



## MINUTES – INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT COMMITTEE

July 16 2024, 5:07 P.M.

ESQUIMALT NATION ROOM, CITY HALL, 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE

The City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees and Xwsepsum Nations  
Meeting conducted electronically via Teams and in-person

PRESENT: D. Makay in the Chair, W. Goldiet, B. Hudlin, N. Justin, K. Panza

PRESENT  
ELECTRONICALLY: C. Kumi

ABSENT: H. Idriss

GUEST: Suad Ahmed – Coastal Research, Education, and Advocacy  
Network (CREAN) consultant

STAFF PRESENT: A. Galiev – Equity Diversity & Inclusion Lead, S. Mangué – Equity,  
Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator, A. Klus – Legislative Coordinator,  
M. Moore – Lived Experience Consultant, Equity Diversity & Inclusion

### A. **Welcome and Land Acknowledgement – Dominique**

Acting Chair D. Makay called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. and acknowledged that the City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees and Xwsepsum First Nations communities.

### B. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

#### B.1 Minutes from the meeting held June 18, 2024

*The Committee, by unanimous consent, approved the minutes from the IDPAD meeting held June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024.*

### C. **BlindSquare Navigation Technology Consultation**

Committee received a presentation from Micheal Moore, Lived Experience Consultant, on BlindSquare, a navigation application for the visually impaired.

*Committee discussed the following:*

- *Committee contributions to broaden the application's accessibility*
- *Utilize tactile prompts*
- *Incorporate education on vision loss*

### D. **Evaluating the IDPAD Initiative:**

**Facilitated discussion by consultants – Coastal Research, Education, and Advocacy Network (CREAN)**

*Committee discussed the following:*

- *Impact of grant initiative and details about survey responses*
- *Collecting late responses inform the IDPAD report to Council*
- *Next steps and direction for IDPAD, including discussion about a meeting place or community centre*

**E. Community Roundtable - All**

*Committee discussed the following:*

- *Committee to informally meet as a working group on August 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss ongoing initiatives and relationship with City Council.*

**F. Closing Remarks – William**

*The Committee, by unanimous consent, adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.*