



**AFRICAN DESCENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 10, 2024**

PRESENT: Chioma Ogbanufe, Chair
Andrew Howe, Vice Chair
Councillor Iona Stoddard
Darryl Johnson
Jerry Taylor
Missy Searl
Renée Babin
Taylah Carvery

REGRETS: Councillor Lindell Smith
Keisha Cain
Mapfumo Chidzonga
Tanya Bundy
Treno Morton

STAFF: Tracey Jones-Grant, Managing Director, Office of Diversity and Inclusion
Tamar Brown-Pryor, African Nova Scotian Affairs Advisor
Russel Brooks, Anti- Black Racism Coordinator
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m., and the Committee adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:09 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

Tamar Brown-Pryor, African Nova Scotian Affairs Advisor led the Committee in the African Nova Scotian Affirmation.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 9, 2023

MOVED by Renée Babin, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the minutes of November 9, 2023 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 Andrew Howe, seconded by Renée Babin

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION TO PUT AND PASSED.

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

Later in the meeting, it was MOVED by Darryl Johnson, seconded by Renée Babin

THAT the following item be added to the agenda:

- **Item 10.1 – Jerry Taylor – Discussion re: Africville**

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

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 ANSAIO Monthly Update

The following was before the Committee:

- Handout dated January 10, 2024

Tamar Brown-Pryor, African Nova Scotian Affairs Advisor provided an update on African Heritage Month event planning, ANSIO employment circles, draft Anti-Black Racism Strategy and Action Plan and development of the Anti-Black Racism Corporate Policy and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

9.2.1 Update on November 9, 2023 motion re: HRP all-African descent cadet class / 2024 Work Plan - Chioma Ogbanufe

Chioma Ogbanufe spoke to the HRP all-African descent cadet class motion being passed at Executive Standing Committee, the planning of the Committee's Work Plan, upcoming agenda items, the possibility of virtual meetings and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee. Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant, Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant, Team Lead and Tracey Jones-Grant, Managing Director, Office of Diversity and Inclusion responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOVED by Jerry Taylor, seconded by Missy Searl

THAT the development of the African Descent Advisory Committee 2024/25 Work Plan be added to the agenda of the February 8, 2024 African Descent Advisory Committee Meeting.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. ADDED ITEMS

10.1 Jerry Taylor – Discussion re: Africville

Jerry Taylor provided spoke to the history of Africville and highlighted that they would be bringing forward motions related to Africville in the next meeting. Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant, Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant, Team Lead and Tracey Jones-Grant, Managing Director, Office of Diversity and Inclusion responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – February 8, 2024

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Dorothy Maponga
Legislative Assistant