WORK REQUIRED UNDER THE CCMARD DECLARATION

Signatory municipalities to the declaration agree to adopt the CCMARD’s ten common commitments.

The municipality as a guardian of the public interest

1) Increase vigilance against systemic and individual racism and discrimination.
2) Monitor racism and discrimination in the community more broadly as well as municipal actions taken to address racism and discrimination.
3) Inform and support individuals who experience racism and discrimination.
4) Support policing services in their efforts to be exemplary institutions in combating racism and discrimination.

The municipality as an organization in the fulfillment of human rights

5) Provide equal opportunities as a municipal employer, service provider and contractor.
6) Support measures to promote equity in the labour market.
7) Support measures to challenge racism and discrimination and promote diversity and equal opportunity in housing.

The municipality as a community sharing responsibility for respecting and promoting human rights and diversity

8) Involve citizens by giving them a voice in anti-racism initiatives and decision-making.
9) Support measures to challenge racism and discrimination and promote diversity and equal opportunity in the education sector and in other forms of learning.
10) Promote respect, understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity and the inclusion of Aboriginal and racialized communities into the cultural fabric of the municipality.

The CCMARD also asks that the municipality:

- develop its own plan of action
- evaluate activities already being undertaken by the municipality that correspond to one or more of the common commitments
- identify new actions relating to one or more of the common commitments that the municipality will undertake in the coming years
- monitor, evaluate and report on progress made
- encourage other municipal governments to join the CCMARD
- take a participative approach that will engage Aboriginal peoples and initiate dialogue among diverse communities