



**AFRICAN DESCENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
October 9, 2025**

PRESENT: Mapfumo Chidzonga, Chair
Councillor John Young
Amber Brown
Carlotta Weymouth
Jayreece Whiley
Jerry Taylor
Kehinde Akintola

REGRETS: Taylah Carvery, Vice Chair
Councillor Virginia Hinch
Howard Brown
Renée Babin – Leave of Absence

STAFF: Jasalynn Skeete, Advisor, African Nova Scotian Affairs
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:03 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

Jasalynn Skeete, Advisor, African Nova Scotian Affairs led the Committee in the African Nova Scotian Affirmation.

1.2 Introduction of New Member

Later in the meeting, Kehinde Akintola introduced themselves to the Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 11, 2025

MOVED by Amber Brown, seconded by Carlotta Weymouth

THAT the minutes of September 11, 2025 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 Jayreece Whiley, 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 ANSAIO Monthly Update

The following was before the Committee:

- Handout dated October 9, 2025

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Jasalynn Skeete, Advisor, African Nova Scotian Affairs spoke on the Anti-Black Racism Grants program and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

9.2.1 Mapfumo Chidzonga – Community RoundTable

Members noted special community announcements and upcoming events including the 31st Annual Africentric Conference, the Jamaican Gala and the Afrocentric Parenting Conference.

Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant and Jasalynn Skeete, Advisor, African Nova Scotian Affairs responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

The Committee requested presentations on the African Nova Scotian Community Action Program, Halifax Water on their ongoing work in community, the Public Appointments Coordinator and members of the community of East Preston.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – November 13, 2025

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Dorothy Maponga
Legislative Assistant