



Newmarket Anti-Black Racism Task Force

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The Anti-Black Racism Task Force supports the Town's work and encourages positive race relations within the Town of Newmarket by providing advice to Council/the Strategic Leadership Team and being mindful of its focus on anti-Black racism and racial equity within Newmarket by:

- Making recommendations to Council that focus on racial equity opportunities in Newmarket, and on issues or activities that impact the Black community.

Accomplishments

- Developed and distributed first community-wide survey on anti-Black racism (367 responses)
- Designed and conducted 14 interviews with local Black community members
- Built a reservoir of resources (100+ videos and 50+ articles/reports)
- Established cross-municipal collaboration with Toronto's Confronting Anti-Black Racism Unit
- Developed a connection with Neighbourhood Network
- Delivered Interim Report to Council on May 25, 2021

Events

- Committee is considering a Town Hall to hold space for community to engage in open dialogue on lived experiences etc.
- Consideration of an informal gathering to bring community & new families together (post-Pandemic)
- Future partnerships with the Town of Bradford and Town of East Gwillimbury on a flag raising for the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (March 21)

Current Projects

- Working towards a final report to Council with actionable recommendations based on reviewing and analyzing the following:
 - Survey and interview data
 - Best practice from other municipalities
 - Literature on anti-Black racism and the Black experience in York Region and Canada
 - 2016 Census demographic information for the Town of Newmarket

Asante Sana!
Thank you!

