

Vision Statement of the Anti-Black Racism Task Force, Town of Newmarket

We recognize the tremendous diversity among those who possess African heritage and ancestry in Newmarket and celebrate the immense contributions Afro descendant people have made to the Canadian way of life since the early seventeenth century. The United Nations declared 2015-2024 as the International Decade for People of African Descent which outlines the framework for respect and protection of African descendant peoples' fundamental freedoms and human rights.

The Newmarket Anti-Black Racism Task Force aims to provide strategic direction to the Town of Newmarket which will lead to the implementation of the full and effective elimination of systemic discrimination in Newmarket. Building a strong and connected community where Black residents feel safe, and where racial equity, belonging and intercultural understanding are realized for all racialized communities, not just Black communities.

Furthermore, we seek to:

- Act as a conduit between the Town's afro-descendant peoples (and their allies), bringing their lived experiences to the forefront. By so doing, we seek to be an agent for healing within the community for those whose lives have been adversely impacted by anti-Black racism in all its forms.
- Promote confidence in our democratic institutions by bringing these social issues and concerns to the municipal government to advance the voice of the community.
- Nurture a safe, harmonious and peaceful Newmarket community through targeted recommendations that focus on racial equity and seek to advance the emotional and physical wellbeing of afro-descendant people
- Urge the Town of Newmarket to champion equitable outcomes for the afro descendant segment of the community.