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AFRICAN DESCENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 9, 2024

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

REGRETS: Andrew Howe, Vice Chair
                         Councillor Iona Stoddard
                         Taylah Carver
                         Missy Searl

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

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The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. and the Committee adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Committee agreed not to live stream the meeting to allow for a more informal discussion of the 2024/25 workplan.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:12 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 Coordinator led the Committee in the African Nova Scotian Affirmation.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 21, 2024

MOVED by Renée Babin, seconded by Mapfumo Chidzonga

THAT the minutes of March 21, 2024 be approved as circulated.

Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions: None

Deletions: None

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

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Mapfumo Chidzonga

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

THAT the following item be deferred to a future meeting of African Descent Advisory Committee:
- **Item 9.2.2 Andrew Howe – Status of African Descent Advisory Committee recommendations made to Executive Standing Committee**

MOTION TO DEFER 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 DeRico Symonds – HRM Anti-Black Racism: What we Heard Report 2022

The following was before the Committee:
- Presentation dated May 5, 2024

DeRico Symonds gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

Russel Brooks, Anti-Black Racism Program Coordinator 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 - Speaker Series, ABR Grants Program, Corporate ABR Policy and Community and Employment Circles

The following was before the Committee:
- Handout dated May 9, 2024

9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES
9.2.1 Chioma Ogbanufe – 2024/25 Workplan Special Meeting

Chioma Ogbanufe spoke to the upcoming 2024/25 Workplan special meeting in June.

Renée Babin led the Committee in an introductory 2024/25 workplan planning session.

9.2.2 Andrew Howe – Status of African Descent Advisory Committee recommendations made to Executive Standing Committee

This matter was deferred; refer to the Order of Business.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – June 13, 2024

Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

The Committee agreed that for future meetings, the Chair would decide which meetings would be live streamed during agenda review. The Committee suggested that the meeting on the Africville Visioning process be live streamed as this would be a topic of interest in the community.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Dorothy Maponga
Legislative Assistant