

May 22 – Steering Committee Meeting

The meeting started with Vimalachandran confirming that the terms of reference are ready to be published and that the online consultation tool is ready to be made public.

Ramachandran is going to work on scheduling meetings with the following community centres: Chinese Cultural, Armenian, Korean and Ukrainian. He will also follow up with community organizations that indicated they had done previous research on community centres before. The purpose of these meetings will be to gather information on construction process, governance model and operating expense breakdowns.

Rodrigo will have all translation complete and up to date by the next meeting.

Vimalachandran provided an update on meetings with the other levels of government that were held since the last Steering Committee Meeting.

- 1) A meeting with Mayor's Office, Councillor McKelvie's Office, CreateTO, and City of Toronto's Parks and Recreation Division on April 26th. The committee explained the project and discussed potential funding options and the identification of potential sites for the project. It was agreed that CreateTO would take the lead and identify potential sites.
- 2) A follow up meeting was held with CreateTO, the City's real estate agency, on May 14th. The committee was presented with a couple of sites in Scarborough and discussed the steps that would be required for the City to allocate this site for the construction of a Tamil Community Centre.
- 3) A meeting was held with MPP Thanigasalam and his office on May 10th. The committee requested that the MPP connect the committee with ministry staff to discuss the tri-partite funding option. The MPP communicated that he had consulted with the staff and requested the committee to prepare a feasibility study/report that he could then share with the ministry to start the process.

It was agreed that an additional meeting with MP Gary Anandasangaree would be needed. Rang also confirmed she would reach out to all Scarborough Councillors requesting meetings.

There was a conversation about starting a community engagement plan. Vimalachandran will prepare for the next meeting.

The committee discussed potential dates for the next community town hall to provide updates to the general community. A tentative date of July 14 has been selected.