



**AFRICAN DESCENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DRAFT 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

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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 6:05 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.

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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