



## City of Richmond

## Report to Committee

**To:** Planning Committee

**From:** Terry Crowe  
Manager, Policy Planning

**Re:** REVISED RICHMOND INTERCULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERMS OF  
REFERENCE

To Planning - JUN 8, 2004

**Date:** May 25, 2004

**File:** 01-0100-20-RIA01-01

### Staff Recommendation

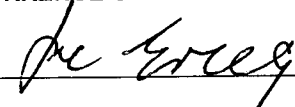
That the existing Richmond Intercultural Advisory Committee (RIAC) Terms of Reference be rescinded and the revised RIAC Terms of Reference be approved as per the report from the Manager, Policy Planning dated May 25, 2004.



Terry Crowe

Manager, Policy Planning

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CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER		
		
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## **Staff Report**

### **Origin**

The Richmond Seniors Advisory Council (RSAC) would like to work more closely with the Richmond Intercultural Advisory Committee (RIAC) to better address the needs of Richmond seniors (**Attachment 1**).

To achieve this end, staff recommend:

- rescinding the existing RIAC Terms of Reference (**Attachment 2**), and
- adopting a revised RIAC Terms of Reference that expand RIAC membership to include a representative of the RSAC (**Attachment 3**).

### **Findings Of Fact**

The Richmond Seniors Advisory Committee (RSAC) has taken an active interest in the work of the Richmond Intercultural Advisory Committee (RIAC) since its inception in 2002.

RSAC members have:

- participated in all stages of community consultation undertaken by RIAC in the development of their proposed 2004 – 2010 Richmond Intercultural Strategic Plan and Work Program (Stakeholder Consultation, Public Consultation, Community Focus Groups),
- frequently attended RIAC meetings as observers, and
- included in their 2004 work program a plan to assist with multicultural workshops that enhance understanding and the identification of mutual issues and concerns.

The RIAC Terms of Reference were last amended in March 2004 with the addition of two youth representatives, bringing their membership total to 16.

The addition of a representative of the Richmond Seniors Advisory Committee would bring the total membership to 17.

RIAC was informed of this proposal at their April 18 meeting and informally indicated their support.

### **Analysis**

The addition of a RSAC representative to RIAC would strengthen the ability of both committees to address intercultural issues faced by Richmond seniors.

**Financial Impact** - None.

### **Conclusion**

Staff recommend that the proposed RIAC Terms of Reference, adding one representative from the Richmond Seniors Advisory Committee to the RIAC membership, be adopted.



Lesley Sherlock, Social Planner (4220)

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**Richmond Seniors Advisory Council**

Richmond City Hall  
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April 30, 2004

Mayor and Council  
City of Richmond

Dear Mayor and Council :

**Re: Appointing a Representative of the Richmond Seniors Advisory Committee to the Richmond Intercultural Advisory Committee**

The Richmond Seniors Advisory Council's (RSAC) Chair and Vice-Chair presented the Annual Report to City Council last December.

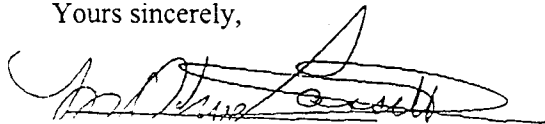
You may recall that, with approval of same, you also requested we look further into various suggested issues, one of them being the Richmond Intercultural Advisory Committee (RIAC).

With this in mind and the desire by members to become more involved with this committee we respectfully inquire whether Mayor and Council would be willing to appoint one of our members to RIAC.

Mr. Mohinder Grewal, RSAC member, has been attending RIAC meetings. However, we as members feel that, to be more effective and to able to participate in the deliberations and business of this committee, it is important we have a member who can be more active than an observer.

Trusting you will feel as our Council members do, we look forward to a favourable reply.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Olive Bassett', written over a horizontal line.

M. Olive Bassett, Chair  
Seniors Advisory Council

**Existing Terms of Reference**

**Richmond Intercultural Advisory Committee**

## **Terms of Reference Richmond Intercultural Advisory Committee**

### **1. Purpose**

These terms of reference shall apply to the "Richmond Intercultural Advisory Committee" (RIAC).

### **2. Mandate**

The purpose of the Richmond Intercultural Advisory Committee is to enhance intercultural harmony and strengthen intercultural co-operation in Richmond.

### **3. Role**

The role of the RIAC is to carry out the following functions:

- advise City Council by providing information, options and recommendations regarding intercultural issues and opportunities
- respond to intercultural issues referred to the RIAC by Council or the community
- assist Council and the community to:
  - develop a vision for improved intercultural relations in Richmond
  - determine appropriate goals, objectives, policies and guiding principles to enhance intercultural harmony
  - periodically review City policies and procedures pertaining to intercultural issues
- encourage and co-ordinate public participation and networking in the identification and development of solutions to intercultural issues
- enhance public awareness of and involvement in intercultural issues
- liaise with other levels of government to address Richmond intercultural issues

### **4. Principles**

The RIAC will follow a community development approach by involving those affected in resolving issues and identifying opportunities.

In doing so, the RIAC will act on the following principles:

#### **Inclusiveness:**

- The RIAC will consult with and seek to include Richmond's many cultures and organizations in its activities.

#### **Co-operation:**

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#### **Partnerships:**

- The RIAC will seek and encourage a wide range of partnerships with Richmond's many cultures and organizations to identify enhancing intercultural opportunities and available community resources to address intercultural issues.

#### **Flexibility:**

- The RIAC will operate with flexibility thereby encouraging Richmond's many cultures and organizations to determine themselves how they wish to co-operate.

#### **Voluntary:**

- Participation in and with the RIAC is voluntary.

**3. City Councillor Liaison To RIAC**

There shall be one Councillor Liaison appointed to the RIAC.

**4. Composition**

**Voting Members:**

RIAC shall be comprised of up to 16 Council appointed members consisting of:

- six citizens interested in enhancing intercultural harmony
- four RCSAC representatives
- one representative from each of the following statutory organizations:
  - School District 38
  - RCMP
  - Richmond Health Services
  - Ministry of Children and Family Development
- two youth representatives

**5. Recruitment, Selection and Appointment**

**a) Recruitment**

- Recruitment of citizen appointees shall be according to Council policy and procedures (e.g., the City Clerk's office will place appropriate public advertisements in the media to ask for volunteers).
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**b) Selection**

All members of RIAC shall be selected based on one or both of the following criteria:

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**c) Appointment**

- All members shall be appointed by Council.

**6. Term**

- Members shall be appointed for 2-year terms.
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**7. Operation and Process**

**a) Operation**

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- Meetings shall be held a minimum of six times a year.

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**b) Accountability**

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**c) Communication**

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**d) Decision-Making Process**

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- Each member is entitled to one vote.
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