

Legislation Text

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ANTI-RACISM TASK FORCE

WHEREAS Barrie City Council has zero tolerance for hate, racism or discrimination in all its forms;

AND WHEREAS Barrie City Council reaffirms that everyone deserves to be treated with fairness, respect and dignity;

AND WHEREAS Barrie City Council is committed to building a more inclusive community;

AND WHEREAS Barrie City Council and the Barrie Police Service wish to be guided by the racialized community in combatting racism in the City of Barrie.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That an Anti-Racism Task Force be established in the City of Barrie.
2. That the composition and membership of the Task Force will be determined by a Steering Group comprised of representatives from Barrie's racialized communities, in line with their relative populations in Barrie.
3. That the purpose of the Anti-Racism Task Force is to work actively with police services, education (particularly the School Boards), community groups, municipal organizations, social services, business, labour and government agencies in order to facilitate a stronger understanding of the needs of the City's racialized populations.
4. That Steering Group will prepare a draft mandate and proposed activities of the Task Force, including but not limited to:
 - ACCOUNTABILITY - holding organizations and institutions responsible for implementing anti-racism initiatives;
 - POLICY - researching and raising awareness of best practices;
 - AWARENESS - public messaging to combat racism and promote accountability; and
 - SUSTAINABILITY - making changes that strengthen the community long-term.
5. That the Anti-Racism Task Force be sponsored by the Chief of Police and the Mayor's Office, with funding for in the amount of \$5,000 to be funded from the Mayor's Office and the Barrie Police Service budget for initial work.
6. That the Anti-Racism Steering Committee provide semi-annual presentations to City Council concerning their activities and initiatives. (Item for Discussion 8.2, June 29, 2020)