

African Descent Advisory Committee – ANSAIO October/November Update

Anti-Black Racism Grants program application period has now closed as of October 31. We received 30 applicants. The grants committee review team will start to review the applications in early November. The grants will be awarded at an event the end of February 2025 to the successful applicants.

ABR Training took place in October with 70 employees received the training. Training will take place in November as well with a break in December.

ABR Policy is moving forward and is now with Government Relations for review.

ADAC (fall) Recruitment

Closed November 04th. The recruitment was looking for representation from newcomer communities of African Descent, the community of East Preston, descendants of Africville, youth aged 15-24 of African Descent/in historic African Nova Scotian Communities, Dartmouth- Black and African Nova Scotian communities. There have been a number of applicants.

For members of the existing committee who's terms may be expiring, recruitment is open until December 16, 2024. On-going recruitment will take place for committee members that may be leaving in 2025.

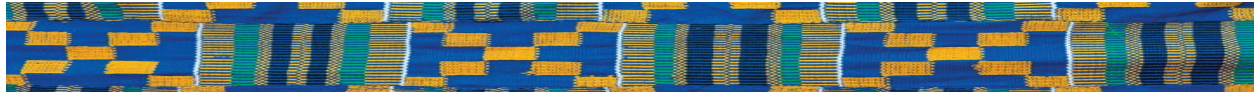
The hope is that we will receive Council's approval on the summer recruitment appointments between January-February and have the appointments from the upcoming recruitment campaign finalized in April/early May.

ANSAIO Business Unit Outreach

In October, ANSAIO staff "popped up" in a few Business Units, connecting with employees to gather their insights and ideas of how to celebrate for African Heritage Month.

ANSAIO Training-Reaching Out From an Afrocentric Place

ANSAIO staff will host our *Reaching Out from an Afrocentric Place* Training on November 26, 2024.



Related work:

Street Naming Recognition in the Cogswell District:

Proctor Street off of Brunswick Street, will be re-named to Dr Alfred Waddell St, Halifax starting on November 25, 2024. There will be an event to commemorate in 2025.

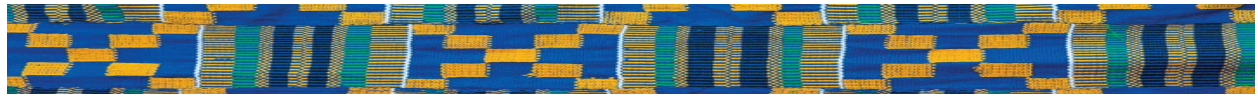
Election & (new council) update:

The new Mayor Andy Fillmore, & new council was sworn in at a ceremony on the evening of November 05, 2024. There were seven new councillors elected. ANSAIO provided the ANS Affirmation for the event.

The Election Office can be contacted by emailing election@halifax.ca.

Job postings:

External applicants can follow the link to our posted career opportunities:
<https://sjobs.brassring.com/TGnewUI/Search/Home/Home?partnerid=25749&siteid=5764#home>



Of Interest in Community:

2024 Volunteer Conference:

Friday, November 15 | 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The Delta Hotels by Marriot Dartmouth | 240 Brownlow Avenue (virtual hotel walk-through)

Register: Using course code **00095610**, **register** online at halifax.ca/myREC or call the registration line at 902.490.6666. For group registration or if you are having trouble registering contact Darren Hirtle at Darren.Hirtle@halifax.ca or 902.476.1184

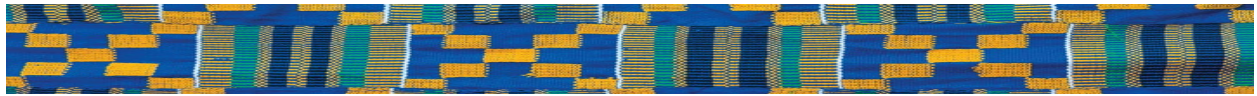
\$50 – regular price **The deadline to register was Monday, November 4.**



ANS Community Day & International Conference by the ANS Road to Economic Prosperity

Invites community for guest presentations and will take place March 7 & 8 2025.

Additional detail closer to the date.



Definitions Section:

Dr. Alfred Waddell:

Waddell, was born in 1896 in Trinidad and Tobago, moved to Halifax to study at Dalhousie University, where he became one of the first Black doctors to graduate in 1933.

The street that will be in his name will be off Brunswick Street, where Proctor Street is now. It is a few blocks from where Waddell established his first practice in what is now the Black Educators Association.

Waddell was credited as being one of the only physicians during his time to provide house calls to historically Black communities such as the Preston's, Africville and Beechville. During the polio outbreak of the 1930s, he helped immunize people in those communities. He did all this in vehicles he had to borrow to get there.

Waddell is perhaps best known for treating Viola Desmond for her injuries following her arrest when she refused to leave a whites-only section of a theatre in New Glasgow, N.S., in 1946.

[Halifax naming street after civil rights champion and 'unsung hero' Dr. Alfred Waddell | CBC News](#)