



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

**February 17, 2026, 5:00 P.M.**

**XWSEPSUM 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:** L. Bean in the Chair, W. Goldiet, M. Thompson, J. Douhaibi

**PRESENT**

**ELECTRONICALLY:** B. Gad Ojuando Amuti, A. Okot Ochen

**ABSENT:** B. Hudlin, N. Justin, C. Issac

**STAFF PRESENT:** A. Galiev – Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Lead, S. Mangué Alene - Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator, M. Moore - Lived Experience Consultant, Office of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion A. Moffatt - Legislative Coordinator

### **A. Welcoming and Land Acknowledgement**

L. Bean called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m. and provided the Land Acknowledgement. The Committee held a moment of silence for the victims in Tumbler Ridge.

### **B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Committee, by unanimous consent, added the item Entrepreneur Dinner to the agenda as the new D.1.*

Moved and Seconded:

That the agenda be approved as amended.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

#### **C.1 Minutes from the meeting held November 18, 2025**

Moved and Seconded:

That the minutes from the meeting held November 18, 2025 be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **C.2 Minutes from the meeting held January 20, 2026**

Moved and Seconded:

That the minutes from the meeting held January 20, 2026 be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**D. NEW BUSINESS**

**D.1 Entrepreneur Dinner**

*Committee discussed the following:*

- *Planning and attendance for the IDPAD Black Entrepreneur Dinner event*
- *IDPAD Grant Recipients, presenters, Council members attendance and topics for engagement at the event*
- *W. Goldiet spoke to the Committee regarding attendance of the Black History Month event to be held at City Hall on February 28*

**D.2 2026 IDPAD Townhall Event Planning Discussion by Zara Chaudhry (CREAN)**

*Committee discussed the following:*

- *The positive impact of the IDPAD initiative on the Black community in Victoria, with an emphasis on youth*
- *Role of the Committee as a bridge between the City and the community, supporting individuals to navigate the local government system*
- *Importance of the Committee's Three Pillars*
- *Value in integration of youth directly into the Committee, and current youth involvement*
- *Implications of greater youth involvement and the importance of youth to the greater Black community and Black identity*
- *Anticipated scheduling of the forum in May 2026 and how it will tie in to grant funding to be launched at the same time*

**E. Community Roundtable**

*Committee discussed the following:*

- *Further clarification on objectives for the 2026 Townhall event*
- *Discussing topics and the event's format*
- *Inviting Council members to attend*
- *Incorporating cultural performances into the event*

**F. Adjournment and Closing Remarks**

Moved and Seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**