

Re: Item No. 15.1.4



HALIFAX

Africville Visioning

Presentation to Regional Council March 1, 2022

2022-03-01

Motion to Council

Item 11.4.3 of the April 6, 2021, Regional Council meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report that will look at developing a collaborative process that will ultimately create an Africville Visioning Process. Africville Visioning process should include, but will not be limited to:

1. Determine a cooperative working partnership between HRM and community partners and organizations that are working on behalf of the interest of descendants.
2. Engage with other organizations, businesses, and levels of Government whose interest could potentially impact Africville lands and/or Africville descendants to determine how they can support the Africville Visioning Process and its outcomes.
3. Reviewing the 2010 Africville Agreement and determining which commitments have been met, where further action is required, and whether these past commitments address the current desires of the community
4. Identifying all municipal led or partnered projects and initiatives that have a direct impact on the lands at Africville, lands surrounding Africville, and its users (current/future) to understand the full effect they will have on the Africville lands.
5. Developing a comprehensive, co-facilitated public engagement process in partnership with Africville descendants, Africville focused organizations, and community partners that will inform the outcomes of the visioning process.
6. Re-visiting the 2003 Bayne Street Master Plan, and work with partners to collaborate to reimagine the Master Plan that would include land specifically dedicated to descendants of Africville and/or uses that would be supported by descendants, community members or organizations who broadly represent the interest of Africville descendants.
7. Examine the possibility of using the Africville Visioning Process to address the ongoing class action court proceedings against HRM and working with claimants and descendants to address their concerns outside of the court system.



Recommendation

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer, through the Office of Diversity and Inclusion/African Nova Scotian Affairs Integration Office (D&I/ANSAIO), to work with community partners to conduct phase one of an Africville visioning process. The recommendation is to conduct phase one of a three phased process.

Africville Visioning

Visioning is a process that will proactively help the Municipality address historic wrongs and establish a long-term vision for Africville.

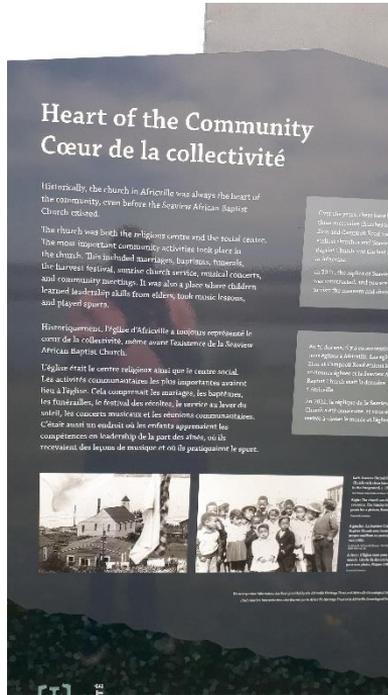
Visioning will allow the Municipality to proactively work with the ANS community to address impacts of the Africville expropriation, beyond the apology and commitments made in 2010 and earlier.

Visioning will assist in addressing long-standing discrimination and fostering positive working relationships between the ANS community, specifically Africville, and the Municipality.

Initiatives impacting/in the community of Africville

- Africville Active Transportation project
- Windsor Street Exchange
- Working with Africville Heritage Trust on their proposal for a Marina
- Working with the Halifax Port Authority on land issues around Africville

Initiatives continued



- Africville Interpretive enhancement project
- Signage at the entrance to Africville
- Digitization of historical content related to Africville in an Africville Source Guide
- Grounds service agreement

Progress

- Meeting with community partners to identify:
 - Financial resources to support a visioning process
 - Brainstorming possible consultants that would support this work
 - Meetings to identify various public and private sponsors to support this work

Phases of the visioning project

- **Phase one** would consist of a public engagement process in partnership with Africville descendants, Africville-focused organizations and community partners that will inform the outcomes of the visioning process. Once this is completed, a report will be presented to Regional Council.
- **Phase two** will entail developing an action plan to support the visioning, based on what has been learned through the engagement process.
- **Phase three** will be an analysis and review of the process and the identification of any further actions that may need to be taken by all those engaged in the overall visioning exercise. This may include re-engagement with Phase One public participants.