



**AFRICAN DESCENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
August 15, 2024**

PRESENT: Chioma Ogbanufe, Chair
Andrew Howe, Vice Chair
Councillor Lindell Smith
Councillor Iona Stoddard
Jerry Taylor
Mapfumo Chidzonga
Missy Searl

REGRETS: Renée Babin
Taylah Carver
Darryl Johnson

STAFF: Russel Brooks, Anti-Black Racism Program Coordinator
Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. and the Committee adjourned at 7:50 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 – June 13, 2024

MOVED by Andrew Howe, seconded by Mapfumo Chidzonga

THAT the minutes of June 13, 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

Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

The Committee requested a presentation on the ongoing Governance Review at a future meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Missy Searl

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 – May 9, 2024

6.1 Andrew Howe – Status of African Descent Advisory Committee recommendations made to Executive Standing Committee

Andrew Howe provided the Committee with an update on the status of recommendations passed by Executive Standing Committee on the African Nova Scotian representation in Halifax Regional Police and Understanding the History of Africville and noted reports were in progress to return to the Committee.

Councillor Smith provided the Committee with an update on the status of the recommendation on Community Benefit Agreements in African Nova Scotian Communities and spoke on the ongoing work on the agreements.

Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

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 2024 Municipal and Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP) Election

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated August 15, 2024

Liam MacSween, Manager, Elections & Special Projects gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee on official candidature, campaign contributions, district boundary changes, cyber security concerns, voting methods and election employment opportunities.

9.1.2 ANSAIO Monthly Update

The following was before the Committee:

- Handout dated August 15, 2024

Russel Brooks, Anti-Black Racism Program Coordinator responded to questions of clarification on the Anti-Black Racism Grants Program, the 41st Annual Africville Reunion shooting, employment circles and the African Nova Scotian Community Action Planning (ANSCAP) program.

The Committee requested a presentation on the upcoming ANSCAP report at a future meeting.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 4, 2024

Prior to adjournment, the Committee requested that the Africville Visioning report be presented to them prior to going to Regional Council.

Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants provided procedural clarification on Administrative Order Number One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, section 48 Notices of Motion and the Committees' mandate and duties outlined in Administrative Order 2021-004-GOV, *Respecting the African Descent Advisory Committee in the Halifax Regional Municipality*.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Dorothy Maponga
Legislative Assistant