



Town of Newmarket

Minutes

Newmarket Anti-Black Racism Task Force

Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Electronic VIA ZOOM
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Members Present: Jerisha Grant-Hall, Chair
Nadia Hansen, Vice-Chair
Lori-Anne Beckford
Councillor Bisanz (4:15 PM to 6:00 PM)
Claudius Brown
Holly Douglass
Gavin Gunter
Gary Miranda
Councillor Morrison (4:08 PM to 5:04 PM)
Opiyo Oloya (4:02 PM to 5:58 PM)
Maxine Gordon Palomino
Councillor Simon (4:25 PM to 5:35 PM)

Members Absent: Kimberly Roach

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

1. Notice

It was noted that 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

Moved by: Maxine Gordon Palomino

Seconded by: Holly Douglass

1. That the Newmarket Anti-Black Racism Task Force meeting minutes of November 24, 2020 be approved.

Carried

7. Items

7.1 Welcome and virtual meeting norms

Jerisha Grant-Hall welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided opening remarks. She advised that there was a vacancy on the Task Force, and that it would be filled through a recruitment process established by Council.

7.2 Affirmation

Jerisha Grant-Hall read aloud a quote from Nelson Mandela as inspiration for the meeting and the vision discussion for the Task Force.

7.3 Establish a vision for the Newmarket Anti-Black Racism Task Force

There was significant discussion regarding the vision for the Newmarket Anti-Black Racism Task Force. Members provided input and discussed how the vision should be structured, along with the specific language that should be used within the vision. It was noted that the draft vision will be reviewed again at the next Task Force meeting.

7.4 Anti-Black Racism Work Plan Development

Members continued their discussion on the Work Plan, and how the subcommittees will report to the Task Force. Members agreed that the first portion of future meetings would be used for the formal Task Force meetings, and then subcommittees would meet once the meeting adjourned. Subcommittees were reminded that they could also meet outside of these established meeting days. Members reviewed a provisional plan for the Task Force and the associated phases. Subcommittees were asked to be prepared to report to the Task Force by the April 2021 meeting, and that an interim report to Council would be prepared for a Council meeting in May 2021.

7.5 Closing Remarks

Nadia Hansen provided closing remarks, and thanked Members for their contributions and time.

8. New Business

(1) Gavin Gunter requested that he deliver a presentation in January 2021 to the Task Force relating to fire services.

9. Adjournment

Moved by: Maxine Gordon Palomino

Seconded by: Holly Douglass

1. That the meeting be adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Carried

Jerisha Grant-Hall, Chair

Date

