

2020 AGM of the RVBIA

Social Justice & Anti-Racism Committee



- The Social Justice & Anti-Racism (SJAR) committee was formed to build on the BIA's previous efforts toward inclusivity and reconciliation like the 8th Fire Mural and Dundas Peace garden
- This commitment goes further to address ongoing, systemic racism and inequity affecting all communities through Outreach, Education, and Activism
- Co-chaired by Derek Vaz and Sarah Davis, the committee has gathered 20 volunteers, including BIA members, activists, parents, business leaders, artists, health professionals, and educators
- Together, the committee has established a mandate:

The Social Justice and Anti-Racism Committee (SJAR) is here to help remove barriers to equity, diversity and prosperity in the community we refer to as Roncesvalles, particularly for Black and Indigenous people and other marginalized groups. By creating tools for local businesses, providing access to support and information, and elevating the voices of our marginalized neighbours we hope to continue to build Roncesvalles as a neighbourhood that celebrates unique voices and stands up to racism, hate speech, and social injustice. Co-Chairs Derek Vaz and Sarah Davis are happy to welcome any community member who wishes to participate or provide support; working together is how we achieve these goals.

- SJAR Resources have been published on RoncesvallesVillage.ca and will be updated regularly.
- [Read full update commentary to the RVBIA at the 2020 AGM.](#)

2021 Plans

- Consultation from the city's Confronting Anti-Black Racism Unit to inform how our committee works and conducts Anti-Racism initiatives
- Outreach to Community to hear our members and community perspective, based on guidance from consultation
- Virtual speaker series to educate and inspire our communities through storytelling, panels and workshops focused on SJAR
- Public/Private-funded art installations and initiatives to draw attention to Indigenous history and Anti-Racism initiatives
- Working collaboratively with the marketing, beautification/streetscape committees for Roncy, branding, campaigns, events and communications
- Membership will be updated on new resources, events, and activities through email and social channels (FB Group, Instagram)

Derek Vaz
Social Justice & Anti-Racism Committee Co-Chair