

Multicultural Advisory Council

Provincial Multiculturalism Vision

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Agenda - Draft

Friday, October 18, 2013

**Strategic Initiatives and
Multiculturalism Branch,
Ministry of International
Trade & Responsible for
Asia-Pacific Strategy &
Multiculturalism**
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Mission: To provide strategic advice to the Minister to stimulate and leverage all sectors and communities to achieve the provincial vision on multiculturalism.

9:00 - 9:30	Tea/Breakfast	
9:30 - 9:45	Opening Remarks and Acknowledgments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honourable Teresa Wat, Minister of International Trade & Responsible for Asia-Pacific Strategy and Multiculturalism 	Confirm availability
9:45-10:10	Strategic Priorities of the Ministry and MAC's Contributions Multiculturalism Branch Update	Shannon Baskerville Deputy Minister Dean Sekyer, Executive Dir. Mark Seeley, Dir. Multiculturalism
10:10-10:50	Chair Convenes Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening Remarks Introductions around the table Review and Approve Agenda 	Mo Dhaliwal
10:50-11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00-11:15	2013 Provincial Nesika Awards: Planning Ahead to Sustain the Success	Madhavee Inamdar
11:15-11:45	MAC Priorities & Plans for 2014-15	Moderators: Mark Seeley Madhavee Inamdar
11:45-12:15	Roundtables as Community Engagement Strategy & Role of the MAC Discussion for Action Plan	Madhavee Inamdar
12:15-1:15	Update from MAC Members and everyone	Moderator Mo Dhaliwal
1:15-1:30	Final Remarks	Mo Dhaliwal and Shellina Lakhdhir
1:30	Lunch	



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MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (MAC) MEETING ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL ATTENDEES	MINISTRY ATTENDEES	ABSENT
Chair: Mo Dhaliwal Angela Hollinger Anar Popatia Patrick Wong Shellina Lakhdhir Michelle Rakotonaivo David Lai Eunice Oh	Honorable Teresa Wat Mark Seeley Madhavee Inamdar	Yonah Martin Baljit Sethi Al Horning Andy Wickey Angela Fang Susan Tatoosh Myrt Turner

Meeting Opened

Honourable Teresa Wat, Minister for International Trade and Responsible for Asia-Pacific Strategy and Multiculturalism welcomed all and opened the meeting at 9:30am.

Honourable Teresa Wat's Opening Remarks

Minister Wat welcomed all the MAC members and thanked them for their commitment and dedication to multiculturalism. Minister Wat mentioned that it was her very first meeting with the MAC since she became the Minister in June 2013 and she was looking forward to working with the MAC and receiving their advise on multiculturalism.

On the same note, she expressed her pleasure on the signing of CETA (Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement) on October 18, 2013, the same day of the MAC meeting. CETA is Canada's biggest bilateral initiative since NAFTA. An agreement in principle was signed by Prime Minister Stephen Harper and European Commission President on October 18, 2013.



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Highlights of the Remarks:

- Opportunities in education, businesses and industries are growing in British Columbia.
- There are number of government programs that support the communities across BC.
- We have to make sure that the multicultural programs are relevant and useful.
- It's the diversity of our province that defines us all.
- Diversity is an asset to our economy and it's our competitive advantage.
- Our goal is to make BC as the preferred destination for investment and trade offices.
- We have to make sure that multiculturalism and diversity support our economy and communities to grow.
- The MAC could focus on the business angle as we talk about growth, jobs plan and inclusion.
- Provincial Nesika Awards has been asuccessful initiative of the MAC and those could be organized with the business partnerships as our resources and funds are going to be limited.

Discussion Highlights:

- Communities should be encouraged to explore diversity through cultural navigation and cultural curiosity.
- More partnerships are required with the community organizations.
- The MAC should take initiative to organize a roundtable on educational initiatives.
- The MAC members supported Minister's Teresa Wat's suggestion to focus on business angles of diversity and multiculturalism.
- The MAC members also welcome Minister Wat's suggestion of corporate sponsorships for the Provincial Nesika Awards.

Fifth Annual Provincial Nesika Awards:

- The nomination process is currently going on and the nominations will close on February 11, 2014.



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- All the MAC members committed their support for the nomination process by nominating individuals, businesses and organizations.
 - The MAC members also suggested that the venue for the Nesika event could be better and bigger to have a high profile awards event in April 2014.
 - Some of the venues suggested by the MAC members are: CBC, Roundhouse, SFU Woodward's building, Vogue Theatre, and Vancouver Convention Centre.

MAC Community Engagement Meetings:

Under the leadership of the Council, four to five Community Engagement Meetings will be organized on Diversity and Inclusion in partnership with various organizations by March 31st 2014 as part of the Minister's mandate.

The first such meeting is organized in partnership with the City of Coquitlam and the City of Abbotsford on November 7, 2013 in Coquitlam and all the MAC members are expected to participate.

Strategic Priorities for the MAC till March 31, 2014

- Presenting the Council as a leading think-tank in multiculturalism
- Focus on diversity and inclusion in partnership with new stakeholders as multiculturalism is a very broad subject.
- Leadership of the Provincial Nesika Awards
- Community Engagement Meetings

Action Items and next steps:



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ACTION	DESCRIPTION
1	Explore corporate sponsorship possibilities for the next Nesika Awards Status: Active Responsibility: MAC Secretariat
2	All the MAC members to send five nominations each in various categories for the Nesika Awards by February 11, 2014. Responsibility: MAC Secretariat
3	All the MAC members to participate at the November 7, 2013 Community Engagement meeting in Coquitlam at the Coquitlam Centre Library from 3:30-7:00 PM. Responsibility: MAC Secretariat



Roundtable on Diversity and Inclusion

Thursday, November 7, 2013 3:30-7:00 PM

**Coquitlam City Centre Library, Room 136, 1169 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam,
BC V3B 6X1**

Agenda

- 3:30 PM:** Coffee and Meet, Greet & Mingle (**Room 127**)
- 4:00 PM** **Room 136**
- 4:00 PM:** Welcome and Introduction: Madhavee Inamdar
- 4:08 PM:** Keynote Address: Mo Dhaliwal, Chair, British Columbia Multicultural Advisory Council
- 4:18 PM:** Orientation to the Open Space Forum: Robyn Newton
- 4:30 PM:** Open Space: Identifying Issues/Barriers/Challenges in Diversity and Inclusion
- 5:00 PM:** Breakout Groups: Opportunities and Strategies
- 6:15 PM:** Group Presentations
- 6:50 PM:** Closing Remarks
- 7:00 PM:** Dinner (**Room 136-137**)

Please Note: The entrance is at the south end of the library, accessed off Northern Avenue. People arriving by car will access the Parkade at the south side of Northern Avenue, and follow the signs to the free designated library parking on the second level.



Community Engagement Meeting on Diversity and Inclusion

Tuesday, February 18, 2014 4:00-7:00 PM

Robert Lee YMCA: 5th Floor, 955 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC V6Z 1Y2

Agenda

- 4:00 PM:** Coffee and Meet, Greet & Mingle
- 4:10 PM:** Welcome and Introduction: Madhavee Inamdar
- 4: 15 PM:** YMCA Connections: Linda Rubuliak
- 4:20 PM:** Keynote Address: Tenzin Khangsar, Chair, BC Multicultural Advisory Council
- 4:30 PM:** Orientation to Open Space Forum: Madhavee Inamdar
- 4:35 PM:** Open Space: Identifying Issues/Barriers/Challenges in Diversity and Inclusion
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Thursday, February 27, 2014

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Purpose of the Meeting on February 27, 2014 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

This meeting is an opportunity to build upon the work and collective strength of the Multicultural Advisory Council (MAC), and look ahead to future directions. The short meeting will move us through a process of exploring and refining the role of the MAC, which will allow us to shape key strategies for our leadership in multiculturalism.

11:00-11:10	Opening Remarks and Acknowledgments Minister of International Trade & Responsible for Asia-Pacific Strategy and Multiculturalism	Honourable Teresa Wat (Confirm Availability)
11:10-11:20	Strategic Priorities of the Ministry and MAC's Contributions	Tenzin Khangsar, MAC Chair
11:20-11:50	Discussion by All on Goal Setting & Strategies and the next meeting date: options of April 18 th or April 25 th	Moderator, Tenzin Khangsar
11:50-11:55	Concluding Remarks	Tenzin Khangsar
11:55-12:00	Concluding Remarks	Minister Wat

12:00-12:30 **Lunch**

Calling-In Numbers:

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Participant ID:

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Background: In December 2013 six MAC members completed their term as members of the Council including the former Chair of the MAC ^{s22}
^{s22} Tenzin Khangsar, the new Chair, communicated to the MAC Secretariat on Feb 22nd that the Minister Teresa Wat would like him to meet and greet all the MAC members for a short meeting before the end of February 2014.

Meeting Opened

The new Chair Tenzin Khangsar welcomed all, congratulated the new members on their appointment and thanked the continuing members for their contributions.

Chair's Remarks:

- Tenzin Khangsar highlighted that the Minister Wat would like the MAC to focus on "inclusion" and "prosperity."
- This will also focus on businesses in BC as a stakeholder engagement area for the MAC.
- MAC's 'community engagement meetings' is a proactive initiative and looking forward to the meeting on March 21st with the Business Council of BC at which Minister Wat will participate.



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- Membership expansion: (who, what and where they represent) and risk/opportunities of expanding membership.
 - Utilising time more effectively for community/business engagement meetings and MAC meetings.
 - Members could come up with three ideas each as to how they visualize the MAC marching in near future and how we could make a difference. These ideas could be discussed at the next meeting.

Discussion Highlights:

- Currently, 50% new membership on the MAC.
- MAC members excited about the future and their role.
- MAC members “don’t want to be a name on a list”.
- Range of ideas from multicultural festivals, celebrating the Provincial Multiculturalism Week to creating information resource of multiculturalism in BC were discussed although the members recognized the need to understand their role (advisory), potential and realistic use of their time as volunteers.
- Members would like to be involved in the Community Engagement Meetings that the MAC is planning.
- Members are keen to attend the Provincial Nesika Awards Event on April 4th at the Science World to help.
- Near future will focus on an agreement on what the MAC needs to achieve.
- Members agreed to meet again on Friday April 25th - time and length of meeting to be confirmed.

Tenzin Khangsar ensured everybody contributed to the meeting.

Action Items and next steps:

ACTION	DESCRIPTION
1	Send past recommendations of the MAC to all the members. Status: Active Responsibility: MAC Secretariat



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2	Send three ideas how we can make a difference to the MAC Secretariat. Responsibility: All the members.
3	All the MAC members to participate at the March 21 st Business-Community Engagement meeting in partnership with the Business Council of British Columbia (time to be confirmed) Responsibility: All the members.



Community Engagement Meeting on Diversity and Inclusion

Tuesday March 4, 2014 4:00 PM-7:00 PM

James Bay New Horizons Centre, 234 Menzies St, Victoria, BC

Agenda

- 4:00 PM:** Coffee: Meet, Greet & Mingle
- 4:10 PM:** Welcome and Introduction: Madhavee Inamdar
- 4:15 PM:** Keynote: Mavis DeGirolamo, President of the ICA Board
- 4:25 PM:** MAC Expectations: Tenzin Khangsar, Chair, BC Multicultural Advisory Council
- 4:30 PM:** Orientation to Open Space Forum
- 4:35 PM:** Open Space: Identifying Issues/Barriers/Challenges in Diversity and Inclusion
- 4:50 PM:** Breakout Groups: Opportunities and Strategies
- 6:15 PM:** Group Presentations
- 6:55 PM:** Closing Remarks: Mark Seeley
- 7:00 PM:** Dinner



Community Engagement Meeting on Diversity and Inclusion

Tuesday March 11, 2014 4:00 PM-7:00 PM

City Centre Library, 10350 University Drive, Surrey, BC

Agenda

- 4:00 PM:** Coffee: Meet, Greet & Mingle
- 4:10 PM:** Welcome and Introduction: Madhavee Inamdar
- 4:15 PM:** Keynote Presentation: Jas Cheema, Diversity and Community Engagement Consultant
- 4:25 PM:** Orientation to Open Space Forum
- 4:30 PM:** Open Space: Identifying Issues/Barriers/Challenges in Diversity and Inclusion
- 4:50 PM:** Breakout Groups: Opportunities and Strategies
- 6:00 PM:** Group Presentations
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Businesses-Government-Community Engagement Meeting

Friday, March 21, 2014

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

**Executive Boardroom, Business Council of British Columbia
1050 West Pender Street, Suite 810,
Vancouver BC**

AGENDA

- 8:00 AM:** Welcome and Introduction: Greg D'Avignon, President & CEO, Business Council of British Columbia
- 8:10 AM:** Keynote Address: Honourable Teresa Wat, Minister of International Trade and Minister Responsible for Asia Pacific Strategy and Multiculturalism
- 8:20 AM:** Greg D'Avignon: Vote of Thanks to the Minister Wat
- 8:22 AM** Tenzin Khangsar: Roundtable Discussion on BC's Competitive Advantage
- 8:55 AM:** Concluding Remarks: Tenzin Khangsar, Chair, Multicultural Advisory Council
- 9:00 AM:** Complimentary Breakfast and Networking