



**AFRICAN DESCENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 8, 2024**

PRESENT: Chioma Ogbanufe, Chair
Andrew Howe, Vice Chair
Darryl Johnson
Jerry Taylor
Mapfumo Chidzonga
Taylah Carver
Councillor Iona Stoddard

REGRETS: Renée Babin
Councillor Lindell Smith
Missy Searl

STAFF: Tracey Jones-Grant, Managing Director, Office of Diversity and Inclusion
Tamar Brown-Pryor, African Nova Scotian Affairs Advisor
Russel Brooks, Anti- Black Racism Program Coordinator
Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants
Olawumi Odeyinka- Apantaku, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m., and Committee adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

1.1 African Nova Scotian Affirmation

Russel Brooks, Anti- Black Racism Program Coordinator led the Committee in the African Nova Scotian Affirmation.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 10, 2024

MOVED by Councilor Iona Stoddard, seconded by Darryl Johnson

THAT the minutes of January 10, 2024, be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Darryl Johnson, seconded by Jerry Taylor

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence - None

7.2 Petitions – None

7.3 Presentation – None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 African Heritage Month Update - Russel Brooks, Anti- Black Racism Program Coordinator

The following was before the Committee:

- Handout dated February 8, 2024

Russel Brooks, Anti- Black Racism Program Coordinator spoke to events that took place during African Heritage Month and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

9.1.2 African Nova Scotian Community Action Program

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated February 8, 2024

Devon Parris, Advisor Diversity & Inclusion, Regional Planning gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

Miles Agar, Principal Planner, Regional & Priority Planning responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS UPDATES

9.2.1 Jerry Taylor: Africville

MOVED by Jerry Taylor, seconded by Darryl Johnson

THAT the African Descent Advisory Committee recommend that the Executive Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to research, beginning with the Campbell Road, 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.

Jerry Taylor responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2.2 2024/25 WORK PLAN DISCUSSION - Renée Babin

Later in the meeting, the following was deferred:

- Work Plan Discussion

In the absence of Renée Babin, the Committee agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting.

MOVED by Andrew Howe, seconded by Mapfumo Chidzonga

THAT item 9.2.2 be deferred to the March 21, 2024 African Descent Advisory Committee meeting.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 21, 2024

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Olawumi Odeyinka- Apantaku
Legislative Assistant