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EXTRAIT DE L'ÉBAUCHE DU  
PROCÈS-VERBAL 14  
COMITÉ DES FINANCES ET DU  
DÉVELOPPEMENT ÉCONOMIQUE  
LE 2 JUIN 2020

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MOTION – APPOINTMENT – COUNCIL LIAISON FOR ANTI-RACISM AND  
ETHNOCULTURAL RELATIONS INITIATIVES

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The Committee approved the following motion to add to the agenda pursuant to Section 89(3) of the Procedure By-Law (being By-Law 2019-8), a presentation on the Progress Update on the Anti-Racism and Ethnocultural Relations Initiatives, as follows:

**FEDC MOTION N<sup>o</sup>. 2020 1/14**

Moved by Councillor L. Dudas

**That the Finance and Economic Development Committee (FEDC) approve the addition of this Item titled “*Progress Update on the Anti-Racism and Ethnocultural Relations Initiatives*” for consideration by the Committee at its June 2, 2020 Meeting, pursuant to Section 89(3) of the Procedure By-Law (being By-Law 2019-8); and**

**That FEDC waive the *Rules of Procedure* to receive a presentation on the above-noted item, and, pursuant to Subsection 83(4)(a), dispense with the requirement for staff to provide a separate written report on this presentation.**

CARRIED

Mayor Watson provided opening remarks on the tragic death of George Floyd and how it has left the United States, Canada and the world shaken, angry and frustrated. He noted how eradication of racism is the responsibility of everyone. The Mayor noted that he plans to participate in the No Peace Until Justice March that will be held on Friday, June 5 at 3 pm. in Ottawa.

Councillor R. King spoke to a PowerPoint presentation on Anti-Racism Initiatives, which includes Anti-Racism Secretariat, City Initiatives and Human Needs Task Force. He advised that a full time Anti-Racism Specialist position has been created and will be staffed in the near future.

Councillors thanked Councillor King and offered their support on this important initiative.

After discussion, Mayor Watson introduced the following motion:

**FEDC MOTION N<sup>o</sup>. 2020 2/14**

Moved by Mayor J. Watson

**WHEREAS the City of Ottawa is committed to building a more inclusive City by implementing anti-racism initiatives to prevent systemic racism in policies, programs and services and building relationships with racialized communities; and**

**WHEREAS prior to and since his election as Councillor for Ward 13 (Rideau-Rockcliffe) in April 2019, Councillor Rawlson King has been a tireless advocate for the need to address systemic racism in our community and for ensuring that racial equity is considered in City policies, programs and services; and**

**WHEREAS following the proposal of Councillor Rawlson King, Council approved funding for the creation of an Anti-Racism Secretariat for the City of Ottawa, as part of the 2020 Budget; and**

**WHEREAS further to the recommendations of the 2018-2022 Governance Review, Council may appoint a Member of Council as Council Liaison to work in partnership with staff to address specific issues;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Finance and Economic Development Committee recommend City Council appoint Councillor Rawlson King as the Council Liaison for Anti-Racism and Ethnocultural Relations Initiatives for the 2018-2022 Term of Council, so that he may continue his leadership on this issue and work with City staff to advance anti-racism and race relations initiatives.**

CARRIED

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