



est.2018

Black History Month 2025 Enhancing Our Partnership

JANUARY 13, 2025

Town of Newmarket Deputation
Presented by Jerisha Grant-Hall
Founder & Chairperson
Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association (NACCA)

Theme: "I and I, I Wanna Rule My Destiny"

This year's theme emphasizes self-determination and interconnectedness, drawing inspiration from the Rastafarian concept of "I and I" and the African philosophy of Ubuntu. It celebrates both individual and collective resistance, highlighting solidarity and the determination to shape a shared future.









Our Partnership So Far

Ujamaa (Coorperative Economics)

The Town of Newmarket has been an exceptional ally in supporting Black History Month through:

- Annual proclamations recognizing Black History Month.
- Collaboration on programming and events.
- Ongoing work with the Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Advisory Committee.
- Affordable access to municipal spaces, such as the NACCA community centre.
- Legacy scholarship through the Mayor's Charity Golf Classic

Opportunities to Deepen Our Impact

1. Year-Round Engagement and Education

- Quarterly Speaker Series: Local Black leaders, entrepreneurs and historians.
- Integration into Events: Include Black cultural contributions in town-wide events (e.g., Canada Day, Local Festival).

2. Youth Leadership Development

- Leadership Workshops: Focused on public speaking, governance and entrepreneurship.
- Internship Placements: Create opportunities with local businesses and the municipality; and opportunities for Black youth to lead initiatives and gain experience.

3. Long-Term Legacy Projects

- Public Art Installation: Commission a mural or sculpture to honour Black contributions – placed in a prominent location like Riverwalk Commons or Old Town Hall.
- Broader Community Recognition: Add Black athletes to the Newmarket Sports Hall of Fame at Magna Centre to ensure representation.

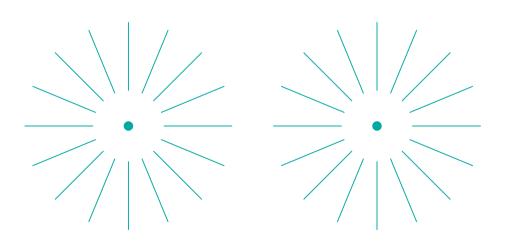


Ujima
(Collective Work & Responsibility)



Why It Matters

Together, we can ensure Newmarket is a leader in fostering equity, inclusion and empowerment – creating a legacy where all residents feel valued and celebrated.











Contact Information

Jerisha Grant-Hall chair@naccacommunity.ca (905) 781-6222 naccacommunity.ca

NACCA est.2018