



Town of Newmarket

Minutes

Newmarket Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Task Force

Date: Tuesday, July 26, 2022
Time: 4:00 PM
Location: Streamed live from the Municipal Offices
395 Mulock Drive
Newmarket, ON L3Y 4X7

Members Present: Jerisha Grant-Hall
Nadia Hansen
Councillor Broome
Holly Douglass
Gavin Gunter
Kimberly Roach
Rory Rodrigo

Members Absent: Councillor Bisanz
Gary Miranda
Councillor Morrison
Maxine Gordon Palomino
Leslie Serieux
Opiyo Oloya

Staff Present: Jennifer Rose, Healthy Program Workplace Specialist
Kiran Saini, Deputy Town Clerk
Kimiko Huguenin, Legislative Coordinator
Matthew Haggerty, Sr. Advisor, Communications & Government Relations

Guests: Evelyn Myrie, Empower Strategy Group
Audrey Wubbenhorst, Empower Strategy Group
Quammie Williams, Empower Strategy Group

1. Notice

Jerisha Grant-Hall advised that members of the public may watch the live stream at newmarket.ca/meetings or attend this meeting in person at the Council Chambers at 395 Mulock Drive.

2. Additions & Corrections to the Agenda

The Deputy Clerk advised that the presentation for items 7.2, 7.3 and 7.4 were distributed with the revised agenda.

3. Conflict of Interest Declarations

None.

4. Presentations

None.

5. Deputations

None.

6. Approval of Minutes

6.1 Newmarket Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Task Force Meeting Minutes of May 31, 2022

Moved by: Nadia Hansen

Seconded by: Rory Rodrigo

1. That the Newmarket Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Task Force Meeting Minutes of May 31, 2022 be approved.

Carried

7. Items

7.1 Affirmation

Nadia Hansen provided an affirmation. She shared that her participation on the Task Force has encouraged her to continue to work to advocate against anti-Black racism.

7.2 Update on Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Action Plan development to date

Evelyn provided an introduction to the Empower Strategy Group team. The update regarding the project included highlighting the work completed to-date, meetings with Town staff and organizations such as the school boards and Southlake Regional Health Centre. She also updated the Task Force on their focus group and town hall meetings with community members, and indicated that feedback was based on community members' lived experiences.

It was noted that throughout Empower's consultation completed to-date, two key themes arose around accountability for policy makers, and opportunities for Black community members.

There was discussion regarding the further consultation that will be completed through the upcoming virtual and in-person town halls scheduled for August 4 and 8. The Task Force inquired about timelines for feedback on the draft Action Plan, and indicated that they would like to share comments, as a group, on the Action Plan prior to it being finalized.

Further discussion ensued on next steps and plans for updating and reporting back to Council with the finalized Action Plan.

Moved by: Gavin Gunter

Seconded by: Rory Rodrigo

1. That the presentation provided by Evelyn Myrie and Audrey Wubbenhorst of Empower Strategy Group entitled "Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Task Force Project Update" be received.

Carried

7.3 Consultation Process

This item was dealt with as part of item 7.2.

7.4 Timeline to Finalize Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Action Plan

This item was dealt with as part of item 7.2.

8. New Business

None.

9. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Broome

Seconded by: Rory Rodrigo

1. That the meeting be adjourned at 5:12 PM.

Carried

Jerisha Grant-Hall, Chair

Date