



**AFRICAN DESCENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
September 4, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Chioma Ogbanufe, Chair  
Andrew Howe, Vice Chair  
Councillor Iona Stoddard  
Renée Babin  
Taylah Carvery  
Darryl Johnson  
Missy Searl  
Jerry Taylor

**REGRETS:** Councillor Lindell Smith  
Mapfumo Chidzonga

**STAFF:** Russel Brooks, Anti-Black Racism Program Lead  
Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants  
Kim Johnson, Legislative Support

*The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.*

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*The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. and adjourned at 7:11 p.m.*

## **1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 Lead led the Committee in the African Nova Scotian Affirmation.

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 15, 2024**

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Andrew Howe

**THAT the minutes of August 15, 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:

- Item 9.1.2 – ANSAIO Monthly Update

MOVED by Darryl Johnson, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

**THAT the agenda be approved as amended.**

**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 Presentations - None**

## **8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

## **9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION**

### **9.1 STAFF**

#### **9.1.1 Halifax Transit Planning Overview**

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated September 4, 2024

Leah Perrin, Manager, Regional Planning and Khan Rahaman, Supervisor, Transit Planning gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

Perrin provided information on the Rural Transit Funding Program and clarified that Devon Parris, African Nova Scotian Action Plan Lead, lead community engagements on planning initiatives. Khan clarified how statistical reporting informed Council decisions on Transit service changes.

Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants, provided procedural clarification on Administrative Order Number One, *Respecting the Procedures of Council*, section 45 (4B) Presentations whereby a Member may move a motion on a matter arising from the presentation.

## **9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES**

### **9.2.1 Andrew Howe – Workplan Meeting Format**

The Committee agreed that Workplan meetings would be held in-person and would be livestreamed.

## **10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

## **11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – October 10, 2024**

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Kim Johnson  
Legislative Support