

# **Multiculturalism in the City of Champions**

## **Short Summary of Proceedings**

### **Summary of a Forum** **Centre for Race and Culture (CRC)** (formerly Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations) **2002**

Attended by 80 Edmontonians representing all sectors.

#### **What They Said:**

- Barriers to multiculturalism and to social inclusion exist in communities.
- These barriers also exist in institutions: the family, public institutions (libraries, police, hospitals, schools, government), religious institutions, political organizations, for profit and not for profit organizations.
- Media feeds racial stereotypes, is preoccupied with violence, and conglomerates serve the political interests of owners.

#### **What They Recommended:**

- Community networks working for multiculturalism
- Government

Anti-racism and cross-cultural education of all people in all sectors.

Evaluation of current policies. Incorporate diversity and multiculturalism in business plans, and allocate resources on an ongoing basis.

A Diversity Task Force in Edmonton, similar to the one in Calgary.

- Schools  
encouragement of parental involvement  
all teachers trained in anti-racism and cultural awareness  
curriculum in schools and post-secondary inclusive of diversity and emphasizing multiculturalism
- Media  
More positive reporting of racial minorities and cultural sensitivity, stop negative stereotyping  
Citizens need to monitor media and speak against stereotyping