

## RIAC Mandate



**"enhance intercultural  
harmony and strengthen  
intercultural co-operation in  
Richmond."**



The mandate of the RIAC, as outlined in its terms of reference, is to "enhance intercultural harmony and strengthen intercultural co-operation in Richmond." The RIAC will achieve this mandate through several interrelated functions including providing information, options and recommendations to City Council and community stakeholders regarding intercultural issues and opportunities, and responding to intercultural issues referred to it by Council

## RIAC Membership

### **18 Council appointed members:**

- 6 citizens
- 4 RCSAC
- 1 SD#38
- 1 RCMP
- 1 Richmond Health Services
- 1 Ministry of Children and Family Development
- 2 youths
- 1 Richmond Seniors Advisory Committee
- 1 Richmond Committee on Disability

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RIAC is comprised of up to 18 Council appointed members consisting of:

six citizens interested in enhancing intercultural harmony

four RCSAC representatives

one from School District 38

one from RCMP

one from Richmond Health Services

one from Ministry of Children and Family Development

two youth representatives

one representative from the Richmond Seniors Advisory Committee

one representative from the Richmond Committee on Disability

## RIAC Vision for Intercultural Life In Richmond

2012-2015 Strategic Plan Goal:

***"to be the most appealing, liveable and well-managed community in Canada"***

The vision for intercultural life in Richmond should promote pride, acceptance, respect and participation in:

- **Canadian values and laws**
- **diverse heritages and traditions**
- **community life**



*From the 2012 - 2015 Richmond Intercultural Strategic Plan and Work Program:*

To achieve the overall vision of the City, "to be the most appealing, liveable and well-managed community in Canada," Richmond needs to better incorporate a value for and understanding of diversity into all its planning and services. The vision for intercultural life in Richmond should:

Promote

Pride in and acceptance of Canadian values and laws.

Pride in and respect for diverse heritages and traditions.

Pride in and participation in community life.

Richmond's Intercultural Vision

*"For Richmond to be the most welcoming, inclusive and harmonious community in Canada"*

## RIAC Projects – Recent Examples

- **Richmond Diversity Symposium- January 2015**
- **Diversity training for City staff**
- **Partnership with Richmond Community Social-Services Advisory Committee (RCSAC)**
- **Richmond Civic Engagement Forum- May 2013**
- **National Aboriginal Day Celebration June 2013**
- **Inter-faith Dialogue- January 2013**
- **Richmond Newcomers Guides - ongoing**

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2015 City of Richmond Diversity Symposium- bringing together community leaders and staff to discuss and share information on community building.

Providing input into the development of diversity training modules for City staff.

Working, in partnership with Richmond Community Social-Services Advisory Committee (RCSAC), to respond to a Council referral to research and advise on funding changes within the immigrant settlement and English language provision sectors.

Holding the first National Aboriginal Day Celebration at City Hall.

Richmond Civic Engagement Forum- May 2013- which brought together diverse sections of the community to discuss community cohesion in Richmond.

January 2013 Inter-faith Dialogue.

The development of City of Richmond Newcomers Guides (ongoing) in English, Chinese, Russian, Punjabi, Tagalog.