

## Ethnic committee formed in Oakville

A steering committee involving a number of ethnic groups was recently organized by the Oakville Social Planning Council in hopes of establishing a Multi-cultural Council.

The committee was established at a meeting held at the Red Cross Building on October 13, and its first meeting was held on November 3 at the social planning council's office.

Judy Barrett, executive director of the Oakville Social Planning Council said a survey of ethnic groups will be done, to find out their activities, types of food and music they enjoy, dress, language, special customs, holidays and religious festivals.

Information regarding clubs, presidents, mailing addresses and telephone numbers will also be gathered. The social planning council will be mailing out survey forms to ethnic groups.

Also of interest to the steering committee is the activities the ethnic groups plan, and problems they face. A calendar of events will be prepared along with resource material for schools — with available speakers, to teach children about different cultures.

The members of the

steering committee are Mrs. Barrett, Shaik Ullah, secretary of the Bangla Desh Association in Toronto (there is no East Indian club in Oakville); Josie Sladich of the Croation Church; Dieter Schwar, president of the German-Canadian Club; Robert Pestrin of the Famee Furlane Italian Club, Josephine Di Sciascio of the Italian community; Chris Humble, Oakville businessman; Marie Francis of the Caribbean Canadian Association; Don Manore, chairman of the Kerr Street Grape Festival; David Klarer, a social work student at McMaster University who is placed at the social planning council office; and Luis Gomez of the Portuguese Club.

Ethnic groups interested in becoming involved with the work of these steering committee should call Mrs. Barrett at 844-7705.

The next meeting will be held on December 8 at the Oakville Social Planning Council office.

1979 - A steering committee lead by Judy Barrett, Executive Director, Oakville Social Planning Council, established a committee that proceeded the Oakville Multicultural Council.

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