

African Descent Advisory Committee - ANSAIO Update

July 2024

ABR training continues with several assorted business units.

Since our last update, three additional Business Units have participated in the ABR training with a total of 63 additional participants. CAO Cathie O'Toole was one of the participants in these sessions and encouraged employees to participate in the training.

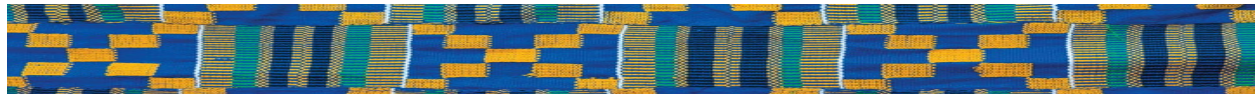
ABR Grants program is still on schedule to be launched August 01, 2024, to coincide with Emancipation Day.

Our annual [ABR information Report](#) went to council in July 9, 2024.

The ABR Grants program is designed to support grassroots initiatives and projects that combat anti-Black racism. This program aims to provide funding to community organizations and individuals dedicated to creating positive change and addressing systemic inequalities. Grant opportunities will be available to all eligible organizations that support projects that address the ABR grant program funding priorities." Please note priority will be given to applicants from the African Nova Scotia and African descent communities, with an emphasis on grassroots, volunteer-led groups serving local residents. By empowering local efforts, we aim to foster a more inclusive and equitable community.

ANSAIO is organizing upcoming community circles focused on wildfire management as well as municipal elections.

The municipal election sessions will provide valuable information on how to vote, work at polling stations, and run for office. Additionally, we will be starting up employment circles again this fall to support community members in finding job opportunities within the municipality. ANSAIO will provide the dates to the committee through the clerk's office once solidified.



ANSAIO is pleased to share that Halifax Regional Municipality is taking part in an Emancipation Day Collaboration including the Provincial & Federal Government.

Please find the graphic attached, and here is the link to the registration form:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W6BPN93>



ANSAIO staff will again be participating as volunteers for the up-coming 41st reunion which will be held from July 25-29 this year at Africville Park.