

**PARTICIPATION IN THE SECOND PAN CANADIAN MEETING OF THE COALITION OF MUNICIPALITIES AGAINST RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION (CMARD)**

**Recommendation**

The Community Equity and Diversity Committee recommends that the attendance of Councillor Shefman at the Second Pan Canadian Meeting of the Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination (CMARD) Meeting scheduled for March 18, 2009 and March 19, 2009, in Calgary, Alberta, be approved.

**Economic Impact**

There is no economic Impact.

**Communications Plan**

N/A

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to request that Council approve Councillor Shefman's attendance at the Second Pan Canadian Meeting of the Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination, to be held on March 18 and 19, 2009, in Calgary, Alberta.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

The Community Equity and Diversity Committee, at its meeting of February 4, 2009, approved the following:

- 1) That Councillor Shefman attend the Second Pan Canadian Meeting of the Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination, to be held on March 18 and 19, 2009, in Calgary, Alberta; and
- 2) That Council approval be requested.

The Community Equity and Diversity Committee sees merit in participating in the Second Pan Canadian Meeting of the Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination.

This meeting is an opportunity for Canadian Municipalities to share their challenges and experiences concerning the development and implementation of their local action plans against racism and discrimination. It is also an opportunity to finalize the proposed strategic plan for CMARD which will include several scenarios for coordination, financial support and communication among members.

The attendance of the event will be from municipalities from across Canada who are members of the Coalition. Councillor Shefman will be representing the City of Vaughan. The meeting is taking place in Calgary, Alberta, beginning the evening of March 18, 2009 and all day on March 19, 2009. Costs will be approximately \$1000.

**Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan**

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

**Regional Implications**

N/A

**Conclusion**

The Community Equity and Diversity Committee requests that Councillor Shefman's attendance at the Second Pan Canadian Meeting of the Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination (CMARD) Meeting scheduled for March 18, 2009 and March 19, 2009, in Calgary, Alberta, representing the City of Vaughan, be approved.

**Attachments**

N/A

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Respectfully submitted,

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Community Equity and Diversity Committee