



**AFRICAN DESCENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
June 13, 2024**

PRESENT: Chioma Ogbanufe, Chair
Councillor Lindell Smith
Councillor Iona Stoddard
Darryl Johnson
Jerry Taylor
Mapfumo Chidzonga
Renée Babin
Taylah Carver

REGRETS: Andrew Howe, Vice Chair – Leave of Absence
Missy Searl

STAFF: Devon Parris, African Nova Scotian Action Plan Lead
Tamar Brown Pryor, African Nova Scotian Advisor
Krista Vinning, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants
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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The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. and the Committee adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:04 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

Devon Parris, African Nova Scotian Action Plan Lead led the Committee in the African Nova Scotian Affirmation.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 9, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Mapfumo Chidzonga

THAT the minutes of May 9, 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

MOVED by Darryl Johnson, seconded by Mapfumo Chidzonga

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 – March 21, 2024

6.1 2024/25 Work Plan Discussion - Renée Babin

The following was before the Committee:

- Handout dated June 13, 2024

Renée Babin led the Committee in the 2024/25 Work Plan discussion. The Committee reviewed the discussions from the introductory session held on May 9, 2024 and further spoke on the goals and needs of the Committee and community in order to be successful. The goals discussed by the Committee included leadership, resources, a sense of belonging, unity, transparency, self determination, advocacy, and education.

Krista Vinning, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants, Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant and Devon Parris, African Nova Scotian Action Plan Lead, Tamar Brown Pryor, African Nova Scotian Advisor responded to questions of clarification.

The Committee requested presentations on the upcoming Municipal election and Halifax Transit and their engagement with black communities.

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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 – ABR Speaker Series, Training Sessions, and Grants Program; Community and Employment Circles; Africville Visioning Engagements; and Emancipation Day

The following was before the Committee:

- Handout dated June 13, 2024

No discussion was held on this matter.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – July 11, 2024

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Dorothy Maponga
Legislative Assistant