



Meeting Minutes

International Decade for People of African Descent Advisory Committee

Date: May 2nd 2022, from 5:00pm to 6: 20pm via MS Teams

Attendees: William Goldiet, Dominique Makay, Aziza Moqia Sealey-Qaylow, Kenny Panza

Council Liaisons: Sharmarke Dubow, Lisa Helps

City Staff: Albert Galiev, Silvia Mangué Alene

Regrets: Olubunmi Bolaji-Owonifari, Barbra Hudlin, Hissein Idris, Natalie Justin, Chris O. Kumi, C. Sharmarke Dubow, Mayor Lisa Helps

Time of Meeting: 1 and ½ hours

Items	AGENDA	NOTES
1.	Welcome and Land Acknowledgement ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dominique Makay acknowledged the land
2.	Approval of Minutes April 4th ²	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes approved
3.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Discussion on the agenda for the townhall taking place in June.2. Are we willing to move the Town Hall online if the Covid mandates change?3. Title for Town Hall4. Book a date for the event5. Registration for the event6. Promotion of the event	<p>The committee made some changes to the proposed agenda for the town hall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• William will do the welcome & the Land Acknowledgement as the elder of the group.• Aziza will talk to the attendees about the committee and its purpose• Kenny will give the presentation and will also invite the attendees for feedback/suggestions• The presentation will be specific to the allocation of the \$25,000• The committee agreed that the subcommittee will meet next week to prepare for the content of the presentation.

¹ The meeting on May 2nd wasn't fully attended. The attendees decided, however, to continue with the meeting as there was a consensus to continue with the meeting to focus on preparing for the town hall event.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee will meet again as a whole to give feedback on the presentation in the month of May. • The committee will proceed with the scheduled 13th of June to fine tune anything that is needed. • The committee would like the town hall to be held during the weekend. They gave 3 specific dates, the 17th, 18th and 19th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If the town hall is held on Friday, the 17th the time would be 6pm to 8pm ○ If the town hall is held on Saturday, the 18th or Sunday the 19th, then the time would be after 2pm or 4pm. • Silvia to talk to the engagement team and the building team to see if there is availability at the weekend to hold the town hall. • Silvia will also inform the Mayor and C. Dubow, about the new updates.
4.	Closing remarks	<p>Silvia to send a doodle poll for the subcommittee meeting dates.</p> <p>Also, Silvia to send doodle poll to the whole committee to meet in May.</p>
5.	Meeting adjourned	6:20 pm

A message from the Mayor:

May 25th 7pm Event to learn about how to participate in the upcoming municipal election, as a candidate, volunteer, or voter!

The next general local election is just over six months away, on **October 15**. As part of ongoing efforts to create a welcoming and inclusive community, the City of Victoria will be holding a *Victoria Votes* information event on **May 25 at 7 p.m.** This virtual online event will give you everything you need to know about local elections.

Serving your community can be a rewarding experience. And getting out to vote is a civic duty – the most direct way you can influence your local government or school board.

Elections can seem complex and intimidating. People of African Descent, Indigenous people and other racialized communities are under-represented in every facet of this important and empowering civic process. So, if you are thinking about getting involved – whether that’s considering a run for local office, volunteering or just being interested to learn more about the role of your local government and what happens at City Hall – this is the event for you.

More details will be available soon at the City's website – **Victoria.ca** – and I encourage you to save the date now for **May 25**.