



Town of Newmarket

Minutes

Newmarket Anti-Black Racism Task Force

Date: Tuesday, June 1, 2021
Time: 4:00 PM
Location: Electronic VIA ZOOM
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Members Present: Jerisha Grant-Hall
Nadia Hansen
Lori-Anne Beckford
Councillor Bisanz
Councillor Broome
Holly Douglass
Gavin Gunter
Gary Miranda
Councillor Morrison
Maxine Gordon Palomino
Kimberly Roach
Leslie Serieux

Members Absent: Claudius Brown
Opiyo Oloya

Staff Present: Jennifer Rose, Healthy Program Workplace Specialist
Kiran Saini, Deputy Town Clerk

1. Notice

Jerisha Grant-Hall advised that the Municipal Offices remain closed to the public. This meeting was available VIA ZOOM Meeting at newmarket.ca/meetings.

2. Additions & Corrections to the Agenda

None.

3. Conflict of Interest Declarations

None.

4. Presentations

None.

5. Deputations

None.

6. Approval of Minutes

6.1 Newmarket Anti-Black Racism Task Force Minutes - May 4, 2021

Moved by: Nadia Hansen

Seconded by: Councillor Bisanz

1. That the minutes of the Newmarket Anti-Black Racism Task Force Minutes May 4, 2021 be approved.

Carried

7. Items

7.1 Affirmation

Jerisha Grant-Hall provided an Indigenous land acknowledgement. She shared the impact of colonization and standing with the Indigenous community, and in particular the grief and trauma communities are once again experiencing as a result of the discovery of 215 unmarked graves at a former Kamloops Indian Residential School.

Nadia Hansen shared an affirmation using the work of the Task Force as a foundation and reminder of who will be impacted by the work of the Task Force.

7.2 Review of Interim Report Presentation to Council

Jerisha Grant-Hall provided an update to Task Force members and advised that Members of Council were appreciative of the work of the Task Force and the interim report to Council. She advised that Council

requested an Information Report from staff to report on the provisional recommendations.

There was discussion regarding the provisional recommendations. Members noted that although they do not have finalized recommendations, they provided some direction as to what the final recommendations will be. With regards to Black History Month, it was noted that having year round education is important to embrace the history throughout the year rather than only during the month of February. There was further discussion regarding the how a Race Equity Impact Assessment would help the municipality assess the impacts that policies and decisions have on the Black community. The cities of Toronto and Vaughan were cited as examples for advancing various anti-Black racism initiatives.

7.3 Review of Draft Presentation to Council at Workshop on June 7, 2021

Jerisha Grant-Hall provided an overview of the presentation that she intended to deliver as part of the June 7 Council Workshop for all Advisory Committees, Boards and Task Forces. Members provided updates and suggested various edits to the presentation.

7.4 Review of Draft Vision Statement

Jerisha Grant-Hall requested that all Members review the draft vision statement and give some thought as to whether the current draft is appropriate or a more condensed version would be more impactful. It was requested that Members come prepared to discuss the vision statement at the next meeting in July.

7.5 Reports from Subcommittees

Gavin Gunter provided an update on behalf of subcommittee #1 and advised that there were no significant updates at this time. He noted that the Task Force will need to consider how to structure the final report to Council.

Leslie Serieux provided an update on behalf of subcommittee #2 and advised that at this time the subcommittee is reviewing demographic information that was provided through the Census data.

Nadia Hansen provided an update on behalf of subcommittee #3 and advised that the subcommittee continues to review and gather information for the final report.

Jerisha Grant-Hall advised that for the final report, the Task Force will need a works cited page and images for incorporation into the final report.

8. New Business

None.

9. Adjournment

Moved by: Nadia Hansen

Seconded by: Councillor Broome

1. That the meeting be adjourned at 5:14 PM.

Carried

Jerisha Grant-Hall, Chair

Date