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Item No. 13.2.1
Executive Standing Committee
April 22, 2024

TO: Chair and Members of Executive Standing Committee

SUBMITTED BY: - ORIGINAL SIGNED -

For Chioma Ogbanufe, Chair, Executive Standing Committee

DATE: March 21, 2024

SUBJECT: **Community Benefit Agreements in African Nova Scotian Communities**

ORIGIN

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Missy Searl

THAT the African Descent Advisory Committee recommends the Executive Standing Committee request the Mayor write a letter on behalf of the African Descent Advisory Committee to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in support of charter changes to move forward the community benefit agreements in historic and recognized African Nova Scotian communities.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

African Descent Advisory Committee Terms of Reference:
Duties of the Committee

6. The Committee shall advise Council, through the Executive Standing Committee, on matters related to People of African Descent as follows:
 - (e) advise on emerging issues and trends of significance to People of African Descent communities as they relate to municipal services and programs;
 - (f) advise on the interests and needs of historic African Nova Scotian communities with respect to municipal programs and service delivery.

RECOMMENDATION

The African Descent Advisory Committee recommends the Executive Standing Committee request the Mayor write a letter on behalf of the African Descent Advisory Committee to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in support of charter changes to move forward the community benefit agreements in historic and recognized African Nova Scotian communities.

BACKGROUND

African Descent Advisory Committee received a presentation dated March 21, 2024 on the African Nova Scotian Road to Economic Prosperity Plan.

DISCUSSION

African Descent Advisory Committee considered the presentation dated March 21, 2024 and approved the recommendation to Executive Standing Committee as outlined in this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications at this time.

RISK CONSIDERATION

No risk consideration 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

The African Descent Advisory Committee did not provide alternatives.

Executive Standing Community could choose not to approve the recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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