Craig Buroker
56. Tom Lipp

Moved by Councillor Woolley

That Committee recess today's meeting at 10:30 p.m. and continue at 1:00 p.m. on May 14, to hear from the remaining speakers currently registered with the City Clerk's Office. Members of the public may register to speak until 9:45 p.m. on May 13.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

For: (10): Councillor Carra, Councillor Woolley, Councillor Chu, Councillor Colley-Urquhart, Councillor Davison, Councillor Farkas, Councillor Magliocca, Councillor Demong, Councillor Farrell, and Councillor Gondek

MOTION CARRIED

57. Judy Osborne
58. Jonathan Parks
59. Larry Heather
60. Joanne Edwards
61. Gabriela Carvalho

- 62. Chaz Smith
- 63. Graham Loudon
- 64. Janis Irwin, MLA
- 65. Arif Hirani

Pursuant to Section 6(1) of the Procedure Bylaw 35M2017, as amended, Committee, by General Consent, suspended Section 78(1)(c) in order to complete the remainder of the current panel prior to the evening recess.

- 66. Caitlyn Spencer

Committee recessed at 10:36 p.m. on May 13 and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. on May 14 with Councillor Carra in the Chair.

ROLL CALL

Councillor Woolley, Councillor Carra, Councillor Chu, Councillor Colley-Urquhart, Councillor Davison, Councillor Demong, Councillor Farkas, Councillor Farrell, Councillor Gondek, Councillor Magliocca, Councillor Davison

Committee reconvened at 1:00 p.m. on May 14 with Councillor Carra in the Chair.

ROLL CALL

Councillor Carra, Councillor Chu, Councillor Demong, Councillor Farkas, Councillor Farrell, Councillor Gondek, Councillor Magliocca, and Councillor Woolley.

- 67. Darlene Wurster
- 68. Brian Lavendar
- 69. Barry Danylak
- 70. Jennifer Shankland
- 71. Jennifer Knapton
- 72. Leslie Hill
- 73. Shelby Dewhurst
- 74. Caitlin Flegel
- 75. Sean Buckley
- 76. Mary Donly
- 77. James Demers

78. Stephane Youdom
79. Rachel Bensler
80. Christa Harris
81. Jennifer Takahashi
82. Jason Kingsley
83. John Craig
84. Matt Ashcroft
85. Catharine Williams
86. Anna Murphy
87. Shone Thistle

Pursuant to Section 6(1) of the Procedure Bylaw 35M2017 and by General Consent, Committee suspended Section 32(d) for Shone Thistle to provide an additional statement on behalf of Calgary Pride.

88. David Khan

Committee recessed at 3:16 p.m. on May 14 and reconvened at 3:45 p.m. on May 14 with Councillor Carra in the Chair.

ROLL CALL

Councillor Carra, Councillor Magliocca, Councillor Woolley, Councillor Chu, Councillor Colley-Urquhart, Councillor Davison, Councillor Demong, Councillor Farkas, Councillor Gondek.

Committee, by General Consent, agreed to suspend section 78(2)(c) of the Procedure Bylaw to schedule the dinner recess from 7 – 8pm.

89. Dr. Liza Lorenzetti
90. Veronica Chirino
91. Shafer Parker
92. Margaret Bryan

- 93. Herman Ng
- 94. Parker Chapple
- 95. Sarah Thomas
- 96. Chantelle Wakelin

Councillor Gondek left the Remote Meeting at 4:16 p.m. on May 14 and returned at 4:47 p.m on May 14.

- 97. Tony Snow
- 98. Nik Jarvis
- 99. Subi Subramanie
- 100. Willem Tabak
- 101. Harrison Clark
- 102. Mya Stanton
- 103. David Borkenhagen

Councillor Colley-Urquhart rose on a Point of Order, requesting that images contained in a public submission be removed from the Corporate Record. The Clerk ruled that, as they did not directly pertain to the item they would be removed.

- 104. Craig Hill
- 105. Elliot Rae Cormier
- 106. Grace Buchanan
- 107. Suzana Rymak
- 108. Reid Fiest
- 109. Caeleb Goff
- 110. Michele Suart
- 111. Archie Fields
- 112. Laura Carnegie
- 113. Aurora Bosiak
- 114. Tracy Wylie
- 115. Justin Menzies

116. Adam Lagace

117. Glenn Miguel

118. Mitch Graham

119. JC Rees

120. Garry Dick

Committee, by General Consent, allowed a final speaker, previously missed, to present.

121. Margaret Bryan

Committee recessed at 7:05 p.m. on May 14 and reconvened at 8:04 p.m. on May 14 with Councillor Carra in the Chair.

ROLL CALL

Councillor Carra, Councillor Chu, Councillor Davison, Councillor Demong, Councillor Farrell, Councillor Gondek, Councillor Magliocca, Councillor Woolley.

Councillor Woolley rose on a Point of Order with respect to some Councillors Questions of Clarification. The Chair ruled that the questions were in order.

A clerical correction was noted on page 4 of Report CPS2020-0532 Attachment(s) by adding "7. Public Submissions batch 2", "8. Public Submissions batch 3", "9. Public Submissions batch 4", and "10. Public Submissions batch 5".

Moved by Councillor Woolley

That with respect to report CPS2020-0532, the following be approved:

That the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services recommend that Council give three readings to the proposed Prohibited Businesses Bylaw (Attachment 1).

For: (9): Councillor Carra, Councillor Woolley, Councillor Chu, Councillor Davison, Councillor Farkas, Councillor Magliocca, Councillor Demong, Councillor Farrell, and Councillor Gondek

MOTION CARRIED

8. ITEMS DIRECTLY TO COMMITTEE

8.1 REFERRED REPORTS

None

8.2 NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

None

9. URGENT BUSINESS

None

10. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10.1 ITEMS FROM OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEES

None

10.2 URGENT BUSINESS

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Woolley

That this meeting adjourn at 9:18 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO THE 2020 MAY 25
COMBINED MEETING OF COUNCIL:

CONSENT

- Calgary Police Service Annual Report 2019, CPS2020-0406

ITEMS FROM OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATION, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Banning Conversion Therapy, CPS2020-0532

The next Regular Meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Community and
Protective Services is scheduled to be held, 2020 July 15 at 1:00 p.m.

CONFIRMED BY COMMITTEE ON

CHAIR

ACTING CITY CLERK

**Community Services Report to
SPC on Community and Protective Services
2020 July 07**

**ISC: UNRESTRICTED
CPS2020-0776**

Update on Calgary's Commitment to Anti-Racism

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has directed a Special Meeting of the Standing Policy Committee (SPC) on Community and Protective Services in response to citizen requests to hold a public consultation on systemic racism, to include presentations from an expert panel and opportunities for public submissions. Council has also directed the establishment of an Action Committee to provide advice to Council and Administration on how to develop and advance an Anti-Racism Strategy, and has authorized up to \$250,000 to support collaborative, community-based initiatives to address systemic racism. This report proposes Terms of Reference for the Action Committee (Attachment 1) and for the capacity-building funding opportunity (Attachment 2).

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

That the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services recommend that Council:

1. Approve the Anti-Racism Action Committee Terms of Reference (Attachment 1);
2. Direct that a "What We Heard" report from the public consultation (2020 July 07) be provided to support the development of the Anti-Racism Strategy;
3. Direct the Anti-Racism Action Committee to provide a progress update to the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services no later than Q3 2021; and
4. Approve the Anti-Racism Capacity Building Fund Terms of Reference (Attachment 2).

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

On 2020 June 15, Council approved Notice of Motion C2020-0715 resolving, among other actions, to:

- establish an Anti-Racism Action Committee that is diverse, inclusive and a reflection of Calgary's residents, to be appointed at Council's Organizational Meeting in October 2020; and
- hold a public consultation on systemic racism through a meeting of the SPC on Community and Protective Services which would include presentations from an expert panel and opportunities for public submissions.

Through a motion arising Council authorized up to \$250,000 from the Family and Community Support Services Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding collaborative, community-based capacity-building initiatives that work to address systemic racism and support long-term policy and systems reform in Calgary, and directed that Administration bring an update on this to the Special Meeting of the SPC on Community and Protective Services (2020 July 07) as a part of the work arising from the Notice of Motion, Calgary's Commitment to Anti-Racism.

BACKGROUND

As stated in the Notice of Motion (C2020-0715) "the recent protests as part of the Black Lives Matter movement have articulated the clear and compelling reasons to redouble our efforts to achieve structural adjustments to existing inequalities within our City and our society by listening to and learning from those who have been impacted by systemic racism". In an effort to address and demonstrate The City's commitment to listening and learning from Calgarians, Council directed Administration to organize presentations from an expert panel and provide an

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opportunity for public submissions at a Special Meeting of the SPC on Community and Protective Services.

In addition, and in recognition of the need to invest in community-based organizations to advance systemic change, Council authorized up to \$250,000 to build the capacity of community-based organizations working to undo systemic racism and support long-term policy and systems reform in Calgary (Attachment 2).

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

To advance the establishment of the Anti-Racism Action Committee, Administration conducted a review of relevant existing committee Terms of Reference including options for composition, governance structures and term lengths. Attachment 1 outlines proposed Terms of Reference for the Action Committee. The Action Committee is being proposed as a time-bound committee that will be in place for up to two years or until the Anti-Racism Strategy and implementation plan are approved by Council. If necessary the Action Committee has the ability to extend the term, revise the Terms of Reference (with Council's approval) and recommend options for future governance including but not limited to the continuation of the Action Committee.

To support the future work of the Action Committee, a "What We Heard" report, based on feedback and learnings from the Special Meeting of the SPC on Community and Protective Services, will be prepared and provided for review and consideration.

In order to guide the capacity building investments, Administration has drafted the Anti-Racism Capacity Building Fund Terms of Reference (Attachment 2). The terms of reference are based on funding best-practice including consultation with funders who have previous experience in supporting community-based, capacity-building initiatives or supporting anti-racism initiatives. Administration has received commitment from some funding partners to support the call for funding proposals, contribute to the capacity-building fund and/or participate in the funding proposal adjudication process.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

Recommendations were developed through the following:

- Engagement with community stakeholders including: Action Dignity, Calgary Arts Development Authority, Calgary Mosaic Foundation, Canadian Heritage, Community Wise, The Calgary Foundation and United Way of Calgary and Area.
- Discussions with the Social Wellbeing Advisory Committee regarding the composition of the expert panel and general perspectives, expertise and experience required for anti-racism work
- Internal engagement with representatives including the Indigenous Relations Office, City Clerks and Human Resources.

Strategic Alignment

The report recommendations align with the following City priorities, strategies and results:

- Citizen Priorities: a prosperous city; a city of inspiring neighbourhoods; and a well-run city.
- Quality of Life Results: Calgary is an inclusive city; Calgary is a city of safe and vibrant neighbourhoods; and Calgary is a healthy and equitable city.

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- Council Policies and Strategies: Social Wellbeing Policy; Welcoming Communities Policy; Calgary Local Immigration Partnership; Indigenous Policy; White Goose Flying; Resilient Calgary Strategy; and the Gender Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy.

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

Social: The Action Committee will identify and address systemic racism within The City and advance anti-racism initiatives at the community level, furthering the four principles of the Social Wellbeing Policy: equity, prevention, truth and reconciliation, and culture. Supporting community-based organizations to address racism through capacity-building funds facilitates grassroots collaboration for greater impact.

Environmental: The work of the Action Committee will align with The City's environmental priorities and principles.

Economic: Racism has a significant economic impact on Calgarians and on The City. By working to identify and address systemic barriers and increase inclusion and equity in City service delivery, all Calgarians benefit. Council's investment of \$250,000 will leverage an additional \$350,000 from other funding partners for wider reach and impact.

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

Administration is determining the resource implications of the Anti-Racism Notion of Motion. Some strategies outlined in One Calgary will be re-prioritized and may result in delays and adjustments.

The funds recommended for capacity-building initiatives have no impact on the current or future operating budget as they will be drawn from the FCSS Stabilization Reserve.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

There is no anticipated impact on current capital budgets from undertaking the proposed recommendations.

Risk Assessment

Risk	Mitigation
The Action Committee Terms of Reference may not have the right composition of members and/or committee responsibilities.	The Action Committee will be encouraged to revise its Terms of Reference with Council approval and adjust the Committee's composition as appropriate.
The Action Committee lacks transparency and does not engage appropriately with Calgarians and City staff.	The Action Committee will be encouraged to develop a comprehensive engagement and communication strategy that ensures broad engagement of City staff and Calgarians, with emphasis on hearing the concerns and voices of Black, Indigenous and People of Colour.

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The Action Committee does not create a safe environment that encourages open and generative discussions.	The Action Committee will be assisted by City Administration and outside resources, as appropriate, to support the development of safe and inclusive environments and activities that encourage open and generative dialogue.
Resourcing is adequate to advance the development and implementation of the Anti-Racism Strategy.	Resourcing from existing projects may be required to be reallocated to accommodate this work which may affect The City's ability to complete specific strategies outlined in One Calgary.

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

Approval of the Action Committee's Terms of Reference will allow Administration to meet recruitment timelines for the Organizational Meeting in October 2020. The Action Committee will leverage diverse community perspectives and expertise on anti-racism, diversity and inclusion which will result in improved services to Calgarians. The "What We Heard" report from the 2020 July 07 panel and public submissions will help to inform the Action Committee on the development and implementation of the Anti-Racism Strategy.

Approval of the recommendation to return in Q3 2021 will provide the Action Committee adequate time to achieve significant milestones in the development of the Anti-Racism Strategy before delivering its first update report to the SPC on Community and Protective Services.

Approval of the Anti-Racism Capacity Building Fund Terms of Reference ensures that members of Council are apprised of the parameters associated with the collaborative, community-based anti-racism funding opportunity.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Anti-Racism Action Committee Terms of Reference
2. Anti-Racism Capacity Building Fund Terms of Reference
3. Public Submissions

Anti-Racism Action Committee

Terms of Reference

1. Authority

On 2020 June 15, Council directed, through Notice of Motion, C2020-0715, the establishment of an Anti-Racism Action Committee to be appointed at its Organizational Meeting in 2020 October.

2. Mandate

The Anti-Racism Action Committee will advise Council on the development and implementation of a community-based anti-racism strategy. The Committee will identify systemic barriers to accessing City of Calgary programs and services and recommend actions to address, and identify opportunities to work with community partners and organizations on actions to address structural racism on a community-wide level.

3. Specific Responsibilities

The Anti-Racism Action Committee will be responsible for:

1. Advising on the development and implementation of a community-based anti-racism strategy;
2. Identifying systemic barriers to accessing City of Calgary programs and services;
3. Identifying language barriers in accessing information regarding City of Calgary programs and services;
4. Identifying opportunities to work with community partners and organizations on actions to address structural racism on a community-wide level;
5. Engaging with community stakeholders (including other Council Advisory Committees) on systemic racism and consulting on actions that could be undertaken;
6. Reporting back to Council upon completion of significant milestones, including: a Summary of Community Consultation Themes; Development of Strategy; and Development of Implementation Plan.

4. Reports To

The Anti-Racism Action Committee will provide updates to Council through the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services.

5. Composition

The Anti-Racism Action Committee is meant to comprise a diverse and inclusive membership. It will consist of:

- a. Eleven Calgarians with expertise in challenging structural racism and/or community organizing. Ideal candidates will:
 - i. Leverage lived experienced of racism and/or professional / academic / cultural expertise in anti-racism work;
 - ii. Demonstrate the ability to develop and maintain strong collaborative relationships;
 - iii. Understand the range of human and civil rights issues and the historical origins of systemic racism;
 - iv. Be open to supporting people and communities towards meaningful, positive change;
 - v. Have personal and/or professional community connections that can inform the Committee's work; and
 - vi. Be experienced in supporting or leading anti-racism initiatives.
- b. Up to two members of The City of Calgary Administrative Leadership Team (non-voting).

6. Resources

Support from Administration provided to the Committee may include (but not be limited to) resources from City Clerks, Calgary Neighbourhoods and Customer Services and Communications.

Additional support required to create a safe environment that encourages open and generative conversations will be provided upon the request of the co-chairs.

7. Term

Committee members will be appointed for a two (2) year term or until the adoption of the Anti-Racism Strategy by Council.

8. Quorum

Greater than 50 per cent of voting members.

9. Chair

Co-Chairs are nominated and elected by the Anti-Racism Action Committee and may alternate the Chair position.

10. Meetings

The Anti-Racism Action Committee will meet monthly or at a frequency as determined appropriate by the committee. Meetings will aim to balance transparency with creating a safe and trusting environment. Meetings may be open to the public.

Anti-Racism Capacity-Building Fund

Terms of Reference

Background

At the 2020 June 15 Combined Meeting of Council, Council authorized Administration to access up to \$250,000 from the Family and Community Support Services Stabilization Fund for "... collaborative, community-based capacity-building initiatives that work to undo systemic racism and support long-term policy and systems reform in Calgary."

Purpose

The purpose of the Anti-Racism Capacity-Building Fund is to provide support for community-based initiatives that combat systemic racism and promote long-term policy and systems reform in Calgary. These initiatives must be aligned to the Social Wellbeing Policy, White Goose Flying Report, the Gender Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy, Resilient Calgary Strategy or other policy documents.

Eligibility

Funds will be available through a call for funding proposal process that will open in 2020 July. This funding opportunity is open to community-based organizations that have previous experience of collaborating with others to work to undo the racism and discrimination embedded in various systems, policies, and institutions, and that perpetuate a cycle of exclusion, marginalization or poverty. Funding will be directed to community-based organizations that demonstrate:

- Registration under the Societies Act or the Companies Act in Alberta, or the Federal Not-for-profit Corporations Act, and operating within Calgary's city limits;
- Collaboration with other community-based organizations that are working to undo systemic racism and support long-term policy and systems reform in Calgary;
- Previous experience in collaborative anti-racism efforts;
- Experience using an intersectional approach to address the compounding impact of various forms of discrimination;
- Capacity and competency to act/respond in a timely manner once funding is provided;
- Priority will be given to organizations led by community members directly impacted by racism.

Evaluation criteria

Applicants must demonstrate how their initiative achieves one or more of the following outcomes:

1. Form and create sustainability plans for new collaborative initiatives between two or more organizations to advance anti-racism. OR Strengthen and create sustainability plans for existing collaborative initiatives between organizations to advance anti-racism.
2. Develop strategies and implementation plans for policy change that works to undo systemic racism.
3. Identify service gaps, develop strategies and implementation plans for system change that works to undo systemic racism.
4. Attend, develop, or deploy training/education to further anti-racism work (can include training/education focused on capacity to do policy/system change work).

Funding Recommendations and Decision

Applications received from the call for funding will be assessed by a review panel, comprised of staff from Calgary Neighbourhoods, The Calgary Foundation, United Way of Calgary and Area, Canadian Heritage, and Calgary Arts Development Authority. Final funding recommendations will be made by Calgary Neighbourhoods and approved by appropriate signing authorities within City Administration.



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* Subject Race and the criminalization of homelessness

* Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

Please find attached my letter detailing my hopes for how the city can address homelessness, which is a complex issue that involves race, policing, and a lack of adequate services for individuals attempting to exit homelessness.

The City of Calgary needs to cut funding to the Calgary Police Service, which is grossly overfunded in comparison with other sectors. Many other areas of our city need greater funding, including a focus on addressing the systemic racism that exists within CPS. One outcome of the systemic racism present in CPS is the over-policing of the homeless population, which includes an overrepresentation of Indigenous peoples, immigrants, refugees, and people of color.

The criminalization of homelessness means that individuals who are in need of assistance are caught in a cycle of poverty through ticketing, court dates, and a lack of appropriate services needed in order to exit homelessness – including addictions services, mental health services, more transitional housing programs, and greater funding to shelters and safe-injection sites.

Programs need to be developed to respond to non-violent 911 calls – including for individuals who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol, loitering, individuals who are out in the cold, and other 911 calls related to complaints about individuals who appear to be homeless. Armed, uniformed police officers are not the appropriate people to be responding to these incidences. DOAP team is an amazing example of what can be done instead of phoning the police for these issues. More funding should be allocated to programs such as DOAP team, or new programs that emulate the values of organizations like Alpha House, and whose goals are to protect these individuals instead of treating them like criminals.

Poverty and homelessness are not individual failings, but a failing of the system to protect the most vulnerable.

Jacey Magnussen



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* Subject 811 (HealthLink) Questionnaire Script

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The medical script used for medical interviews on health link does not take into account that not everyone is white. Questions like "Is the area red" "Is the patient turning blue" are questions a black or dark skinned individual will be unable to answer due to the fact that these "symptoms" are not physically visible with black, brown or darker skin tones. And with these scripts being unanswered, the medical rep is unable to accurately advice on the situation which then requires either a visit to the clinic or worse the emergency. The script needs to account for all races and not just caucasians.

Also there are racist doctors in our societies. Case in point Silverado Medical Clinic.I reported the incident on the RATE-MY-MD site (twice) and guess what- it was taken down.



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* Subject Systemic Racism

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I am a male from Nigeria. Since the uptick in media coverage on racism, I have done some research. This is because the message and narrative portrayed by the media, has not been one which speaks for me, my family or any of my friends and relatives who were fortunate enough to come Canada. From my research, I noticed one thing - no body can point anything about the beautiful system we have which is systemically racist. People being prejudice, and people being racist - is different than quote unquote "systemic racism". I ask anyone to point a canadian law which is racist. Being poor in Canada is being lazy. No one in my family is as successful as me, because they are all lazy. I think this is a huge waste of taxpayer time and money.



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* Subject Acknowledgement of the Past and Present and Creation of New Path for the Future

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I am a fifth generation of my family born in Canada.
I am a Black Women.
I have earned a degree.
I have owned homes.
I have absolutely experienced witnessed racism administered subtly and overtly. The fear is retaliation for standing up, speaking out.

I have had to bear the weight of self knowledge due to the deliberate lack of balance, accuracy in the education system of the contributions of all people to the foundations of Canada.

I represent all 5 generations who endured violence, aggression, being marginalized, discounted and I want to participate fully in the discussion, the planning, the destruction of the flawed system and to the ultimate creation of programs, systems that address and define a path forward.



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I am not quite sure if building an anti-racist city is at all possible when we have a provincial government that just passed Bill 1-- a colonial, capitalist, catastrophic, and racist bill that blatantly targets Indigenous protesters--alongside a myriad of austerity budget cuts that disproportionately impact BIPOC communities. You cannot have an anti-racist city if you 1) keep increasing CPS and RCMP budgets, 2) have a premier whose speechwriter is a residential school denier, 3) refuse to listen to Indigenous protesters, 4) misguide Calgarian youth into thinking colonialism and racism briefly manifested as residential schools in the past and now we are a post-racial, post-feminist peace-keeping country. Lastly, we can't claim to be an anti-racist society so long as we are a capitalist society because capitalism is an inherently racist ideology. So while I appreciate the City of Calgary's efforts to move in the right direction given public pressure, I hope that we are able to be really honest about the scope, depth, and urgency of these efforts.

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* Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I would like this document to be added to the voices to be heard on July 7 at the public consultation on systemic racism through the meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services.
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Dear City Council,

I wish to raise my voice as a born and raised Calgarian and as a new and learning ally to the BIPOC persons of our city. I must admit that I have not been a very politically active person in the past and I have come to learn that this is part of the privilege of my skin color and my social-economic class because the laws and services such as education and law enforcement often naturally work in my and my families favor. I want to start using my privilege and voice to stand by those who have been poorly represented and supported in our city and country.

So here I am. My name is Larissa Knibbs. I am a white woman, married to a white man, with 3 white children. We have lived in multiple areas of the city from bankview, to parkdale, in bowness and now live in Beddington. I work as a Registered Nurse at the Alberta Children's Hospital in the Emergency Department. I would say in my experience that there are a number of barriers to health and safety that exist for BIPOC persons in our city, most prevalently with our Indigenous populations. And I have unfortunately witnessed treatment of BIPOC patients that has been less dignified, less patient, and more forceful by both CPS and EMS. From what I have seen and heard from many frontline workers there are existing biases that affect the responses that are elicited towards BIPOC persons in our communities when they are using services such as CPS, EMS and ERs. Racism is here. It's living in our city. In our schools, in our hospitals, in our policing and prison systems. It will be complicated to root out racism in our services and it's overwhelming to consider where or even how to start. Being a new learner to this topic I am hesitant to make demands about how to proceed next but I see our education system as a natural jumping point. We should begin to correct what and how we are teaching about Canada's history. Hiding behind the mask of Canadian kindness and politeness is not serving us. We need to be real about how our country came to be and who suffered most for it. Let our children learn and be our teachers too.

Thank you for beginning the work by listening in this meeting and I will continue to work personally and politically in the work that moves us from listening to doing because I want to live in a city where everyone feels valued, respected, and safe.



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It is important to understand first and foremost that systemic racism exists within our society and in Calgary. However, there are many within our community who deny it, perhaps, because they're privileged and have not experienced it or are deliberately ignoring it for fear of their own insecurities. In order to address systemic racism, we first have to recognize that it exists. There are several steps the city of Calgary can take in addressing systemic racism including reviewing the use of force and de-escalating training programs at the Calgary police.

In addition, providing Indigenous cultural training programs in collaboration with indigenous groups is vital. The city can also work with the Calgary police in ensuring that people of colour and racialized minorities can easily report cases of racial abuse. These are some of the many ideas that the council will receive during this consultation. The talking point shouldn't be whether any action will be taken but rather when will action be taken. Anti-racism has been given a lot of lip service in the past month, it's time for city councillors and Calgarians alike to turn words into action.

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Outlined personal experiences and list of things we should try to address either as a city or in partnership with the province (i.e Labour)

City of Calgary: Anti-Racism Public Consultations

July 1, 2020

Suggestions are a result of personal experience with racism and systemic racism for entire life. I am also Canadian, born in Alberta. Experiences include but not limited to:

- Racism from teachers in school
- Being attacked or confronted for being Asian in public places
- Being asked to go back to my own country while out in public places
- Being accosted and asked where I am from in random public places
- Being touched or having my hair randomly touched by people
- Not being allowed to take the exact same training programs at work that my white male peers have been allowed to take
- Not being allowed to be promoted to more challenging roles when I find a way to get trained and succeed on my own while white male peers can
- Being paid \$30,000 LESS than my white male peers even if I graduated before them
- Being treated like I am less skilled or knowledgeable than white male peers in interviews when I have clearly gone through more training, acquired more skills and obtained a diverse set of experiences in comparison to the white male or white female applying for same roles
- Being bullied at work for performing
- Being told to not work as hard
- Having my scientific recommendations ignored by majority of white male peers (& woman of color leader with internalized sexism/racism) all who have ZERO experience in my skillset, in work where lives could be at risk
- Being characterized as not a leader when too soft spoken/gentle or characterized as non-collaborative or aggressive when I speak up or provide information people don't like
- Being physically pushed in front of large group meeting by older white male peer and everyone thinking it's ok and funny that I am Interrupted and forced back to my seat
- In panel Interview, had one white male interviewer lay his head down on his arm on the table while I'm being interviewed & Panel challenging me why I don't have a second degree (not essential for the role, nor was it asked for, had a certificate) for the role in addition to my current degree (for the role), systemic racism is at play here
- White Feminism/White Saviors: muting/ignoring my voice when it comes to addressing systemic racism
- Note: APEGA will never enforce any sort of equity in business as it states it is a regulatory body, not an advocacy group
- Financial struggles due to lack of proper pay entire career where there is no way to go for impartial HR pay advice, or financial planning advice

Recommendations:

- CCTV in parks & public spaces that STORE FOOTAGE FOR AT LEAST 3 months

- Change labour laws for businesses
- Roll out interview and candidates selection strategies b/c Calgary is notorious for saying they will only hire the best Candidate but their candidates are predominantly white men, men or white women
- Fair and purposeful selection and support for BIPOCs for interviews and fair selection for hire.
- Subsidized business training programs for BIPOC professionals to reach positions of influence/leadership (with proven examples of successful work ethic and list of achievements. BIPOC self achieve a lot, despite challenges from systemic racism but those achievements are always ignored or weighted against privileged whites who get support to gain those achievements)
- Allow for anonymous whistleblowing of all business in Calgary that support systemic racist behavior where evidence of lack (barriers) of career development or solid business recommendations are dismissed from BIPOC in support of white leadership with little to no experience (B/C HR supports CEOs, leaders & boards vs. Creating safe and healthy workplaces)
- Whistleblowing for racist/sexist behaviors in all local businesses (B/C HR supports CEOs, leaders & boards vs. Creating safe and healthy workplaces)
- Well communicated Anti Racism resources when in business and STEM for BIPOCs to make sure we get paid fairly and can deal with this at work
- Anti Racism messages around the city: See something, say something messaging to all people to step in when racist behavior occurs
- BIPOC representation in Media & boards
- More Indigenous celebrations and awareness activities
- Increase Indigenous art Through out the City
- More programs/museums (permanent) displays of racialized history. Educate the population. Too many white people benefiting from the system do not think racism is real.
- Diverse/inclusive advertising
- Marketing/advertising regulations so BIPOCs are not always displayed negatively on advertising (ie Alcohol poster (ALGC) with pregnant black woman all over the city, % of that poster all over the city is more than the white woman)
- Stop Cultural Appropriated businesses by allowing for anonymous whistleblowing (people profiting from appropriation needs to stop)
- Have local website displaying counts and details of complaints to businesses for racist complaints and cultural appropriation
- Almost All the Oil & Gas Businesses in Calgary have ZERO Indigenous Representation or Indigenous Leaders LEADING the Indigenous/Investor Relation programs in companies, their reason, Indigenous don't want the jobs. This is a Lie. They choose white people to do these racialized role where if there is an Indigenous person, they are doing administrative work or a treated as a token team member
- Community after school programs to help marginalized or at risk youth, esp young ladies get community support

- Community support groups for mothers
- More social worker funding, growth, and program development for communities needing it
- More BIPOC in STEM marketing and support. We exist but leave due to the intense systemic racism and burdens we have to carry in business with little reward
- Programs to teach, support BIPOCs to address inequity in communities and workplace
- Fair pay check and impartial resources to help BIPOCs get fair pay in their jobs
- Subsidized housing and transportation for BIPOCs attempting to work and finish school/post secondary on their own in areas close to transportation
- Financial Planners, available to all people who need support in managing their money for Bill's, save gas and how to maximize financial opportunities or programs to help move forward financially
- Education - Learn all of Canadian History properly
- Provide Subsidized counseling for BIPOC when it comes to systemic racism & overt racism; many are now having to relive/revisit life pain due to all the emotional and psychological labour required just to survive the system and be vulnerable to help push change
- Push to have majority of programs lead by BIPOCs unless white voices are well educated and demonstrate real allyship to BIPOCs in the Anti-racism space. Some white allies struggle with white feminist or white savior behavior which drives their perceived solutions for addressing racism without actually understanding or listening to racialized voices.



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Additional information. This just happened today. Speaking up, supporting BIPOC education, experiences, stories and having an opinion triggers white people to attack us.

City Of Calgary: Anti-racism Public Consultations pt. II comments
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Extremely real experience due to recent awareness of Indigenous issues and BLM:

Systemic Racism, and racism is real. People, typically white, do not experience this. I have simply been sharing articles on BLM, Covid (ie wear a mask), Indigenous education and other race related issues on my Facebook and IG. The posts I repost tend to be in circulation already. I even posted in the City's public consultations which is helpful for some people.

Since the BLM protests I have been challenged by white men who get upset at my posts. Today, I shared a really good map of all the Residential Schools in Canada. It was a great tool to see the history and how they were scattered across Canada. This led to me being accosted, now, on FB, by a wealthy white man, a ex-peer, I used to work at the same company with for only about 4 years. Me sharing information on residential schools triggered him to tell me, a woman of color, I needed to be grateful because I got to have a job 6 years ago at some company. Also, although people thought I was being paid like everyone else, I wasn't, I discovered being paid quite a bit less from my peers. Apparently sharing BIPOC information means I am somehow ungrateful. I was born here, I worked full time and put myself through university, I pay my taxes, and I get to experience white people telling me how I should feel. In case this may seem like I am lying, I'm not. I'm including screenshots of the comments so the City can see what I go through.

This is how I am treated when I have an opinion. Whether it is on race or science, apparently I'm not supposed to have an opinion and just be a model minority. We can't make a better City to combat the technological challenges we are struggling with if we are reluctant to break down the systemic mindset and barriers silencing voices and opinions from those BIPOC educated in the field.



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As a victim of police violence, I want the city to take steps to prevent violence against Calgary's civilian population by the police force of the city. The City of Calgary should takes to ensure the Calgary Police Service(CPS) does not use deadly force on people who are unarmed and the city should impress on the province to make access police incident report public. The city should make all effort to prevent contact between the police force and people who are mentally ill. This is very essential in the post covid era. On Covid, we should mandate the wearing of mask.



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Hello,

My name is Stephanie Solomon and I am writing city council regarding the Public Inquiry on Racism. I am a black person who has lived in Calgary almost all my life. Calgary is generally a safe place to live, but there is still problem when it comes to systemic racism. The reality is some of the people enacting racist acts do not know what racism is even to spot it. When they are called on it, they are shocked and reply, "that is not what I meant" or, "I don't mean you". This atmosphere makes racism harder to confront, and I have often had to decide what battles do I have to engage in – especially because of the colour of my skin tagging me as an "angry black woman."

Here is an example: I was in Walmart looking at a container of raspberries to see if any had gone moldy. An older white lady came up to me and said, "you are not supposed to open those". I told her I was just looking to see if any went bad. She went on to say, "you are not supposed to eat those", and then walked away. I felt *singled out*, because I looked and saw other people doing the same thing. I also felt what can I do? I don't want to make a scene and she is old. My not wanting to make a scene, is why that lady could go away feeling like she did something okay.

Another example: I went to a Stampede breakfast and stood in line with my friend who happened to be Asian. A white lady told me I needed to get in line. I realized *she did not think I was with the Asians I was standing beside* - like black people cannot have Asian friends? She thought I was budging. That made we want to say something, but I just stayed in place and talked to my friends so others could see I was with them. Again, I was singled out for the colour of my skin. Again, I did not want to make a scene and be tagged as the, "angry black woman".

People need to know clearly what the systemic part of racism is, especially white people given their majority status, in order to see it and stop it. Calgary is safer than other places, but that does not make it easy. Thank you for letting me speak, but please do not let it stand there. Do something tangible with policy, education, policing, and understanding, or this consultation becomes the tokenism that city council is trying to avoid.

Stephanie Solomon

<http://www.aclrc.com/liberal-racism> a definition of Liberal Racism



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Calgary is my birthplace and although it is a relatively safe place there have been jarring incidents of covert and overt racism that will not allow me to call this place home. If I told you every encounter that I have experienced due to me being a black woman this would become a novel so I will only share with you two experiences of many that I have experienced though my 36 years of life on this earth.

I used to show houses for Calgary Housing rental properties and upon leaving the neighborhood of Queensland I was going through a playground zone 5km faster than I should have been. I was abruptly jarred out of my mistake with being screamed at from a man calling me a "stupid black bitch and a nigger". Needless to say I was so shaken by the incident not because it had not happened before but because my daughter was in the car with me. I tried to keep it together but I began crying uncontrollably as I realized that like me I would have to explain that this is how the world is to my very young daughter at the earlier age of 4. One year earlier than my first experience with the N word.

My next experience also had me showing a rental property. I was standing outside the home of a property in the community of Auburn Bay as I was waiting for a client to show up and view the property a man pulled up. I then immediately received a text that said "hey I'm at the property and a couple of niggs are out front. The client not only had the audacity to text me by accident, he had the audacity to think the leasing agent would be just as racist as him to share in his views. And on top of that could not fathom that a black woman could actually be the woman showing him the property. Like I said one experiences of many day in and day out of exhausting, disgusting and



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racist displays that I have learned to deal with on a daily basis.
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I have decided to submit my experiences. While I am white, I have experience in practicing anti-racism. I have seen several cases of the last years where systemic racism was not acknowledged. I have also seen that these practices are harmful for BIPOC employees and clients. Furthermore, I have seen how the term inclusion is abused to feed into white supremacy. I am aware that it is a complicated topic but I don't think that there is enough work done to dismantle white supremacy/ systemic racism. I hope that this will change in the future.

Systemic Racism in Not-for-Profit Organizations

Based on my experience in the not-for-profit organizations I was part of, I believe that systemic racism/ white supremacy is a huge problem that is neither acknowledged nor appropriately addressed. Although I am white, I am deeply concerned about this lack of actions when it comes to unlearning white supremacy/ systemic racism in Calgary.

I participated in an AROC (Anti-Racist Organizational Change) training for one not-for-profit organization I was part of. During the training, I noticed the hostility towards BIPOC people and the lack of awareness of white colleagues on how to respond more healthily. Furthermore, it showed that the organization was based on white supremacy structures (in itself, a work environment that is based on white supremacy is toxic and harmful for BIPOC employees). During the training, I noticed that there was a lot of work to do for the organization to dismantle systemic racism and white supremacy within their organization and the community they work with. I set up a meeting with the Executive Director to make suggestions about how to further the work (e.g. setting up a change management project, trainings on how to overcome white fragility). However, the Executive Director ignored my suggestions and the organization did not put any effort to practice anti-racism after the training. Over the following months, I tried to create a dialogue with the Executive Director about unlearning white supremacy. I don't know whether it was a lack of knowledge. When I suggested a strategy that would give this organization more responsibility concerning anti-racist work, the Executive Director aggressively shut me down. I left the organization because I consider the non-action of the organization as unethical. After all, it is harmful to BIPOC people. As long as they don't take action to internally dismantle white supremacy they will continue to feed into systemic racism. Structures of white supremacy are a constant and continuous abuse of power.

One AROC training is not enough to unlearn systemic racism in an organization. If the principles are not put into practice, it will not change anything. White employees need to learn healthy behaviours to learn and talk about systemic racism/ unlearning white supremacy. Many white employees use white fragility to avoid talking about racism. This behaviour feeds into white supremacy. Systemic racism in an organization involves an organizational change process that changes the way white employees think and behave as well as the policies they create. This process will take time and effort. I am concerned because AROC is only an option for an organization (and I heard several white social workers say that "anti-oppression" is not needed). I am wondering how organizations can be held accountable for specific outcomes to dismantle white supremacy and put them into action.

Another organization I was part of had an "Equity and Inclusion" committee that was attended only by white employees. I brought up the point that we cannot claim to be inclusive if BIPOC employees do not attend the meeting. I was also wondering why no BIPOC employee was willing to attend the meeting. There was no intention of the committee to change anything. Nobody asked any critical questions (e.g. why do black employees not show up to these meetings, how systemic racism was playing out in the organization). I had several unofficial conversations with BIPOC employees and they confirmed that they did not feel safe or included. Even I, as a white person, did not feel included based on the lack of honest and critical conversations about the reality of systemic racism. The organization's leadership continued to

claim how great and inclusive they were. After a year, I had the impression that the committee served for the only purpose that white employees felt better about themselves (or to please the funders). I dropped out of the committee because I did not see that there was any interest to acknowledge or address systemic racism or unlearn white supremacy. I had a conversation with the committee lead about my reason to drop out (i.e. the unwillingness to address racism and oppression). While he confirmed that I knew more about the topic than any other committee member, he did not care to change anything. I also heard other white employees saying that anti-oppression work is not necessary and I heard volunteers saying racist comments about Indigenous people, however, the organization did not call anything out or educate employees or volunteers about healthy behaviours to deal with white privilege. As a final step, I send a letter to the leadership team when they asked for feedback on their inclusion and diversity strategy. I included questions and suggestions on how the organization could improve to become more inclusive but I never received an answer. I left the organization because they did not do anything to practice anti-racism and I was not in a position where I had the power to change anything. I don't think that Canada will ever have an inclusive society if the power structures of white supremacy are not dismantled.

The lack of anti-racist practice is dangerous and harmful for BIPOC employees and BIPOC clients. The harm that is done to BIPOC people due to systemic racism is a constant theme that shows up in every research I do.

For example, I am a counsellor and I do workshops about suicide prevention for queer people. Due to racial profiling, BIPOC clients are often harmed by the police and don't trust the police. White supremacy/ systemic racism also leads to double discrimination for BIPOC queer people. These factors influence the risk of suicide. To address it appropriately in suicide prevention, I need to critically reflect that it might be far more traumatizing for black people to call the police in case of immediate danger of suicide than for a white person. If I assess needs for programs, I need to critically reflect and research about the different experiences of white people (who will not be racially profiled) and BIPOC people (who deal with racial profiling). I also need to address the barriers that BIPOC people might experience to access service. I haven't seen any of this critical thinking in the organizations I worked in. The power structures were set up to support white people and to keep them comfortable so that they did not have to address racism.

As another example is the war on drugs in Canada that is used against BIPOC people. BIPOC people experience an increase in racial profiling which also affects their mental health negatively.

Overall, I consider systemic racism a profound problem in the society in Calgary based on my experiences over the last three years. I have not yet met a BIPOC person in Calgary who has not experienced racism. While I love and care for Calgary, I am also heartbroken by the lack of responsibility, action, and concern to dismantle white supremacy/ systemic racism. The Canadian society was built on white supremacy and it seems like that there never has been made any effort to dismantle it. This is the reality, whether (white) people like to hear it or not. I don't think that freedom of speech should be used to normalize racism. I am deeply concerned that anti-racist practice/ dismantling white supremacy is only an option and not an obligation for not-for-profit

organizations because it won't help us to create a healthier and more just society. My hope for the future is that we start to take action and dismantle white supremacy.



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Thank you for taking the time to read my comments. Growing up, I moved from Canada to the southern United States where I experienced overt and at times terrifying acts of racism. My decision to move back to Canada as an adult was largely based on the belief that Canada was not racist like the United States. Sadly, this is not the truth. Since moving to Calgary, me and my family have been subjected to acts of racism in the workplace, schools, daycare, on public transportation, walking and even outside our own home. While the racism was often more subtle than what I experienced in the United States, it was no less harmful. Our experience in Calgary is evidence of the overwhelming presence of systemic racism throughout this city. Racism exists and is insidious within the foundations of a city we love and call home. It has limited my career and caused trauma in my children. My question is how this city plans to create accountability when it comes to systemic racism? The changes will take a long time and your residents need to see a plan that contains specific steps and requires concrete evidence of change. We need to see that you have worked with community leaders from marginalized groups, and compensated them for their labour. We need to see that anti-racism within the city goes beyond clicking the diversity checkbox.



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To: City Council Members

Hello,

My name is Neelam Pannu, this submission is in regard to the upcoming discussion and reflection to begin anti-racist policy changes in Calgary. A little background, I was born and raised in Calgary by parents who immigrated to Calgary from India in the 1970s. My first recollection of racism was at around 5-6 years old. I was walking to school and had an older man yell 'GO HOME PAKI' from a moving vehicle. At around the same age, on Halloween I was almost hit by a car with teenagers swearing at me and calling me a 'Paki'. This was in a residential area and my sister saved my life. I recall being called racial slurs in school, at which time my parents told me to inform the teacher. I remember the teacher did not act on this and the student kept at it. When I moved from the NE to the NW (grade 4), I found that I was the only student of colour in a school of white students and teachers. This began a period of my life where I was often ostracized and made to feel inferior directly and indirectly by my peers. This included direct bullying. I have gone through Elementary, Junior High and High school with only White teachers, principals, counseling staff etc. I know this was also the case for many of my peers. I completed 5-years at University of Calgary (beginning in 2005) and through all of that, I only had 2 teachers of colour. One of which taught sociology of race and ethnicity. I went on to complete my Masters and Doctorate in the US, where again I had only White teachers.

I say this to illustrate how those who educate us have immense power to make positive change or to sit back and do nothing to ensure the safety & education of all of their students. I recall a counselor in Junior High who stated I would not be able to become a Doctor and I should aspire to something that fit with who I am. At that age, I didn't understand why this assumption was made because I knew myself to be a hard worker. After talking to many of my peers who are South Asian, Black, or from other minority groups, this is something that they have also been told when they were young. I am happy to say that this White counselors' biases did not stop me from pursuing and succeeding at making my dreams a reality. But this individual should not have been able to abuse their power and allow their racist ideas to create additional mental barriers towards children of colour.

The first step to creating an anti-racist society is through education. Racism, biases, and de-programming children to believe that our differences are negative needs to be highlighted in our educational programs. Being 'colour-blind' does not work. Children pick up biases at a very young age and will act on these if given the freedom to do so. Which they have been. Another huge piece of our education that is missing is Black Canadian history. This is a very real part of Canadian history and it should be a part of our mandatory education. There are many Canadians who have no clue that slavery existed in Canada. By erasing this history, we continue to act like we are 'blameless' in the way that Black Canadians are statistically over-policed, denied the same access to mental health care as White Canadians in a crisis situation, suspended/reprimanded by teachers, and imprisoned etc. Every individual who does not have the education and awareness of racism on an individual and systemic level will continue to perpetuate racist ideas and policies. So, education is key. On the level of City Council and other

areas, creating a framework for education is needed. There are many books like 'How to be an Anti-Racist – Ibram X Kendi, 'Policing Black Lives: State Violence in Canada From Slavery to the Present – Robyn Maynard, and so on) that can be used to begin this education on a personal and group level. This can be done by working with groups like Black Lives Matter Canada (and local groups) to build these frameworks.

In addition, we need to see more representation of Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour in authority positions. This includes, teachers, counselors, principals, professors, doctors, counselors, politicians, council members and so on. This goes beyond having 1 person to represent all minority groups, the representation should reflect the population as much as possible on all levels. When we have appropriate representation, then changes can actually be made because there will be a variety of viewpoints and we won't be relying on the lack of education/ awareness by White people who hold authority positions. In this way we can work together and build a city that flourishes.

The way in which the city responds to and disperses funds is reflected by this ignorance. Predominant White populated areas like the SW gain a high amount of city funds to have beautiful parks/trees in residential areas, along with well-maintained malls and other businesses. In NE Calgary, an area where many People of Colour live, is often neglected as seen by the poor quality of materials used to build homes, the lack of nature around homes etc. With the recent hail and thunderstorms, the people in Skyview and Saddleridge experienced massive damage to their homes and cars. When Calgary experienced mass flooding years ago that affected homes by downtown, there was a mass call to help by the city. But, where was the help now? How has the city been addressing these flooded areas and the property damage? How are the people who reside in these areas being supported, especially because this damage is happening at a time where people are already suffering loss from COVID-19. These are things that must be fixed. The city should not be creating 'ghettos' by denying appropriate care and funding to certain areas of the city. The fact that these areas can be clearly defined by predominantly immigrant/People of Colour verses predominantly White is a reflection of how racist policies can be very intentional in the damage they create and allow.

In regard to policing – statistics show that Black and Indigenous people are specifically targeted, over-policed and experience more police brutality than their White counterparts. This cannot go on. Again, anti-racism education is needed, representation is needed but even more importantly, we can't have the police doing jobs they are not trained for. This means, they should not be the first ones called to address domestic violence, homelessness, mental health crises and so on. Our funding should be diverted to other avenues like mental health services, addiction counseling/care, preventing homelessness etc. We should be dedicating our funds to preventing situations that could lead to violence. We must recognize the historical role of the police when the institution was initially created. How they were used to target and suppress Indigenous communities. If we don't fix the root of the problem, then we will have the same outcome over and over again.

Overall, racist policies need to be addressed in EVERY system we have – from healthcare, policing, education, technology, business, real estate, politics etc. Racist ideas create racist policies which then cause harm to our people. This will be work that requires long-term attention. It is great we are starting by giving people the platform to speak and express their concerns/ ideas. I hope this continues long-term and the suggestions that are put forth are put into motion.

Thank you for your time,

Neelam Pannu



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* Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

Hi All,
I am Venkatesh an immigrant came to Canada in 2014. From then till I got arrested .I don't realize how racism exists in a subtle manner. I am facing serious charges because of allegations made by my xwife. I don't want to go to specifics because the matter is in court now. One thing I can say here is, The cop who arrested me is totally biased and want me to be in jail more than my xwife. I am going through a lot of mental stress and suicide thoughts due to the way how everything is unfolding. The cop is threatening me in different ways. I don't even know how approach this systemically. The world seem what George Floyd gone through on camera there are lot of stories offline and no one cares about them because they are not the one who through these.

Thank you
Venkatesh



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Good morning,

As an Indian Canadian racism has been a steady part of my life but not usually in an overt way. The racism I face on a daily bases is covert. It is disguised under back handed compliments and the veil of anonymity. But I am a well spoken, Canadian born, light skinned Indian with no accent and the privilege I have with that is very rarely is the racism directly to my face in an obvious way. Others unfortunately don't have that privilege. They are judged first on the way they look and talk and determined to be an issue. Overt and covert racism need to be addressed. There needs to be systematic changes in how we deal with them.

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Laws need to be changed to protect vulnerable people. We did this in a heartbeat with covid but have dragged our feet for years with racism. Hate speech should come with accountability. We need to provide proper resources to situations instead of throwing untrained police at them. Mental health checks should be led by psychologists not police. Homeless complaints should be led by shelters not by police. Schools need more teachers, counselors ect not police. Etc. In each of these situations it's not about getting rid of the police but sending people out that will deescalate situations and/or stop them before they start.

Beyond legal changes we need to start showing more cultural events in the same way that we cover the stampede for a solid 2 weeks. Get bodies out there. Help organizers

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bring it to communities.

I would also like to see anti racism taught in school. Have history from around the globe, and not just as a "multi-cultural" day but as a part of the curriculum. Do not celebrate racist "heroes". Yes talk about them, but not all history needs to be celebrated. We do not celebrate the holocaust, yet we learn so it doesn't happen again. Whether this means adding to social studies or created a new class that teaches world history and anti-racism. Bring more diverse reading into schools. I want my Indian child to see herself in books.

I will end this by saying that we can all do better. Whether we are BIPOC or white, we can do better. We all have underlying biases that we need to address and unlearn. White supremacy isn't just something that is inside white people. It has been so engrained in our cultural, minds and hearts that it is inside most of us. I have been shocked how much exists when I look inside myself. I will do the work so I don't pass this on to my child. Will you?



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Please see attached document to be included in the Anti-Racism Public Consultation.

July 3, 2020

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Anti-Racism Public Consultation

Dear City Council and Council Committees,

My name is Justin Solamillo, and I am a cis-gendered, Filipino-Canadian living in Calgary. I have lived in Alberta since 2011, and have experienced racism in the short time I have lived here. I currently am working as a social worker in the area of non-profit governance support and anti-oppressive practice.

Nature of racism in Calgary

I was born in Vancouver and spent most of my life living there. I also spent considerable time living in New York City. Experiences in arguably the most diverse cities in the world, I never really was aware of my racial location than living in Calgary. Early days living in the City, many of my friends warned me of going to certain establishments without the accompaniment of "white people," as it would not be a good idea, and potentially pose a danger to me. I married a Caucasian woman and we continue to get odd looks as we live our day-to-day life, even to the point where one woman in our neighbourhood did not believe we were married, assuming that our Caucasian male friend was her spouse.

The City should oppose racist policies from all orders of government

The challenge with viewing racist policies, is people often view racist policies as something explicit, where we are calling for the dismantling of implicit structures that continue to benefit one part of society over the other. Applying a critical lens to policies at all levels of government can help identify who benefits from a policy and who does it harm. Inclusion of voices that the policy may affect would also be helpful in the process, as we are aware that the forming of these policies usually include policy analysts, lawyers, government officials and people that do not necessarily have lived experience in the policies that could affect people every day.

Make funding accessible and equitable for BIPOC grassroots groups

This does not necessarily need to be a City task. There are many foundations and charities in the City supporting BIPOC grassroots groups. Should City funding become available, the City can very well trust organizations like the Calgary Foundation to distribute funds. The challenge is that most funding is available to charities only, which many BIPOC grassroots group are not. Create accountability structures for funding where funding is aligned with mission and goals of an organization, no matter what incorporation status they hold. The City may neglect supporting great work by grassroots groups because they are not incorporated. This continues to perpetuate the structural injustice even at the non-profit level, because of the access of incorporation that some organizations have over others.

Going beyond tokenism – Need more BIPOC leaders in influential positions

This is not just a ‘Calgary problem,’ all over the province and country there is a lack of representation of BIPOC individuals in influential positions. This challenge is seen at all levels of government, private and non-profit sector. Speaking as a Filipino-Canadian, one of the largest immigrant groups in Canada, there is a large discrepancy in representation at leadership levels. There are great Filipino-Canadian leaders in the community, like the Cala’s and Lourdes Juan, however, given the population of Filipino’s in Calgary alone (according to the 2016 Census, Calgary has had the largest percentage increase in Filipino’s across all major Canadian cities), we are grossly under-represented in influential positions in the City. I know the City has done great work in helping citizens learn about City Hall and the functions of government, however, this is not necessarily known to many communities. I could imagine a greater push to make this learning available to many.

Conclusion

Calgary is home to my family and I, we are proud of the steps the City is taking to try to build a welcoming, diverse and inclusive place to live and visit, but we can do better. I appreciate the opportunity to have my voice and the voices of other BIPOC citizens heard in this matter. I will continue to do my part by pushing for change in my immediate sphere of influence and I look forward to the work the City is doing in this area.

Thank you for your time,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin Solamillo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Justin Solamillo



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I have the following comments respecting the City of Calgary's commitment to anti-racism:

- The City of Calgary stated that it will establish an Anti-Racism Action Committee in October 2020. It is imperative that this committee is comprised of Black, Indigenous, and POC Calgarians in order to provide an accurate perspective of the barriers created by systemic racism. Committee members should also have experience in anti-racism work and the committee should operate independently of influence by City officials.
- The City of Calgary must ensure that this public consultation respecting systemic racism is not a one off - this will be ongoing work to identify the many levels of racism that exist in government.
- The City of Calgary must divest funding from the Calgary Police Service. It is evident, for example simply from the always new, always updated police vehicles, that there is unnecessary, excessive spending on the police force. If the objective of the City is indeed to implement community-based anti-racism strategies, then the City necessarily must increase funding to combat systemic racism at the level of the racialized individuals in our communities. From an economic perspective, the excessive funds allocated to the Calgary Police Department can easily be and should be shifted to Black, Indigenous, and POC Calgarians.
- Funding allocated to Black, Indigenous, and POC Calgarians should be easily accessible for these individuals. The City should provide access to information respecting funding in manners that do not privilege those who have ample access to technology resources. Funding information and applications must not be housed only online, infor-

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mation sessions should be provided by the City in communities serving Black and Indigenous people, and application requirements must be clear, simple, accessible.

- The City committed to requesting the Calgary Police Commission to report on anti-racism work currently underway or contemplated within the Calgary Police Service. It is imperative that any review of the city police is conducted by a party external to the City and the Calgary Police Service so as to provide an unbiased perspective. This report should not be limited to discussion of anti-racist work, but should be a historical review of racist practices at the Calgary Police Service because those patrolling our communities must be held accountable for their actions.
- The City must definitively commit to racial diversity in City Council.



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* Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I think that's it's extremely important for us to defund the police and provide others with that money so that we can avoid losing more people to police brutality.



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Good afternoon,
I would like to take part in the coming Anti-Racism Public Consultation. Please see the attached document for more explanation on my contribution to the topic.

ANTI-RACISM CONSULTATION

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CONSULTATION ON SYSTEMIC RACISM

Good afternoon,

I would like to take part in the coming Anti-Racism Public Consultation. Here are the two topics I would like to address:

TOPICS

Racism in the workplace

Suggestion : Having an unbiased City body or group where one can report concerns and have them investigated. I understand every organizations have their own investigating groups whether it be Human Resources or at the supervisory level but sometimes the power/control dynamic is not healthy and there can be gaslighting.

Policing in the City of Calgary

It is stressful to contact police and pray to God that the people in that car crew see you as a human being—as an equal. It takes a strong and caring person to be a police officer. It is hurtful when you can detect micro-aggression and bias from that strong/caring person who is also capable of taking your freedom.

My recommendation: reallocating funds toward better recruiting and training that targets one's character and beliefs. Someone who is physically fit, educated and embodies the typical police recruit criterias can entertain racist beliefs and go undetected. That person would end up using their power instead of serving with all the powers afforded.

My second recommendation would be to be careful in terms of social media messaging. The Calgary Police Service has great Communications Officers. They do not have to publicly agree that Black Lives Matter and can remain silent on the whole topic. However, silence is an answer. Every single post that the CPS and their officers release on media platforms has an impact. Every racist comment or reply that is allowed to remain attached to their posts—without being challenged—sends a clear message. Silence is a response and there is a clear line between remaining neutral and not taking a stand.



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I am a marketing professional and have lived in Calgary for 12 years. I am a black woman and have worked in a corporate environment my whole career. When I first moved to Calgary it did not take long for me to experience racism while in the work force.

My first job was with a recruitment agency downtown. One of the first positions I was responsible for filling was an Accounts Payable role. I raked through resumes, did calls, and whittled down the list to 2 candidates. One, a South Asian man who had a university degree and 5 plus years of accounting experience. The other a Canadian woman with less than 2 years of experience and no formal accounting education. When I presented the options to my manager and suggested we send the man on to meet the client, her comments were : “We don’t give jobs like that to people like him” “People like what?” I asked. “Brown people who can’t speak English. Our clients don’t like that. You can offer him a labor job” His English was perfect, yes he had an accent but that was enough for him to be excluded.

Hiring discrimination in the workforce is a major issue in this city. I know people of color who’ve had to:

- change their names to sound more English
- remove photos of themselves so recruiters do not judge them for their race
- people who do not wear natural hair styles as deemed unacceptable (afros, braids, locks)

Joining a company and being the token black person is equally exhausting. In my experience, I have had frank discussions about lack of minority and gender representation in advertising and had in some cases been ostracized in speaking up. “We don’t see it that way” or “It’s not that serious of an issue”

The business community has been mostly quiet relating to anti-racism in their organizations. It is just now that statements have gone up on websites and social media stating they are inclusive, yet they have so few minorities on their teams. In a city with so many educated, capable and intelligent people – why are so few of us reaching the boardroom tables in this city, and being included and respected once we get there?

At this point, the business community needs to wake up and start putting in the work and effort in acknowledging that there is first, hiring discrimination. Secondly, a internal review of their business practices and culture that perpetuates a culture that’s not welcoming to BIPOC. And third, their methods of conducting business in the community.

I have been working in corporate Calgary for more than 10 years, and I have been trying to count how many BIPOC I knew of in senior management or executive positions. And I honestly struggled to come up with more than a few. Calgary, we can do better. We talk endlessly about diversifying our economy, maybe we should diversify our boardrooms too.



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* Subject Funding public resources and education and defunding police.

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We need to abolish the current curriculum in schools and teach our youth the proper history of Canada, the United States and the micro aggressions and systematic racism that has survived such a horrible timeline. Funding education and public resources such as homeless shelters, mental health initiatives and so forth rather than police units will be the first step towards a brighter and more peaceful future. Police create fear based experiences and everyone deserves the right to be heard!



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Abolish current curriculum as it does not teach us the TRUE HISTORY of indigenous and African/caribbean diaspora. Education funding is not enough. We need an indigenous and black board of directors Department voted in by the communities for every institution and services provided by the city, to address and breakdown any systemic racial disadvantages and areas we are lacking to fully understand. Melanin rich and indigenous People from the communities given a platform to express their experiences with our services and where they can be improved. FUNDING FOR THE PEOPLE. Not for the pockets of conservative and large corporations. Government grants for black and indigenous companies to help uplift our communities. Funding back into the arts programs encouraging activities for connecting and educating our children. Burn the history books and let our ancestors teach us of the real history of the world. We need the truth and collective community involvement.



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* Subject	Public Consultation on Systemic Racism in Calgary

Hello,

I am writing regarding the public consultation on Systemic Racism in Calgary. This is an important conversation, because systemic racism is an issue in Canada at large, and in Calgary specifically. Addressing systemic racism should be a top priority for our city, and acknowledging it exists is the first step forward. Beyond that, some things that I expect, as a member of this city and community, to be addressed include:

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- A reduction in Police funding to focus on social services
- A COMPREHENSIVE review of systemic racism within the Police Force, from the way hiring is conducted, to training, to treatment of the cities citizens. I have witnessed first hand the racism and prejudice that members of the Police force carry against the Indigenous population in the province
- Tangible efforts towards reconciliation (reallocation of funds, jobs, positions of power)
- Accessible funding for grassroots organizations and ethnic communities
- Tracking wealth inequity within the city - ex. What support is being offered to the residents in the NE after the devastating hail storm?
- Ensuring BIPOC have access to affordable housing
- Addressing racism in the workplace (including city hall)

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* Subject Anti-Racism Public Consultation

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Hi there, I am writing in hopes that the public discussion around anti-racism involves defunding the CPS. There's disproportionate incarceration of Indigenous and Black people in Canada and that Indigenous and Black people in Canada are overrepresented in deadly force encounters with Canadian police. Indigenous peoples make up 30% of the federal incarcerated population despite making up 5% of the population (<https://www.oci-bec.gc.ca/cnt/comm/press/press20200121-eng.aspx>). This is federal but we can't ignore that this type of police violence doesn't exist here in the city. The huge amount of tax dollars the CPS receives compared to other social programs is shameful. Even cutting a small percent and redistributing that wealth to public services would do so much. Funnel that money into social programs that specialize in issues that the police are not trained for. Fund anti-racist programs or initiatives like free transit. This is about the path to decriminalizing marginalized existence. The difference between reform and defund is that reform is implying the system needs to be fixed. The police is functioning exactly as it is historically supposed to be. We can't pretend we are better than the states and that systemic racism doesn't exist here when it is ingrained into the roots of our country's history. Thanks for reading.



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The institutional racism against Black, Indigenous and People of Colour present in the policing system, destroys the whole purpose of the system. The same system that is suppose to protect and serve the rights of every single person in this country, is abusing and murdering innocent people. Instead of funding a broken system, we must replace police officers with unarmed community based responders with mental health knowledge that will respond to non-violent calls. This approach is being implemented in many areas in the United States.



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To Members of the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services. Please accept this submission from Vibrant Communities Calgary on the topic of systemic racism.



July 03, 2020

Office of the Councillors
The City of Calgary
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Calgary AB Canada T2P 2M5

Dear Members of the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services,

Re: Public Consultation on Systemic Racism

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the public consultation on systemic racism.

Vibrant Communities Calgary (VCC) recognizes that racism is one of the root causes of poverty. When examining levels of poverty, we see time and time again that people from racialized groups, newcomers, Indigenous people and others from visible minority groups are more likely to be living in low income¹. Research looking at income inequality in Calgary reported that Calgary's poorest neighbourhoods are home to almost two thirds (66.3%) of recent immigrants and includes significantly higher shares (73.4%) of visible minorities². The numbers of Indigenous people caught up in the child welfare and the justice system make it quite clear that we are far past the point of talking about diversity and inclusion, and we must begin to tackle what the problem really is, systemic racism.

VCC is the steward and Calgarians are the owners of Calgary's poverty reduction strategy, Enough for All. The strategy identifies guiding principles, including reducing racism and discrimination in our City. We recognize that systemic racism and exclusion make it more difficult for many Calgarians (including Indigenous peoples, new Canadians, and visible minorities) to access jobs and services, and to feel welcome and supported in the community.³

We are pleased that the City of Calgary is responding to the call to collectively make space, and to give room for those who are impacted, to be heard. This consultation will help inform and direct the Enough for All strategy moving forward.

Sincerely,

Meaghan Reid, Executive Director

¹ See our *Snapshot of Poverty report* from 2018 <http://vibrantcalgary.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Poverty-Snapshot-2018.pdf>

² Evans, L., Miller, B., Townsend, I. (2018). *Socio-Spatial Polarization in an Age of Income Inequality: An Exploration of Neighbourhood Change in Calgary's "Three Cities."* Neighbourhood Change Research Partnership. Retrieved from <http://neighbourhoodchange.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/neighbourhood-change-research-partnership-brochure-2015.pdf>

³ See *Enough for All 2.0*, pg. 3 at <https://enoughforall.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/EnoughforAll2.0.pdf>



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I have seen racism alot by Police. I have encountered it myself being Native. We as Natives are afraid of Police because of it,,we won't call for a wellness check for fear of getting killed. Police should not be doing wellness checks period. And I believe they ALL need training on race issues.



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Please refer to the attached supporting file (.pdf):
Written Submission for The City of Calgary Public Consultation on Systemic Racism: Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services – July 7 & 8, 2020
Subject: Anti-Racism Public Consultation – Written Submission - Heather Campbell.
Date: Friday, July 3rd, 2020
Submission by: Ms. Heather A. Campbell, B.E.Sc., LL.M., P.Eng. (pronouns: she, her)

Written Submission for The City of Calgary Public Consultation on Systemic Racism: Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services – July 7 & 8, 2020

Subject: Anti-Racism Public Consultation – Written Submission - Heather Campbell.

Submission made through: <https://forms.calgary.ca/content/forms/af/public/public-submission-to-city-clerks.html>

Date: Friday, July 3rd, 2020

Submission by: Ms. Heather A. Campbell, B.E.Sc., LL.M., P.Eng. (pronouns: she, her)

Mayor Naheed Nenshi and members of Calgary City Council:

It is my hope that when this submission is read, the words become absorbed into a brave space not a safe one. In a brave space, the truth is spoken and is heard, feelings are unfortunately hurt, oppressors are left with discomfort, but there is a consequential and simultaneous call to action for all who have taken in the brunt and honest words.

Racism exists in Calgary. It is blatant, pernicious, and injurious to those who experience racism. I compliment the City of Calgary for taking steps forward to provide leadership for all Calgarians on anti-racism aspects and also to hold themselves, as the municipal government, to account on questions of racism, plurality, and their joint influence on Calgary's prosperity and resilience.

Being an ally means that when you see something, you say something, and you do something. Silence is an act of complicity. To be anti-racist you have to make it your active business, everyday. How many of you witness the daily racism in your Council chambers and City Hall offices and do nothing to address it? How many of you don't even recognize that there is racism occurring in your offices and chambers?

Calgary City Council's unanimous vote to oppose Quebec's Secularism Law (Bill 21) and defend Calgarians' right to wear religious symbols and articles of faith under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms in September 2019 was a historic moment of brave, resolute leadership by Calgary City Council. Bravo.

To be anti-racist, however, Calgarians must call and name racism when it occurs, each and every time. Calgary's leaders are called to discover and deploy an anti-racism lens in their decision making, discourse, debate and dialogue. Calgary's leaders, by virtue of their leadership roles, have a higher duty of care than Calgarians in destroying the malicious sickness that is racism.

The impacts of systemic racism are a decline in financial capacity, reduced social well being, and negative impacts to health, including mental health. Racism directly erodes the health, prosperity, and wellbeing of your citizens.

Confederate Flags and Hate Symbols in Calgary

Like many of the Albertans consulted in the development of the *Taking Action Against Racism* (<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/taking-action-against-racism>) report, my experience with racism is personal - as a Black woman, I am one of the people who directly faces the problem of system racism and anti-Black racism in Calgary. One of my encounters with racism became quite public in January 2017 when I had a rather negative interaction with a Calgary store owner over his window display of a Confederate flag, a recognized hate symbol. My actions and response to the situation were chronicled by Calgary based journalist Carrie Tait in the *Globe and Mail*: <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/alberta/calgary-engineer-on-why-she-bought-confederate-flags-to-fight-hate/article33695966/> Reflecting on this incident, what strikes me as both problematic and challenging is: a) the number of my Calgary neighbours who saw the flag, knew it was a hate symbol, and elected to take no action, and b) the number of my neighbours who saw the flag and didn't find it offensive. The duality of this challenge directly reflects the deeply rooted issues of systemic and anti-Black racism that persist in Calgary.

The Alberta Anti-Racism Advisory Council

The Alberta Anti-Racism Advisory Council (AARAC) was established to implement the action items outlined in the *Taking Action Against Racism* plan that was released in June 2018.

At this extraordinary time, as we experience a historic social justice movement, the Alberta Anti-racism Advisory Council, of which I am a co-chair, should have been at its most effective and leading with a strong voice, propelling this movement forward.

Sadly, this has not been happening.

Despite this, I remain committed to this vital work and plan to continue to lead the Alberta Anti-Racism Advisory Council as a co-chair. It is important to me to use my voice to hold our provincial government accountable when it comes to listening to, supporting and advancing anti-racism in our province. I take this role and responsibility extremely seriously.

In my role as co-chair, I call on Albertans and by extension Calgarians to listen and to act. We know racism has always existed in Alberta and Calgary, and it continues to exist today. The issue of racism belongs to every Albertan and Calgarian and we must all work to address racism. Only then will our province and municipality jointly thrive and experience real and lasting prosperity.

Anti-racism is not a partisan issue.

As a co-chair, I set out to build the Alberta Anti-Racism Advisory Council into a powerful provincial platform to create change, develop effective solutions, and support innovative policy with respect to anti-racism in Alberta. The four priorities of the Alberta Anti-Racism Advisory Council are:

- a) valuing skills and experience in the workplace (which includes exploring the credentialing process in various professions, recognition of internationally trained professionals experience);
- b) teaching respect for each other (which includes evaluating education resources and best practices, including racism in the school curriculum, helping teachers teach about racism, and making education available in more languages);
- c) preventing and responding to hate crimes (which includes working on a hate crimes strategy and a provincial hate crimes unit); and
- d) ensuring the Alberta government reflects Alberta (which includes assessing options to ensure that the Alberta government and agencies reflect the plurality of Alberta).

Questions for Consideration

As the City of Calgary moves toward the development of an anti-racism strategy, here are some questions for consideration and to stimulate innovative solutions:

- How do we work with Bylaw services and licensing to prevent retailers from profiting from the sale of hate symbols in Calgary?
- How do we ensure that the City of Calgary's procurement teams does not do business with racists or financially support hate?
- How do we ensure that City Council and all City of Calgary employees and volunteers all receive anti-racism training and coaching?
- How do we ensure that facilities owned by the City of Calgary all engage in and adopt an anti-racism approach?
- How can Calgary's public spaces be used to provide an accurate history and depiction of the Black experience in Calgary?
- What expectations will be set for the leaders and management of Calgary's public spaces and organizations to work and lead in an anti-racist manner?

Do not waste this historic moment. Do not be afraid of making a mistake. Do something. Calgarians are watching you.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Campbell". The signature is stylized with a large, circular flourish at the beginning.

Ms. Heather A. Campbell, P.Eng.
Co-chair, Alberta Anti-Racism Advisory Council
Inglewood (Ward 9) resident



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Hello,
Please find a letter about my experiences of racism within the city of Calgary, my areas of concern and suggestions for change.
Thank you,
Jasmine Johal

July 3, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

First and foremost I would like to thank the city of Calgary for opening up a discussion about anti-racism and giving BIPOC an opportunity to have their voices be heard. To give context, I am a 26 year old Sikh woman of South Asian descent. I am born and raised in Calgary and currently reside in NE Calgary which is where I have been for most of my life.

Growing up in Calgary, I was very aware of the color of my skin. At a very young age I was teased and bullied by my peers for the color of my skin, for the food that I ate, and for practicing any of my cultural norms. People often treated me like I was foreign even though I knew no other home. What was worse was how my peers spoke about and treated my black and indigenous peers. I was considered foreign but many times people would say but at least your not as bad as the "other Indians" (referring to indigenous people) or at least your not "that dark" (referring to black people). I internalized and became ashamed of my family and where I came from and tried very hard to fit in with the dominant white population. Post 9/11, things became even worse when people began to view my family and myself as a threat. Bullying became violent in nature and even more systemic. The following are a few points where I think Calgary, Alberta, and Canada as a whole could make some systemic changes in order to address this larger concern that plagues so many (I am speaking from my own experience and recognize that I am just barely scratching the surface).

- **Education:** As a teacher, I have had the opportunity to look deeply at the curriculum and the way that students are taught in schools as well as the way that teachers are taught in schools. I think that the Werklund School of Education does a great job teaching about anti-racism and white privilege but it is tightly packed into one course about all kinds of privilege. I there should be more opportunities to learn about the dynamic concepts of race and privilege as well as required PDs on this topic. In terms of the curriculum, history is taught with a very white lens. We have to teach about white colonists in depth whereas as all other people of color are placed into one learning outcome. Historic figures such as Christopher Columbus should be referred to as "Colonists" and not "Explorers" and we should not gloss over the atrocities that they had a large hand in. Teaching about racism is a choice whereas it should be a requirement. The way we teach should not just be for white students as if we are learning about "other people" but rather "our people." There is a christian dominance in the schooling system (the catholic board is even funded by the government) and we should not just make room for diverse groups of students but make a point out of celebrating it (and not just on one "cultural night"). Immigrant students need more resources. Immigrants and refugees are coming into school without knowing English and are expected to perform well in all subjects while there language barriers, cultural differences, potential PTSD, and social isolation is not taken into consideration. Instead, I have heard many school administrations say that students need to learn how to advocate for themselves and build resilience. I have seen refugee students who are trying to provide for their families not get the support that they need in school. They are written off before they have a chance because it is easier (especially older students that come here, government funding cuts them off much too soon). If not in schools, we need more resources outside of school to support these kids. Schools need more funding so that teachers can stop being overworked and actually address these issues with support and not burnout.

- **Bill 1:** Bill 1 was passed while everyone was distracted with larger issues in the community and were unable to have enough time to oppose it. Bill 1 is taking away a fundamental human right and is directly targeting the indigenous community and their protests on their land. We have a right to protest and with the tricky wording of Bill 1, citizens can be punished for using their voice almost anywhere in the city. The fact that this Bill was passed shortly after the Black Lives Matter protests was quite hurtful. It felt like a direct attack on our anti-racist community from the government. How can the government take away our voice so quickly and without a second thought? I feel unsafe in Calgary after that Bill was passed and I want to know what the government of Calgary has to say about it.
- **Media:** Our media has always been bias. Back when 9/11 occurred, the media perpetuated fear toward the larger brown community irresponsibly without considering the backlash. The backlash of what happened to the brown community was not addressed sufficiently in the media and was very much the reason for spreading hate which lead to violence and hate crimes. Even now, they still do not seek diverse voices from all sides when publishing stories. The NE is often referred to negatively. After the hail damage that occurred in the NE last month, the news did not act like it was a problem that all of Calgary was facing the way they had with the flood that happened a few years ago that largely impacted other parts of the city. As a result, people were not as empathetic or helpful toward the people who suffered from damages.
- **NE Calgary:** There is an overall bias toward the NE of Calgary despite being the most diverse part of the city. People in positions of power often speak about it as “the bad side” of Calgary. Many of us who live in the NE are unhappy with the infrastructure in the NE and how the city is easily passing designs that have not been thought out carefully. The Saddleridge circle for example is not designed well at all. Nelson Mandela School was not designed with students in mind. They have to pay to use the genesis gym and do not have enough locker space for the students. There are liquor stores and dispensaries being passed within walking distance of the high schools. There is a lot of housing density with little space for cars on roads. Community parks, green spaces and walkways are scarce. There are less opportunities and resources available for people and students residing in the NE. I would like for the city to put more attention into the NE so that people can feel safe, have access to resources and spaces to build community. \
- **Holidays:** There are some holidays that are celebrated in our city without consideration of how hurtful they may be to some groups of people. Columbus Day and Canada Day are celebrations of the colonization which included the genocide of indigenous communities and is a complete disrespect to our indigenous brothers and sisters. By saying that Canada is 153 years old we are denying the existence of the people who lived here much longer than us. We can be patriotic and call out the things that Canada needs to work on. Living in a country that acknowledges it’s flaws is more reason to be patriotic. I think the city should seek out indigenous voices and see how we can go about acknowledging these days.

With these points I hope that the city of Calgary can think about how we can work hard to make this a place that is anti-racist and safe for everyone who lives here. I would like to thank the city once again

for all of the work it has already done and is committed to doing. This is an important first step to making actual change in the community and I am proud that our city has taken the first step by listening. I feel heard. Please feel free to contact me if there is any more clarification needed in what has been stated.

Sincerely,

Jasmine Johal



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The racism in our city is real and we need to address all of it. From the individual bigots all the way up to the system that is set up against BIPOC. Having experienced racism in many forms myself, it boils my blood to see and hear caucasian: politicians, businessmen, POLICE/RCMP and even health care professionals claim that racism, especially systemic racism, doesn't exist in our city/province/country. The ignorance is so real that these people actually believe what they are saying. It is disgusting and it needs to stop, especially from "law enforcement" representatives, whom I might add should be defunded to make room for social response programs with actually trained professionals who will respond safely, confidently, with a program in place to ACTUALLY help those in need. The exact opposite of what our "law enforcement" offers. "Law enforcement" need to be reminded that they are not above the law and that they are public servants paid for by our tax dollars. We do not pay our taxes to be harassed and terrorized by these very same people. They need to be held accountable and treated the same as the rest of us, on or off duty. Putting police officers and law enforcement on this imaginary pedestal of respect and honour has inadvertently created this monster as these individuals and their actions are constantly defended by the system. The system that is built against BIPOC in this country.

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* Subject Public Consultation on Systemic Racism: July 7, 2020

* Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)
Please see attached letter for my comments and recommendations.

I am writing today to express my experiences and those of my family as Black and Asian immigrants living in Calgary, as well as my ideas on how to begin addressing the systemic racism that exists within this city and its structures. It is important to note that non-white people living in Calgary have been personally affected by acts of racism and have been managing these issues without much support from governing bodies for years. I am glad the City of Calgary is finally realizing the gravity of the situation, however it has been a long time coming, and I hope the changes suggested come to fruition.

Firstly, I have never felt protected by police. My father is racially profiled by the Calgary Police Service (CPS) regularly, being followed home and unjustly pulled over when no crime or violation is committed are some instances that occur frequently. Further, he has been assaulted by RCMP while in his car and threatened. There are countless news articles and stories of non-white, particularly Black and Indigenous people, who are wrongfully involved in altercations with CPS and subjected to brutalization by the individuals who are sworn in to protect and serve. With the development of video recording and more interest by the media, these incidents of police brutality and racial profiling that have been occurring for years are finally being viewed by the public. It is a disgrace that these acts occur, and worse that the individuals involved are rarely held justly responsible. The fact that video evidence and witness statements are not enough to convict and strip police officers of their licence is proof that reform is not possible. Further, there is also ample evidence that officers who do call out racial bias within the force are often pushed out or fired, which upholds the idea that police can never be held accountable for their actions. Clearly, body cameras and diversifying the force will not stop these acts from occurring, as the entire CPS and policing in general is built on the foundation of keeping Indigenous and Black people submissive. We must divest from CPS and instead fund initiatives that focus on addressing issues such as mental health, food insecurity, access to primary healthcare, and affordable housing, and monetary support for organizations who work with marginalized communities. Crime is a result of circumstances, and CPS does not keep me safe. There is absolutely no reason for armed CPS officers to be responding to calls about homelessness, addiction and other mental health concerns, or be present in schools.

Secondly, there is a grave lack of diversity in government. Many individuals who are non-white in government are subjected to hate and racism daily. Look no further than our mayor who is consistently undermined because of his race. The recent events in the House of Commons with Jagmeet Singh further support the argument that non-white government officials are unable to appropriately respond and act on racism. Many officials deny that systemic racism even exists which is extremely disrespectful to me and others who have been experiencing racism for generations. Further, the members of the municipal government do not reflect at all the multiculturalism of this city. A diverse leadership means representation for all Calgarians, and challenges the status quo which is clearly not working for everyone. Antiracism training should be mandatory and ongoing for government officials to facilitate a supportive environment for non-white members, and encourage members from different races to participate in government decisions. There should be a zero tolerance policy for racism, and individuals must be held accountable for their words and actions.

Divesting from CPS and investing in community initiatives, and increasing representation in government leadership are just a few of the ways in which Calgary can strive to be an anti-racist city. Actions to combat racism must be ongoing and ever-developing. I hope to see some of the changes suggested at this consultation initiated and look forward to continuing this conversation and work in Calgary.



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* Subject Systemic Racism

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Despite repeated attempts to fit in at work, in the community, on volunteer boards and committees and in Calgary, we made the difficult decision to leave 4 months ago. Systemic racism means that there are limited opportunities to succeed, despite being hard working, showing up everyday for work and following the rules. You have to pretend to be someone else when at work and you have to pretend to be happy when being ignored. You have to smile when others are condescending, when they are rude to people who look like you and when you are insulted. Otherwise, you are further ignored and not included in information sharing, activities and planning. I think systemic racism shows up in the news, in how Indigenous people are treated by police, in always being at entry level jobs (despite 30 years in the workforce), in the incarceration statistics, in schools when the children are not included or bullied and within communities where you always look different from the other people. It's about not being able to afford a home, a vehicle, a vacation or even basic needs in some cases. It's about second class healthcare. It's also about the high rates of depression and suicides in the youth. It's about having to attend funerals on a regular basis but hardly any celebrations. You just have to keep fighting and living day to day. Add a pandemic and the death rates are increasing. Where is the opportunity for all of us?



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* Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Sending on behalf of Karen Young, CEO of United Way of Calgary & Area



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July 3, 2020

Councilor Gian-Carlo Carra
Chair, Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services
Councilor, Ward 9
City of Calgary
Gian-carlo.carra@calgary.ca

RE: City of Calgary's Public Consultation on Systemic Racism

Dear Councilor Carra:

United Way of Calgary and Area (United Way) seeks to bring people together to solve complex issues and improve lives in our community. Coordinating efforts amongst a strong network of agencies, philanthropists and corporate partners, we work together to advance common outcomes related to diversity, inclusion and equity. We believe that a community is only as strong as the sum of its parts, and that strong communities are vital to a great city. At United Way, we seek to affirm our commitment to our fundamental values of diversity, inclusion and anti-racism.

Over the past couple of months, the COVID-19 pandemic and Black Lives Matter movement have shed light on issues related to systemic racism, institutional dynamics and power inequity operating in our community and globally. At United Way, we have been listening and reflecting on our work in diversity, inclusion, equity and anti-racism. We recognize that systemic racism is intersectional with gender, disability, age and other vulnerabilities and informs social economic status and potential. Our collaboration with The City of Calgary and Vibrant Communities Calgary on the "Enough for All" community-driven poverty reduction strategy is evidence of our understanding that poverty is too often a result of systemic racism and marginalized opportunities for Black, Indigenous and Persons of Colour in our city.

We also understand that access to equitable education is critical to individual success which is why we've committed to funding activities such as "All in For Youth", which supports high school completion for vulnerable youth and "Transitions to the Workforce", which offers bridges to post-secondary education and/or apprenticeships.

These past months have been humbling, enlightening and have found us asking a question posed by Robin Diangelo in "White Fragility" - "*am I actively seeking to interrupt racism?*" In response, United Way is committed to further asking *how* racism manifests itself in all aspects of community building, not *if* it does, because we acknowledge that racism is an institutionalized system into which we are all socialized.

Creating lasting change will be complex and we commend the City of Calgary for holding a public consultation on systemic racism. We stand with you and those who are working to change systems rooted in racism, colonization and discrimination. There aren't any organizations or institutions that can change the world by itself. Change begins by looking

inward. This will require real work. It will start with each of us making a commitment to work together to drive real change and act with intention.

As an organization, United Way knows that words alone will not make a difference. We don't have all the answers, but we are committed to listening, learning, and action. We look forward to working alongside the City of Calgary to create a world we are proud of – a world that is equitable, kind and truly inclusive place for all.

"The time is always right to do what is right". – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Young". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Karen Young
President & CEO
United Way of Calgary and Area

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Doris Toy-Pries, VP Strategy
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* Subject Racism in our city.

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I wish to acknowledge that open racism isn't combated within our city, within our neighborhood's, or within our own police force. Coming from native background the open racism towards stereotypes against natives is blatant by a majority of people, if not supported by our own police force. The amount of rapes and murders against our First Nation communities is still ongoing, and will never continue if never stopped. How can we trust our police and our RCMP if they also commit these atrocities to such people. As well as white supremacy is rampant in Calgary, where you can enter a local restaurant and hear racist remarks. We should acknowledge and be able to ask and remove anyone who believes superiority over race.



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* Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)
I am a front line worker with the City of Calgary and have faced years of Racism because of my race. This has been very very traumatizing to me and my family. I would like to have laws passed that make the "N word" illegal and has fines up to \$10000 similar to the LBGTQ community. Also people who use City services should have their privileges revoked and face fines, while repeat offenders should be given a criminal record. Companies should be mandated to have Diversity advocates to help victims navigate the Justice system.



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* Subject Anti-Racism Public Consultation

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Though not a BIPOC myself, I want to express my allyship for the BIPOC in my community. I will keep this brief so as to ensure the voices of BIPOC are heard. I think that an anti-racism public consultation is a good start, I hope to see tangible actions come out of it. I support the defunding of police services in order to better support social programming in our city. We need to, together, tackle the inequalities faced by BIPOC and confront the systemic racism in the city of Calgary. It is not optional to do this work. We must get ride of inequities that marginalize BIPOC in our city and encourage Calgary to be equitable and anti-racist.



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In 2019, the city of Calgary spent \$401 million dollars on the Calgary police service. In comparison, only \$42 million was spent on social programs the same year (Source: Kinney, 2020; Progress Report). According to the Calgary property tax breakdown, 13.93% of our funds goes towards police services, while only 1.78% goes towards social programs and services. This means we spend almost 8 times more on police services than we do social programming, despite the evidence that the Calgary police only receive 6 months of training before being sent to duty, despite them being asked to respond to majority bylaw complaints and social issues that they do not have the training for, and despite the mountains of research that suggest that investing in social programs and in the community reduce crime rates. 84% of people killed by Calgary police since 2000 had mental health or drug problems, and in 2016 police shot 10 people in Calgary which is more than any other Canadian city (Labby, 2018, CBC News). The recently publicized police brutality cases are common occurrences that people of colour have been dealing with for decades. We need to start investing in solutions to problems that do not put people of colour in harms way. This starts by collecting race-based data in the education system (i.e., in terms of performances, suspensions and expulsions, and the racial breakdown of higher performing schools), and in other systems so we can pinpoint where our services are lacking, and reinvest funds towards them. Furthermore, we need to seriously defund the amount of money we spend on police services. Better yet, abolish the system and re-imagine one that's core goal is to help and not harm. Police systems were built in Canada as a means to capture escaping Indigenous persons from residential schools. Thus, the system itself is



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built on a foundation of harm, and it is not something we should want to keep investing in moving forward.



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Living in Calgary as a white person that was raised in a middle class family and has a good paying steady job (in the arts no less), I realize I have privilege. I feel it is my duty to use that privilege to help raise the concerns of Black Indigenous People of Colour in our city! When you're not at the center of it, it can be hard to see oppression. It doesn't mean it's not there and it also doesn't mean that we can turn a blind eye to it. People are suffering and our current way of addressing it isn't working anymore (maybe it never worked). The way BIPOC are treated in this country is abysmal. The way people with mental health issues are treated is abysmal. I want to use this opportunity to tell you that we need more support for social workers and non-violent crisis intervention and prevention in our police force. Violent restrictive measures should be a last resort ALWAYS. I want my tax money to go towards supporting initiatives that create a safe space for all people regardless of skin colour, gender, sexual preference, mental health and many others that are discriminated against. Not just in the government or police force but in general workplaces as well. We need more procedures in HR to ensure that all voices and concerns are being handled in an appropriate way.



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As every Calgarian express their wishes for a city that will continue to stand together in celebrations and challenges, it is without doubt that we can only do so if we all feel an equitable sense of belonging to this beautiful city. Witnessing the destabilizing economy made worse by the pandemic, all the more we need to be united in our efforts to pull our city out of this deepening crisis. As we all reach out to help the city flourish again, we will find ourselves having to pave pathways where every Calgarian has the opportunity to contribute their diverse talents, skills, experiences, knowledge and I-Can spirit. That is only possible if this city is all inclusive. As a great saint said, "The essential nature of life is all-inclusive...and with absolute inclusiveness there can be no suffering."



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* Subject Letter on My experiences with racism

* Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)
Letter on my experiences

July 3, 2020

Dear Council Members,

My name is Naima Lokko. I was born and raised in Calgary, 11 years old and a grade 6 student at one of the Catholic schools here in Calgary.

A couple of years ago, when I was in 4 another student called me a Nigger. This incident made me feel really sad and made me feel as if there was something wrong with me as a person. No one should ever be ashamed based on the colour of their skin, but this is how this student made me feel.

Although my school addressed the situation, I feel more could have been to teach this student why his actions were wrong and teach him to respect differences.

I want to encourage other children and individuals to continue being yourself, loving yourself and not allowing these things to get to you. I also hope City Council will take these issues seriously and do more to address racism within our City.

Naima Lokko
Grade 6 student, Calgary



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* Subject

Policing is necessary in every society but it should not be the necessary evil that it has become. In any place in the world, especially a diverse city like Calgary, the police force should not be targetting and terrorizing people based on the color of their skin but sadly this is the reality here. It is sad that our society's focus is not on how hard of a job and how dangerous policing is but on the fact that a lot of police officers are behaving like legalized terrorists.

It is not uncommon to hear about incidences of police profiling and violence against people especially people of color. I have the experience of doing nothing out of the ordinary other than driving within the speed limit or walking yet getting the ire of random police officers. Such as police cars turning around to stop and watch me as I walk because I am black. Police cars speeding to drive behind me and read my tags because I am black and they are expecting me to be doing something wrong.

There a problem within society that needs more than lip service. We need strong and courageous elected officials who will ensure police officers can and are expected to uphold their oath with respect, professionalism and integrity and also be empowered to do so.

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There are currently many things at play that make it nearly impossible for communities and law enforcement to have a thriving partnership.

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The first and most important one is the power of the police union (overhaul to the police Act). Police officers with pattern of misconduct and complaints are protected thus holding them above the law. The union contracts has too much power in terms of police internal investigations, punishment and employee files. Sadly, they make it hard to keep police officers accountable and it's not fair for good officers who show up everyday and do their job in the highest standard

- Ending arbitration after internal discipline occurs

- End the doctrine of qualified

- Changes to policy of pay while on administration leave (investigations and outcome need to take place in timely matter)

There needs to be civilian led independent agency to investigate police complaints. It is a clash of interest and breach of ethics to think a police officer will fairly investigate matters pertaining to the fellow police officers. There a bond formed between officers and that can't be ignored nor can it render a impartial decision.

More funding is needed for ASIRT (a lot of people have voiced they want the police defunded but mon



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* Subject Submission for Anti-Racism agenda item - July 7, 2020

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Please find attached a letter from Calgary Jewish Federation acknowledging the constructive and caring relationship it shares with local law enforcement and government, but acknowledging the need for continued anti-racism efforts and commending the City's efforts in providing public consultation. Representatives are not able to attend in-person but want to demonstrate support for the process.



Yannai Segal
President

Adam Silver
Chief Executive Officer

Attention:

His Worship Naheed Nenshi, Mayor
City Councillors

July 3, 2020

On behalf of the Jewish community of Calgary, we commend the City of Calgary for holding this public consultation on systemic racism.

As the representative body of Calgary's Jewish community, Calgary Jewish Federation fully supports the efforts of our friends in marginalized communities, particularly the Black, Indigenous, and Asian communities, who are working to eliminate all forms of racism in our society.

As a community that knows from first-hand experience where hatred can lead, we stand in support of every person whose colour, religion, or ethnic background is an impediment to full participation in Canadian life. No child should be made to feel "less than," no adult should fear the police, no one should be a target of derogatory slurs. While our community has shared a longstanding, constructive relationship with law enforcement and many of society's structures and institutions, we must pay heed to those communities whose experiences have been different.

As a society, we must work to level the playing field, to ensure that every person has the ability to advance and succeed, without fear and stigma. The Jewish community of Calgary supports any and all efforts to eliminate systemic racism in our schools, policing, courts, and access to housing and services. We support these initiatives because our experience as a religious minority has taught us that we are safe only when every person is safe; when every community is safe. We are all in this together.

Thank you.

Jared Shore
VP, Board of Directors

Adam Silver
CEO



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City Of Calgary: Anti-racism Public Consultations pt. II comments
July 1, 2020

Extremely real experience due to recent awareness of Indigenous issues and BLM:

Systemic Racism, and racism is real. People, typically white, do not experience this. I have simply been sharing articles on BLM, Covid (ie wear a mask), Indigenous education and other race related issues on my Facebook and IG. The posts I repost tend to be in circulation already. I even posted in the City's public consultations which is helpful for some people.

Since the BLM protests I have been challenged by white men who get upset at my posts. Today, I shared a really good map of all the Residential Schools in Canada. It was a great tool to see the history and how they were scattered across Canada. This led to me being accosted, now, on FB, by a wealthy white man, a ex-peer, I used to work at the same company with for only about 4 years. Me sharing information on residential schools triggered him to tell me, a woman of color, I needed to be grateful because I got to have a job 6 years ago at some company. Also, although people thought I was being paid like everyone else, I wasn't, I discovered being paid quite a bit less from my peers. Apparently sharing BIPOC information means I am somehow ungrateful. I was born here, I worked full time and put myself through university, I pay my taxes, and I get to experience white people telling me how I should feel. In case this may seem like I am lying, I'm not. I'm including screenshots of the comments so the City can see what I go through.

This is how I am treated when I have an opinion. Whether it is on race or science, apparently I'm not supposed to have an opinion and just be a model minority. We can't make a better City to combat the technological challenges we are struggling with if we are reluctant to break down the systemic mindset and barriers silencing voices and opinions from those BIPOC educated in the field.



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Just because YOU didn't learn it in school doesn't mean it was hidden. The rest of us have know about this for years. I find your sudden race bating interesting and hypocritical. I met you while we worked at Laricina, a company that had an amazingly diverse workforce. We had a 50/50 mix of males and females, and an impressive diversity of culture. Yourself, you're a professional female geologist paid a salary that put you in the 1% of Canadian society. How can YOU claim racsim??? You're recent posts are offensive and ungrateful. Canada is a nation where more than 30% of its citizens are foreign born. We are welcoming, accomodating and generous. Our cons are far offset by our pros. That doesn't mean we don't have room for improvement, but I don't particularly like the tone of your posts these days,

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Then unfollow me

4 mins Like Reply More



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I'll forever remember you as ungrateful and hypocritical.

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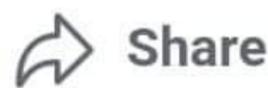
Calgary Anti-Racist Action

Yesterday at 11:37 AM ·

"The residential school system separated 150,000 Indigenous children from their families – and the last one closed in 1996.

Was one of those schools in the community where you grew up?

Use our interactive map to find out."



This is great. Can't wait till the schools teach it! 1

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I know. I learned absolutely nothing in school about our Indigenous people. We need to all learn about this history so people don't remain ignorant and about money going to the Indigenous. I literally had someone a few months ago decide to go on a rant about this and I was so upset with the call AND my own lack of words/vocabulary to be able to speak up in the issue. I'll never talk to that person again. Omg...most awful call ever.

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oh totally agree. How do we hide it from our history books, disgusting. They were still open when I was in school for sake!

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The Alberta School Curriculum has been written through the lens of a colonist society. The views, perspectives, opinions and facts in classes such as English and Social Studies are written from the perspectives of the white colonizers and have neglected all other voices, including and Indigenous people that have lived on this land years prior to the Europeans coming and claiming this land as their own. Historical facts are totally told with neglect of the perspectives of visible minorities (i.e. african americans, south asians, indigenous people) whom, throughout the years, have contributed to making Canada what it is today. The government has done a great job at not disclosing the atrocities that Canada has done to Indigenous people over the years, painting itself as a country that is accepting of all at all times. Students are fed information that is not accurate as only one perspective is included: white people's perspective. Other voices have been shut down. Students aren't taught the facts from the lenses of minorities. There is an urgent need to change the curriculum and include the voices of BIPOCs because their voices have been shut down for years and they are being shut down till this day. The canadian educational system claims that its ultimate goal is to contribute to the students' betterment in society. Well, that needs to start by offering information that doesn't shun minority voices and that tells the truth about the brutality that canada has caused to indigenous people, as well as allow other voices than just colonizers voices.

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What actions need to be taken to rectify the colonial mentality and white privilege? Please read my article at: <https://theplatformproject.ca/time-for-action-and-resolution-rather-than-discussion-or-debate/>

For further comments and questions please contact:

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As a mother of a transgender daughter, I am wanting to support a future for her in Calgary that is free of heat and take strong action against those who wish to harm her and anyone who may be a visual minority or from the LGBTQ community. I feel that this can be done by looking at city of Calgary's policies on hiring individuals who come from diverse backgrounds and providing programs that support those individuals to have a voice within the city of Calgary as staff. I believe the city of Calgary should have a internal review of all departments and identify Space areas of bias and areas of heat that are being perpetuated by existing policies and practices. I think all staff should have to take ongoing sensitivity training and within that training there should be a reflection on personal bias and A section on their personal growth plans that mandates people show how they have been addressing their personal bias through their actions at work. I think the Calgary police service needs to before a friend in ensuring that all members must show how they are contributing toThe reduction of heat with in their own careers. This includes taking ongoing racial and LGBTQ bias training as well as ongoing training on mental health needs and presentations. I also believe that it is the power of the story that often changes the way we look at ourselves and our community and I think the stories of staff and citizens from LGBTQ and racially diverse communities should be highlighted regularly so as to make their stories ones that everyone can relate to and see themselves within.

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In spring 2018, I was shocked and appalled that a boy wore a hat with a Confederate battle flag logo in the Renfrew pool men's dressing room. I asked the boy's grandfather if he knew what it was, he asked me if I had a problem with it and I most certainly did.

Racists exist around us always. That doesn't bother me, much. What really did bother me was the indifference of the pool staff. The attitude that I received upon complaining at the desk was, "He's wearing a hat." No, he's promulgating illegal hate speech. Thousands of Black people were murdered under that flag. It's not okay.

I called 3-1-1 to escalate my complaint. The case number is 18-00196352. I received a return call from the very sensitive pool manager, who empathized with my situation, but said that there is no city policy in this situation. Hate speech in public pools is fine. He couldn't do anything. I dropped it.

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The elements of systemic racism here:

1. Not one of the white guys in the dressing room backed me up. I'm not Black. There were no Black people in the dressing room at the time. But it shouldn't matter. We can't kill people because they're Black and putting that on your hat and wearing it in a public pool is not okay.
2. The pool staff did not care.
3. There is no city policy against illegal hate speech, apparently.

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I'm the one who is made to feel unhinged and crazy because I don't like systemic, brutal, horrifying murder of my fellow humans. That's bad. The incident occurred on March 3, 2018, at around 10 am. You can still find out who these people are and ban them. And you should make illegal hate speech... illegal. If you're serious.



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To the City of Calgary Public Consultation on Systemic Racism

I am a member of WTEP (We're Together Ending Poverty). WTEP is a small diverse grassroots group of activists who came together in 2008 to educate and empower ourselves and others to take action on root causes of poverty. Our membership is open to all who identify as women and non-binary.

One of our core beliefs is that to understand the root causes of poverty we need to examine our society from many different perspectives including but not limited to gender, race, class, ability, age and sexual orientation.

We welcome this opportunity to discuss systemic racism which we understand to be the interconnected and mutually reinforcing relationships among:

- underlying and often unconscious assumptions of white superiority
- institutional policies and practices
- individual actions and behaviours
- as well the impact (unintended or not) these have on Indigenous and racialized communities.

We also understand that systemic racism does not operate alone in our society, but is intertwined with other systems of oppression, for example class oppression.

Furthermore, we need to acknowledge that the systemic racism we are addressing today is deeply rooted in Canada's history.

Key concerns of WTEP are the increasing poverty and economic disparity in Canada as well as the growing racialization of poverty defined as the increasing concentration of racialized and Indigenous peoples living below the poverty line.

The racialization of poverty in Calgary has been well documented in the 2006 report, Inequality in Calgary: The Racialization of Poverty, as well as updated statistics by the Homeless Hub (an initiative of the Canada Poverty Institute).

This is the context within which we wish to critique how the City of Calgary has prioritized spending when it comes to the city budget.

According to a Progress Alberta Progress Report posted by Duncan Kinney on June 14, 2020 the combined 2019 budgets of the Edmonton and Calgary police forces is \$750 million. This is nine times what is spent on social programs and homelessness and housing. Calgary alone budgeted \$401 million for the police. This was the largest line item in the budget and represented 16% of spending. Meanwhile, only \$42 million was slated for social programs, reducing homelessness and building housing all of which would greatly benefit low income Calgarians, a population which is becoming increasingly racialized.

Defenders of the police budget argue that it is a necessary expense ensuring public safety. However one argument for implementing poverty reduction strategies such as housing and basic income is that implementation would lead to a reduction in costs related to policing.

Therefore cutting social programs which reduce poverty, while maintaining the extraordinary level of funding that allocated to the CPS is counterproductive, and WTEP would argue racist and classist in impact.

Then there's the issue of whose public safety are we talking about. In a CBC New Post on June 25, 2020, "The Complexity and Urgency Behind the Call to Defund the Calgary Police" Drew Anderson wrote that the statistics gathered by the Calgary Police Service show that black, indigenous and people of colour are over represented in interactions with the police. For example, black, indigenous and people of colour are disproportionately represented in "fatal" shootings, at two times their percentage of the population. This is the background for a statement made to some of us a few years ago by one black mother in Calgary. She said that she feels it is necessary to lecture her sons on how to act if stopped by the police so that they do not end up being beaten or killed. white mothers have not talked to us about such matters.

The Calgary Police Service and other institutions in Calgary, for example the Calgary Board of Education are finally acknowledging the existence of systemic racism after thousands of Calgarians gathered in June to protest police violence and the existence of systemic racism and the need for change. However now we need to make sure that we move beyond words and acknowledgements to actions. Actions don't mean more studies and reports.

WTPEP endorses the following calls for change made by indigenous and racialized communities in Calgary.

- Transparency in police budgets
- The reallocation of funds from the police budget into social programs, housing and other poverty reduction strategies
- Changes to the provincial Police Act to ensure independent and civilian led investigations into incidents involving police brutality and killing
- New and more effective anti-racism training
- New and more effective training in non-violent interventions when interacting with indigenous and racialized community members
- Increased and meaningful representation of black, indigenous and people of colour in the CPS.
- Implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action and the City's White Goose Flying Report, regarding policing and justice.

Furthermore, the City of Calgary needs to:

- work directly with black, indigenous and other racialized communities to develop action plans with solid time lines for making these changes.
- Consult and work with the community to develop accountability mechanisms for the implementation of these changes and

Last but not least, the foundation for driving these changes should be an understanding of what systemic racism is and how it is connected

to other forms of oppression. A starting point would be the definition of systemic racism outlined at the beginning of this letter: the interconnected and mutually reinforcing relationships among

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If we don't employ a systemic change process we run the risk of the trappings of change as opposed to deep rooted change. As one black female lawyer from the US stated when asked about what had to change, in policing: "culture trumps policy every time"-you can't use a piecemeal approach such as a policy change here or a minimal hiring change there. Systemic issues require systemic solutions to drive a seismic cultural shift.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Brown
WTEP (We're Together Ending Poverty)



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Will the Council commit resources to support Black elders in Calgary teach young people about the collective identity of Black people? If the Council will consider this I will be more than glad to offer an in-depth strategy to make this a reality.



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* Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Please look into how the large budget for the police could be used more effectively in other forms of community outreach, prevention, and overall bettering the situation of underserved members of the community.



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We would like to start by thanking the City for the opportunity to speak at the hearing. BLSA Calgary is grateful for the support we have received from colleagues, allies, and friends. All levels of government should address systemic racism. To this end, BLSA has several recommendations that we would like for the City of Calgary to implement.

The more accessible education is for BIPOC, their chances of upward mobility is increased. Therefore, we believe funding should be made accessible for BIPOC communities, including diversity grants for students who wish to further their education, which would lead to an increase in professional representation.

Create a diversity pipeline within the City of Calgary like the Summer Student program but different in that, there is an extension that includes opportunities specific to BIPOC applicants. This helps address cognitive biases that result in whiteness being seen as the measure of leadership.

The City of Calgary should ensure that most of the members of the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee, is composed of Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour who are external to the City of Calgary and have extensive experience in Anti-Racism work, rather than/along with Diversity and Inclusion experience. This is beneficial because it helps ensure that the committee is culturally proficient.

The committee continues to advocate for BIPOC communities by establishing a public reporting avenue that emphasizes the experiences of these communities and communication with other levels of government. In Calgary, within the Calgary Police, reports have shown that racial profiling is a contributing factor to carding practices. Such

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reports show us the value of reports and advocacy that specifically look at the experiences of BIPOC.
City of Calgary should commit to an inquiry into racial discrimination in all City services, including the Calgary Police Service. Further the City should include a report, anti-racism training for employees, and accountability metrics. In terms of anti-racism training, we believe it is especially important that members of CPS receive this training. This is important because the criminal justice system perpetuates the racialization and criminalization of specific groups: BIPOC are disproportionately incarcerated. Finally, all measures implemented should be inclusive and intersectional.

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As a member of the Calgary Indigenous Human Rights Circle, we were successful in securing a modest grant from the Government of Alberta's Anti-Racism Grant Program to address both systemic and individual incidents of racism, with a focus on the former. Attached is a list of resources which were provided to learning circle participants so they could investigate the issues further. We are aiming to produce a toolkit by the project's end. What is clear is that governments in general need to fully fund ongoing initiatives led by Indigenous Peoples at the local level. And it is important to increase significantly the number of indigenous people on boards, committees, and the like so that they have opportunities to contribute meaningfully to policy and decision-making around important governance issues. However, there should be more than a token indigenous person on each decision-making entity, but rather at least two and with gender balance to be further inclusive of different perspectives.

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- *Increase access and availability of culturally relevant correctional programming.*
- *Clarify and enhance the role of Indigenous elders.*
- *Improve engagement with Indigenous communities and enhance their capacity to provide reintegration services.*
- *Enhance access to screening, diagnosis and treatment of Indigenous offenders affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.*
- *Develop assessment and classification tools responsive to the needs and realities of Indigenous people caught up in the criminal justice system.*

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TRC Calls to Action Alignment (see *Child Welfare Legacy/Business & Reconciliation/Media & Reconciliation* sections, plus the following):

#3: We call upon all levels of government to fully implement Jordan's Principle.

#5: We call upon the federal, provincial, territorial, and Aboriginal governments to develop culturally appropriate parenting programs for Aboriginal families.

#92: We call upon the corporate sector in Canada to adopt the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a reconciliation framework and to apply its' principles, norms, and standards to corporate policy and core operational activities involving Indigenous peoples and their lands and resources. (see also 92.i, 92.ii, and 92.iii)

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Alignment with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples:

PREAMBLE:

Recognizing and reaffirming that indigenous individuals are entitled without discrimination to all human rights recognized in international law, and that indigenous peoples possess collective rights which are indispensable for their existence, well-being and integral development as peoples,

ARTICLE 2: *Indigenous peoples and individuals are free and equal to all other peoples and individuals and have the right to be free from any kind of discrimination, in the exercise of their rights, in particular that based on their indigenous origin or identity.*

Alignment with the Truth & Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action (see *Health Legacy & Racism* and *Sports & Reconciliation* sections, in addition to the following):

#22. *We call upon those who can effect change within the Canadian health-care system to recognize the value of Aboriginal healing practices and use them in the treatment of Aboriginal patients in collaboration with Aboriginal healers and Elders where requested by Aboriginal patients.*

I. Elders & Youth Engagement in Intergenerational Healing Learning Circle Resources (March 21/2020, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination)

Alignment with the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*:

ARTICLE 13: *Indigenous peoples have the right to revitalize, use, develop and transmit to **future generations** their histories, languages, oral traditions, philosophies, writing systems and literatures, and to designate and retain their own names for communities, places and persons.*

ARTICLE 21.2: *States shall take effective measures and, where appropriate, special measures to ensure continuing improvement of their economic and social conditions. Particular attention shall be paid to the rights and special needs of **indigenous elders, women, youth, children and persons with disabilities.***

*ARTICLE 22.1: Particular attention shall be paid to the rights and special needs of **indigenous elders, women, youth, children and persons with disabilities** in the implementation of this Declaration.*

Alignment with the Truth & Reconciliation Commission *Calls to Action* (see Education Legacy/Education for Reconciliation/Youth Programs sections):

*#11. We call upon the federal government to provide adequate funding to end the backlog of **First Nations students** seeking a post-secondary education.*

*#22. We call upon those who can effect change within the Canadian health-care system to recognize the value of Aboriginal healing practices and use them in the treatment of Aboriginal patients in collaboration with **Aboriginal healers and Elders** where requested by Aboriginal patients.*

*#38. We call upon the federal, provincial, territorial and Aboriginal governments to commit to eliminating the overrepresentation of Aboriginal **youth in custody** over the next decade. (& 55.v)*

*#64. We call upon all levels of government that provide public funds to denominational schools to require such schools to provide an education on comparative religious studies, which must include a segment on Aboriginal spiritual beliefs and practices developed in collaboration with **Aboriginal Elders**.*

*#66. We call upon the federal government to establish multiyear funding for community-based **youth organizations** to deliver programs on reconciliation, and establish a national network to share information and best practices.*

*#88. We call upon all levels of government to take action to ensure long-term Aboriginal **athlete development and growth**, and continued support for the North American Indigenous Games, including funding to host the games and for provincial and territorial team preparation and travel. (& 90.i and iv)*

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* Subject **Systemic Issues of Policing, Housing, and Poverty**

* Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) **Thank you for your time in reading the attached document.**

The nature of systemic racism in Calgary cannot be defined without understanding the insidious ways it travels through our society. For me, a born and raised Calgary Black woman, this city is a home that feels unsafe and unjust for me. These feelings are only supported by the reality of a lopsided municipal budget that has dictated the policies that have made my life more difficult than many of my white friends and colleagues. In bringing attention to this important issue, I'm going to detail how racism in Calgary works to set young people like myself up for failure:

Firstly, a conversation about systemic racism in Calgary cannot be held without bringing attention to the system of policing in our city. In our city alone, there are several damning policies that work to entrench racial differences, make low-income and predominantly Black communities more dangerous, and further the racial wealth gap that is experienced in Calgary and indeed across Canada. These policing I'm most concerned about are: carding, school resource officers, mental health protocols, community policing, the criminalization of poverty and homelessness and the lack of support for community programming for youth.

Before getting into those specifics, I would like to emphasize the fact that the work of racism does not always come in the form of brutality or hate speech. It is much deeper than that, and I hope you take the time to really understand this. When it comes to carding, also known as "stop and frisk" in the states or in Toronto as "community engagement" and "intervention", brutality is one possible outcome that is accompanied so many other more immediate issues. These issues include the impediment of privacy, the traumatization of youth and increased distrust in police. Additionally, the practice of carding, because of the fact that low-income and Black communities are targeted more often than white neighborhoods, contributes to the issue of over policing which leads to more "crime" and further inequality. Black and Indigenous people, as a result of carding, are stopped more than their white counterparts. This is true across North America. Racialized people are often considered suspicious and their interactions with police are increased as a result. The effects of this are expansive and damning.

When information is put into police databases based off of carding a person becomes "known to police". At any other police intervention, this could reflect negatively on a racialized person when other police officers interact with them. As carding or "info-posts" or whatever else it is called these days continues, more Black and Indigenous people face consequences that impede them from carrying out activities at school, at work, or in their social circles. The CPS is not open and honest about this practice and how it affects too many Black, Indigenous and low-income people. With this in mind it is difficult for us to fully understand the effect of this practice, but what we know now is that it is a practice that highly distinguishes American policing as particularly virulent. Here, in Calgary – there is little numerical evidence to help suggest a difference between how this was practiced in New York city versus how it is practiced here in Calgary. We must all, especially you our policy makers, rid ourselves of the belief that policing is somehow better here than it is anywhere else. Carding is just one example of this reality.

School resource officers are another policing policy issue that is damaging to youth and families. In my household, I have two older brothers who were "known to police" and who

were also targeted by police in school. This meant that they were often branded as trouble makers and were time and time again suspended from school. Though personal responsibility plays a role in all of this, I wonder how different their lives could have been if someone just believed in them instead of assumed them as suspicious at the outset. The effect of their constant suspensions created rifts in our household, encouraged my brothers to get involved with other “known to police” youth, and pushed them directly into the school to prison pipeline. This has resulted in extreme economic and health challenges in my family. The likes of which are difficult to describe. Had my brothers received support in school, they might have graduated. They might have avoided prison, they might have helped make Calgary the city it wants to be. But, with the combined policies of carding and SRO’s, they were too often assumed to be criminal and too often shuffled into a stream of crime. After leaving the prison system as children, their privacy was protected. But because their entire reality was constructed around the need to be defensive around police, their interactions with the prison system continued into their adulthood – one of them because he is mentally ill. With that being the reality of things, they could not work reliable jobs to support our family because they had police records and we were all pushed further into poverty to support one another. Long story short, SRO’s have to go and all funding put toward this program should be put in schools so guidance counsellors and teachers can address issues more effectively and contribute to the creation of a better city with less inequality and hardship for Black and Indigenous youth.

Another major issue as far as systemic racism is concerned is the reality of mental health wellness checks. With CPS as part of the first response to these issues over 70% of all police involved fatalities come as a result of the use of police use of force on the mentally ill. Understanding the ways in which racism has infiltrated every system of organization in this city, how low-income people (over represented by Black and Indigenous people) are more susceptible to stress and other difficult mental illnesses, and how subconscious bias impacts how Black, Indigenous, and the mentally ill are viewed – we simply cannot have CPS considered a first response. There is too much at stake when a mentally ill BIPOC is experiencing crises and when police are on scene with deadly weapons. There are alternatives that have been proven effective. Police do not need to be involved and we can imagine alternatives that respond with care instead of violence. We must do so to protect our neighbors who need help and give them support to live stable lives alongside their mental illness.

I want to pivot to another area of concern. This is in housing. I was raised in Calgary housing all of my life. Housing conditions, are not adequate in many of these homes. Throughout my life, my family has experience mice infestations more times than I can count. The little food we had was often destroyed or infested by mice in our cupboards. Though Calgary housing often addressed the issue, it was usually with small fixes that would need to be addressed again in a few months to years. My siblings and I would often take matters into our own hands and build makeshift mouse traps to rid ourselves of the terrible infestations in our kitchen. The poor conditions in our childhood home often mean that cabinets would fall apart constantly, railings would break easily, and pieces of the ceiling would fall off. We would call Calgary housing to fix the situation and within weeks to months the same problem would come up again. This imposed many pressures on my daily life as a young student. Having to share space with so

many people and also deal with constant food insecurity because of mice or constant conversations with property managers had a significant impact on my school life. As a result of this reality in conjunction with other issues of systemic racism, I almost dropped out of my first year of university.

In my neighborhoods growing up, there was rarely community programming that helped me succeed in school or develop relationships in the community with other kids my age. Had my brothers had more access to community programs and less contact with police – their lives would be very different today. The lack of community programming and the over policing of my childhood neighborhood made it so my brothers were in and out of jail all of the time. If there were robust community programs that didn't involve the police in my neighborhood, they could have received pivotal aid in school work, access to sports and other recreational activities, more secure food alternatives and so much more. Instead, they were distracted by other things like weed, or hanging out with the boys, or whatever else that was a cause for suspicion and had them interact with police often throughout their teenage years. Racism, in this case, looks like societal neglect. Without community programs available to them at a young age, their lives and futures were quickly ruined by wealth inequality and poverty, over policing in our community, and neglect from my mother – who had no choice but to work day in and day out to pay for rent and put food on the table.

These are only some examples of systemic racism that have impacted my life, that being said, I consider myself one of the lucky few who have been able to make it all the way through to university, despite having few supports to help me through it. When thinking of systemic racism, it is essential we understand how all of our systems that have been created today were not created with Black, Indigenous, and low-income folks in mind. Some might argue this was intentional, I argue that the people – like yourselves – who make decisions simply do not see the cracks in the policies you create and maintain. I would argue many of you do not want to put people like me in situations where police brutalize me, or where I'm starving at school, or unsure of how to get to work, but this is the reality of a non-diverse policy making team that isn't asked to think about the least of us in the formulation of policy. Systemically speaking, questions about why the police budget is so grand are valid especially when other services receive so little. When we invest in policing, we invest in further inequality. This is a massive problem. When we invest in community-based non-violent services, we invest in the future. I urge you to reconsider how 401 million dollars a year really works to protect us. For me and other members of the BIPOC community, we bear the weight of that 401 million dollars and we do not benefit from it either. If you are serious about dealing with systemic racism, I hope you start with policing and redistribute funds to alternative services that react to community based issues with care, science, and prevention. Police do not do this, and as long as they operate as they do now we will continue to see many of the same issues get worse and worse as time goes on. This is unacceptable.



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Dear Sir or Madam,

We thank you to have given me the opportunity to speak about Racism, in order to repel this low human trait in our civilized society and create harmony.

I belief that it is good for human beings to promote good neighbor values in society at large and for the State to include those of us who can make this possible.

We suggest specifically more participation, more minority leader's representation, who can listen and bring to us the change and harmony we seek.

We trust that this will bring us a more civilized, prosperous, and happy society.

Yes, We Can grow together, in harmony.

Sincerely,

Farah Ali

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14 years ago when we were 17, I was on the C-Train with my boyfriend at the time. A transit peace officer made a beeline for us, despite the crowded train. They proceeded to ask my boyfriend, who was Latino, to display his transit pass. They did not ask me. I am white.

I didn't realize it at the time, but I know now that this was an example of systemic racism.

Growing up in a white upper-middle-class family, I was completely ignorant of systemic racism. I became aware of the gross inequity among Calgary's population when I started working in the social services sector. Working at affordable housing and homeless-serving agencies, I learned that Indigenous are hugely overrepresented among the homeless population - not because Indigenous people are inherently lazier, less intelligent or less skilled than other groups, but because of the past- and present-day policies, procedures and practices that lead to disproportionately negative outcomes for Indigenous and other racialized people. I learned of Black, Indigenous and People of Colour (BIPOC) who were denied an apartment rental when the landlord saw an application with a Black or Indigenous name, or saw them in person. I now work at an agency that helps people involved in crime to make positive changes, where ~30% of our clients are Indigenous, while representing only ~5% of the overall population. Again, this is not because Indigenous people are inherently bad or criminal but because of policies, practices and procedures (like residential schools, the child wel-

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fare system, etc.) that have caused untreated childhood trauma -- which is scientifically proven to increase the likelihood of criminal behaviour.

Below are some specific examples of systemic racism that I have witnessed:

I was carpooling to a softball game with my teammate, who happened to be a Calgary Police officer. As we passed a Black man walking on the sidewalk, my teammate/police officer stated that this Black man had likely just stolen a television. When I told him that is racist, his reasoning was that Black people disproportionately commit theft. This is systemic racism.

Of the various social service agencies I have worked with or at, management is almost entirely made up of white people, despite the fact that the people we serve are disproportionately BIPOC. This is a huge barrier, in my opinion, to helping our clients in the most effective way we can. I have seen little-to-no anti-racism work done internally during my eight-year career.



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Please find the attached letter- Thank you

Dear Mayor Nenshi and Calgary's Anti-Racism Committee Members,

Thank you for holding this public consultation on systemic racism in Calgary. It is an essential concern that must be listened to carefully for true anti-racist work to be done in our city.

As a family physician on the front-lines of COVID 19 in Northeast Calgary (Dr. Tan) and President of a local charity (Ms. Sherret), we have witnessed first-hand how this disease, and the collateral harms from this public health crisis, have disproportionately affected essential workers and those whom our society relies upon for daily essentials of living. Many of these people, including many of my patients, are part of racialized communities in our city and have had to work throughout the pandemic, unable to have the luxury to participate in lockdowns because of the essential work they do. This includes those who work in the agri-food industries, cleaning staff, grocery store workers, personal support workers and postal workers, to name a few. Not only are they working to support their fellow Calgarians, but many are also travelling to and from those essential jobs on the City's transit. Dr. Tan has advocated for these patients throughout the pandemic, including helping them overcome the stigma and harassment that they received early on in the pandemic for daring to wear a mask at work and on public transit.

COVID-19 has shone a light on the systemic racism that exists and causes societal and health inequities, with the populations made most vulnerable being the hardest hit by this terrible disease. We must learn the lessons that COVID-19 is teaching us about systemic racism and social determinants of health. We should not continue to allow those at high risk from COVID-19's impacts to also face high COVID-19 exposure. We can and must do better, now.

As the economy reopens, and our essential workers (again represented by many racialized people in our city) at the front lines of food and service industries are exposed to larger numbers of the public coming out of lockdown, we implore you to be on the right side of history and consider a mandate for masks during this time as a clear statement of the City's commitment to anti-racism. A mask mandate for indoor public spaces and transit will protect those who are in contact with many people over the course of their shifts while serving Calgarians.

A mandate for masking will set a clear, unequivocal expectation that those who *can* mask, *do* mask in all high-risk public spaces. Appropriate exceptions need to be made and clearly communicated. This will protect all workers on the front lines of grocery stores, hardware stores, restaurants, personal care services, postal offices and other services, as well as their patrons. This will provide clear messaging and legal cover for the businesses that employ workers and help keep their patrons safe as well.

Crucially, at the level of citizen-to-citizen interactions, a mask mandate helps shift the power dynamics that serve to reinforce systemic racism. Individuals are valued and supported when the City both properly accounts for risks they face, and puts in place measures to help overcome inappropriate exercises of power that feed off inequities.

Individual employees should not be alone in advocating for their safety; they deserve to be protected and have their colleagues and patrons masking too. A mask mandate will quickly normalize mask-wearing so that those who fear being harassed or targeted, especially in the context of increased anti-Asian sentiments due to erroneous blame of Asians for the novel coronavirus, will feel safer to wear them in their communities. Racialized communities who may avoid wearing a face mask for fear of increased risk of police stops will be potentially more protected under these mask mandates. A mask mandate **must** come with a strong education and awareness component, particularly for law enforcement. Interactions about masking between racialized people and police or bylaw officers **must be limited** to education about safe mask wearing and giving access to free masks. We are **NOT** asking for legal or financial penalties as a result of not masking, but rather are asking for an opportunity for police or bylaw officers to participate in education outreach about safe masking practices to communities made vulnerable by systemic inequities.

All of the above suggestions will help in the anti-racist work you are committed to doing. As well, we can't neglect remarking upon the evidence that shows that mask mandates to get to 80% of the population

masking in enclosed indoor spaces and transit will protect Calgary's local economy as things continue to open up, while decreasing the chance of further lockdowns and decreasing the spread of COVID 19 and the chances of a second wave. A mask mandate also protects vulnerable community members, including those with medical conditions, intellectual and other disabilities, who may be unable to mask but who are also themselves often at a higher risk if they contract COVID-19. A mask mandate accelerates a virtuous circle of community members adopting behaviours that protect each other. This will no doubt help all Calgarians but in particular can specifically support racialized Canadians who identify as Black, Indigenous, & Persons of Colour.

Thank you very much for your careful consideration of this mask mandate that will help protect the health and safety of your citizens, while contributing directly to the anti-racist commitment of the City of Calgary

Yours truly,
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