



RVAC REPORT FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2019 - JULY 31, 2019

Executive:

Joanne Robinson – Female Co-Chair
Antoine Gomis – Male Co-Chair
Carl Laguerre – Secretary
Antoine Moise – Vice Chair Communications
Doreen Grant-Thompson – Treasurer

The Racially Visible Action Committee (RVAC) will be streamlining our events to have a greater impact within the community. Our year to date activities are as follows:

January 2019:

Regional Conference – A committee has been struck to work with Nairra Tariq. A date is to be determined in January 2020 instead of November 2019.

Health Canada and Public Health Agency of Canada Visible Minorities Network (HC-PHAC VMN) hosted their annual Career Forum on the 25th of February 2019 – Nairra Tariq (PSAC) and Zelma Buckley (RVAC) hosted a booth at this event. They provided information on PSAC and RVAC. The event was successful.

Membership meeting: Monthly meeting took place on the 17th of January 2019.

February 2019:

Annual General Meeting – our elections also took place at that time; board members listed above.

March 2019:

Movie for Elimination of Racial Discrimination, on the 21st of March 2019. Racially Visible Action Committee (RVAC) and Aboriginal Action Circle (AAC) presented the movie - Indian Horse. This powerful movie was followed upon with an open discussion. Although the numbers were not high, the persons who attended were touched by the movie.

April 2019:

In conjunction with 10 community groups we hosted a Promoting Healthy Lifestyles Seminar on the 27th of April 2019.

May 2019

Monthly meeting took place; three new members joined the group.

June 2019

Book Reading by Elaine Grant – She’s Still Standing. Book reading was very good, although attendance was far too low.

July-August 2019

Although there was no committee meeting RVAC supported:

- a. Family of Markland Campbell (Jahiant Jahn) – father killed in Byward market protecting his daughter.
- b. Jamaal Boyce - Ottawa U student – Racially motivated arrest, media release prepared.
- c. Past Co-Chair - Sistah Dorothy Boulin who passed away – flowers sent along with members and past members attending wake and funeral
- d. Flo’s Senior event – August 24, 2019 – event honouring dedicated members of the community.

Way Ahead:

Planning for Panel discussion in October
RVAC Conference – 2020

Joanne Robinson & Antoine Gomis
Co-Chairs
Racially Visible Action Committee (RVAC)