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**Item No. 13.2.1**  
**Executive Standing Committee**  
**March 11, 2024**

**TO:** Chair and Members of Executive Standing Committee

**SUBMITTED BY:** **ORIGINAL SIGNED**

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Chioma Ogbanufe, Chair, African Descent Advisory Committee

**DATE:** February 9, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Understanding the History of Africville

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**ORIGIN**

February 8, 2024 meeting of African Descent Advisory Committee, Item 9.2.1.

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

Section 6 (b) and (d) of the African Descent Advisory Committee Terms of Reference provides that:

The Committee shall advise Council, through the Executive Standing Committee, on matters related to People of African Descent as follows:

...

b) receive and review municipal policies, priorities and decisions using a critical race lens, for items directed to the Committee by Council or a Standing Committee of Council, or on its own initiative with direction from the Executive Standing Committee, and to make recommendations;

...

d) provide information and resources about People of African Descent issues to Council, including the use of racial equity lens;

...

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Executive Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to research, beginning with the Campbell Road Settlement, using available municipal resources and other information provided to the Municipality, to understand the history of Africville up to February 24, 2010, the apology date.

### **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

At the February 8, 2024 meeting of the African Descent Advisory Committee, the Committee discussed gaining an understating of the history of Africville, beginning with Campbell Road Settlement up to February 24, 2010 when Mayor Peter Kelly apologized to former Africville residents and their families on behalf of Halifax Regional Municipality. The Committee approved a recommendation to the Executive Standing Committee as outlined in this report.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No financial implications at this time.

### **RISK CONSIDERATION**

No risk considerations were identified.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The African Descent Advisory Committee is comprised of eight citizen members and two Councillors. Meetings are live webcast on Halifax.ca. The agenda, reports, video, and minutes of the Committee are posted on Halifax.ca.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

No environmental implications were identified.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

Executive Standing Committee could choose not to approve the recommendation.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

None.

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