



**AFRICAN DESCENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 10, 2025**

PRESENT: Mapfumo Chidzonga, Chair
Andrew Howe
Carlotta Weymouth
Chioma Ogbanufe
Darryl Johnson
Jayreece Whiley
Jerry Taylor
Taylah Carvery

REGRETS: Councillor Virginia Hinch
Councillor John Young
Renée Babin, Vice Chair
Amber Grosse
Missy Searl

STAFF: Russel Brooks, Advisor, Anti-Black Racism
Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant

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 6:01 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 Introduction of New Committee Members

Carlotta Weymouth introduced themselves to the Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 20, 2025

MOVED by Darryl Johnson, seconded by Jayreece Whiley

THAT the minutes of March 20, 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

As provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant requested that Item 7.3.1 Rev. Dr. Lennette Anderson – Upper Hammonds Plains Discussion be considered prior to Item 4.

MOVED by Andrew Howe, seconded by Jayreece Whiley

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 Presentation

7.3.1 Rev. Dr. Lennette Anderson – Upper Hammonds Plains Discussion

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentations dated April 10, 2025

Rev. Dr. Lennette Anderson, Upper Hammonds Plains and Curtis Whiley, Land Titles Initiative gave presentations and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

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 April 10, 2025

No discussion was held on this matter.

9.1.2 2024/25 Work Plan

The following was before the Committee:

- Handout dated April 10, 2025

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

The Committee requested that the Nova Scotian Decade for People of African Descent Coalition be invited to present at a future meeting on their ongoing work.

MOVED by Andrew Howe, seconded by Chioma Ogbanufe

THAT the African Descent Advisory Committee approve the 2024/25 Work Plan as circulated and recommend that the Executive Standing Committee review and approve the African Descent Advisory Committee 2024/25 Work Plan.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

9.2.1 Mapfumo Chidzonga – Community RoundTable

Members noted special community announcements and upcoming events.

Devon Parris, African Nova Scotian Action Planning Lead and Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

The Committee requested that the East Preston Greenway construction project be discussed at a future meeting.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 8, 2025

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Dorothy Maponga
Legislative Assistant