



**AFRICAN DESCENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
November 13, 2025**

PRESENT: Mapfumo Chidzonga, Chair
Councillor Virginia Hinch
Carlotta Weymouth
Howard Brown
Jerry Taylor
Kehinde Akintola
Taylah Carvery

REGRETS: Councillor John Young, Vice Chair
Amber Brown
Jayreece Whiley
Renée Babin – Leave of Absence

STAFF: Tracey Jones-Grant, Managing Director, Office of Diversity & Inclusion
(ANSAIO)
Russel Brooks, Advisor, Anti-Black Racism
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant

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

The agenda, reports, supporting documents, and information items circulated are online at halifax.ca.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 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, Advisor, Anti-Black Racism led the Committee in the African Nova Scotian Affirmation.

1.2 Annual Election of Chair

Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair of the African Descent Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Carlotta Weymouth, seconded by Councillor Hinch

THAT Mapfumo Chidzonga be nominated Chair of the African Descent Advisory Committee.

Mapfumo Chidzonga was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Hinch, seconded by Carlotta Weymouth

THAT Mapfumo Chidzonga be appointed Chair of the African Descent Advisory Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Mapfumo Chidzonga was declared the Chair of the African Descent Advisory Committee.

Mapfumo Chidzonga assumed the Chair.

1.3 Annual Election of Vice Chair

Mapfumo Chidzonga called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the African Descent Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Hinch, seconded by Carlotta Weymouth

THAT Councillor Young be nominated Vice Chair of the African Descent Advisory Committee.

Councillor Young was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Hinch, seconded by Kehinde Akintola

THAT Councillor Young be appointed Vice Chair of the African Descent Advisory Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Young was declared the Vice Chair of the African Descent Advisory Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 9, 2025

Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOVED by Carlotta Weymouth, seconded by Kehinde Akintola

THAT the minutes of October 9, 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 Councillor Hinch, seconded by Carlotta Weymouth

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 Board's and Committee Recruitment

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated November 13, 2025

Annie Sherry, Public Appointments Coordinator gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

Russel Brooks, Advisor, Anti-Black Racism responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

9.1.2 ANSAIO Monthly Update

Russel Brooks, Advisor, Anti-Black Racism (ABR) provided an update on the ABR Grants program, the ABR employee conference and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

Tracey Jones-Grant, Managing Director, Office of Diversity & Inclusion (ANSAIO) spoke on HRM Event Grants program and encouraged applicants from relevant community organizations.

9.1.3 Proposed 2026 Meeting Schedule

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- Handout dated November 13, 2025

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Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Hinch, seconded by Carlotta Weymouth

THAT the African Descent Advisory Committee approve the proposed 2026 African Descent Advisory Committee meeting schedule as outlined in the staff memorandum.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

9.2.1 Mapfumo Chidzonga – Community RoundTable

Members noted special community announcements and upcoming events including the Agricola Street Holiday Market, Canadian Race Relations Foundation's Civic Youth Fellowship Program and Human Rights Commission Modernization engagement.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 22, 2026

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Dorothy Maponga
Legislative Assistant