



MINUTES – INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT COMMITTEE

October 12, 2022, 5:00 P.M.

Via Teams

The City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees and Esquimalt People

PRESENT: Dominique Makay, Barbara Hudlin, Hissein Idriss, William Goldiet, Kenny Panza

ABSENT: Dr. Christian O. Kumi, Natalie Justin

STAFF PRESENT: A. Galiev – Equity Diversity & Inclusion Lead, S. Mangué – Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator, S. Stoltz – Committee Secretary

1. **Welcoming**

Acting Chair Dominique called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. and Kenny Panza acknowledged that the City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations communities.

2. **Discussion**

The Committee discussed the following:

- *The fact that the Committee will be awarding the highest amount possible of the requested grants rather than giving out smaller amounts, so that groups can achieve their full events/goals*
- *The criteria and details of scoring within the criteria*
- *The method of scoring applications*
- *The scoring of applications in detail*
- *Whether specific applications meet the general criteria, such as: creating safe spaces for youth, building confidence and self-empowerment, being youth led, creating a youth council, helping to navigate systemic racism, and/or creating awareness of educational, scholarship and career opportunities*

William Goldiet excused himself from the meeting at 5:40 p.m. due to a potential conflict of interest with one of the applications.

William Goldiet returned to the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

The Committee approved the following grants:

1. *Congolese Community of British Columbia: Youth Empowerment Workshops and Civic Engagement – \$7,300*

2. *Binkadi Wellness Society: Inaugural Celebration of Excellence and Achievement for Students of African Descent (COEA) – \$3,100*
3. *HINGA (Danielle Uwamahoro Ruhigisha): Hinga (to cultivate) – \$7,300*
4. *African Heritage Association of Vancouver Island: AHAVI Youth Council's Safe and Inclusive Hub – \$7,300*

Adjournment

The Committee meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.