



# Town of Newmarket

## Minutes

### Newmarket Anti-Black Racism Task Force

Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2021  
Time: 4:00 PM  
Location: Electronic VIA ZOOM  
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Members Present: Nadia Hansen, Vice Chair  
Lori-Anne Beckford  
Councillor Bisanz  
Councillor Broome  
Claudius Brown  
Holly Douglass  
Gavin Gunter  
Gary Miranda  
Councillor Morrison  
Opiyo Oloya  
Maxine Gordon Palomino  
Kimberly Roach

Members Absent: Jerisha Grant-Hall, Chair  
Leslie Serieux

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM. Nadia Hansen in the Chair.

#### 1. Notice

Nadia Hansen advised that the Municipal Offices remain closed to the public.  
This meeting was available VIA ZOOM Meeting at [newmarket.ca/meetings](https://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 Meeting Minutes -  
February 2, 2021**

Moved by: Opiyo Oloya  
Seconded by: Councillor Broome

1. That the Newmarket Anti-Black Racism Task Force Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2021 be approved.

**Carried**

**7. Items**

**7.1 Affirmation**

Nadia Hansen acknowledged that although Black History Month was in February, important work to advance and address anti-Black racism continues on. She advised that she is currently reading a book by Angela Davis, which inspired her to share the importance of remembering that freedom is a constant struggle.

**7.2 Reports from Subcommittees**

Gavin Gunter provided an update on behalf of subcommittee #1. He advised that during February the subcommittee was focused on creating a communications plan for the survey to encourage as many respondents as possible. There was discussion regarding engaging institutions as part of the subcommittee's consultative process, and it was noted that the

subcommittee will be revisiting the idea of a Town Hall style forum as a form of engagement in phase two of the Task Force's work plan.

Kimberly Roach provided an update on behalf of subcommittee #2. She shared what their research has shown thus far, and indicated that there is very little data collected for racialized groups in Newmarket. She also noted that income disparities continue to exist for racialized groups in York Region. Kimberly advised the Task Force members that she has requested a member of Toronto's Confronting Anti-Black Racism Unit to present at the April Task Force meeting.

Nadia Hansen provided an update on behalf of subcommittee #3. She shared that the subcommittee is awaiting the survey results to build an understanding on where gaps exist. Holly Douglass advised that Town Staff from the Recreation and Culture Services department will be sharing their strategies on outreach to youth to understand if there are any areas for continued improvement.

## **8. New Business**

### **1. Work plan timelines**

Gavin Gunter advised that the Task Force is quickly approaching their mid-way point for their term, and recommended that all members think about the structure of the interim report to Council. Gavin shared some preliminary themes that have emerged: policing, education, recreation, culture, and communication.

## **9. Adjournment**

Moved by: Holly Douglass

Seconded by: Gavin Gunter

### **1. That the meeting be adjourned at 4:59 PM.**

**Carried**

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Nadia Hansen, Vice Chair

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Date