

**THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS  
DIVERSITY KINGS COUNTY COMMITTEE AGENDA**

Monday May 4, 2026

6:00 p.m. Council Chambers, Coldbrook Municipal Complex and via Microsoft Teams

Item	Description	Required Action	Responsible Lead	Page
1.	Roll Call		Recording Secretary	
2.	Land Acknowledgment		Chair	
3.	Additions to the Agenda	Decision	Chair	
4.	Approval of Agenda	Decision	Chair	
5.	Disclosure of Conflict-of-Interest Issues		All	
6.	Chair's Remarks	Remarks	Chair	
7.	Approval of Minutes: April 8, 2026	Decision	Chair	2
8.	Business Arising from Minutes	Discussion	Chair	
<b>New Business:</b>				
9.	Screening of Jaffe Lecture by Cynthia Miller-Idriss from her new book, MAN UP: The New Misogyny and the Rise of Violent Extremism	Presentation	Diversity Team	
10.	Gender Based Violence Discussion led by Caroline Adams and Sue Bookchin from Be the Peace Institute	Discussion	Caroline Adams and Sue Bookchin	
11.	May Observances Days & Newsletter	Update	Diversity Team	
12.	Other Business			
13.	Public Comments			
14.	Next Meeting: Monday June 1, 2026	Decision	Chair	
15.	Adjournment			

Accommodations are available for this meeting: please submit your request at [www.countyofkings.ca/accommodationsrequest](http://www.countyofkings.ca/accommodationsrequest)

**Land Acknowledgement**

The Municipality of the County of Kings is in Mi'kma'ki (MEEG-mah-gee), the ancestral (an-SESS-truhl), unceded (un-SEE-ded), and current territory of the Mi'kmaq (MEEG-mah) Peoples.

The Municipality of the County of Kings is a neighbor to Annapolis Valley First Nations and Glooscap First Nation, as well as a diverse urban and rural Indigenous population.

We are all treaty people and commit to upholding the Peace and Friendship Treaties and working toward reconciliation in all areas of the Municipality.

**Diversity Kings County Committee**  
**DRAFT MINUTES of April 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers & Microsoft Teams**

<b>Call to Order</b>	Councillor Christina Sappington, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m.
<b>1. Roll Call:</b>	Councillor Christina Sappington, Municipality of the County of Kings - Chair Councillor Johanna Kwakernaak, Town of Berwick Jennifer DesLauriers, Town of Berwick (Alternate) Roxy Peterson, Citizen Member (arrived at 6:10 p.m.) James L. Davis, Citizen Member
<b>Staff of the Municipality of the County of Kings</b>	Brittany Traynor, Manager of Community Development Graysen Parker, Diversity Specialist Charissa Kleine Deters, Diversity Specialist Christina Evangelista, Recording Secretary
<b>Guests</b>	Three members of the public were present along with guest presenters Leta Lowthers and Jessica Ward from the Housing Construction Council Nova Scotia.
<b>Regrets</b>	Deputy Mayor Everett MacPherson, Municipality of the County of Kings - Vice Chair
<b>Absent</b>	Councillor Rob Baker, Town of Kentville
<b>Quorum achieved</b>	
<b>2. Land Acknowledgement</b>	Chair Sappington, read the Land Acknowledgement.
<b>3. Additions to the Agenda</b>	None
<b>4. Approval of the Agenda</b>	<b>On motion of Councillor Kwakernaak and Citizen Member Davis the agenda is approved as presented.</b>  <b>Motion Carried.</b>
<b>5. Disclosure of Conflict-of-Interest Issues:</b>	None
<b>6. Chair's Remarks</b>	Chair Sappington made her remarks before the meeting began and had no particular remarks at this time. She did note that in the previous meeting minutes the comment for Chris O'Neill from Ross Creek Centre for the Arts was not included in the public comments. Chris O'Neill stated that she had never been to one of these meetings before and she was very impressed by the types of the discussions that were happening at the meeting. The meeting minutes from March 2, 2026 were amended to reflect this.

<p><b>7. Approval of Minutes: March 2, 2026</b></p>	<p><b>On motion of Citizen Member Davis and Jennifer DesLauriers, Town of Berwick (Alternate), the minutes of March 2, 2026 be approved as amended.</b></p> <p><b>Motion Carried.</b></p>
<p><b>8. Business Arising from the Minutes</b></p>	<p>Jennifer DesLauriers inquired regarding the request submitted to the Municipality to proclaim December as Christian Heritage Month, will the requester be getting a response. Brittany Traynor, Manager of Community Development, responded that the request came in through the Municipal Clerk and a response was given to them through the Municipal Clerk.</p>
<p><b>New Business</b></p>	
<p><b>9. Labour Trafficking Presentation (Item 10 on the agenda. Due to timing, this presentation occurred before the Tiny Home Construction Fundamentals Presentation.)</b></p>	<p>Graysen Parker, Diversity Specialist, provided a presentation on Labour Trafficking.</p> <p>After the presentation, Jennifer DesLauriers, Town of Berwick (Alternate) noted there will be a Webinar from the Centre for Migrant Worker Rights Nova Scotia called Heavy Hearts &amp; Minds on April 13<sup>th</sup> to hear findings from their new report.</p>
<p><b>10. Tiny Home Construction Fundamentals Presentation</b></p>	<p>Leta Lowthers and Jessica Ward from the Housing Construction Council Nova Scotia provided a presentation on Housing Construction Training Programs. After the presentation, discussion ensued amongst the Committee members and presenters.</p>
<p><b>11. April Observance Days &amp; Newsletter</b></p>	<p>Charissa Kleine Deters, Diversity Specialist, provided an overview on the observance days for April.</p>
<p><b>12. Other Business</b></p>	<p>Brittany Traynor, Manager of Community Development, noted that there will be a committee meeting focused on gender based violence, the date is still to be determined.</p>
<p><b>13. Public Comments</b></p>	<p>There were no public comments.</p>
<p><b>14. Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>The next meeting will be Monday May 4, 2026.</p>
<p><b>15. Adjournment:</b></p>	<p><b>The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.</b></p>

Approvals:  
Diversity Kings County Committee

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# Community Open House

## Emergency Preparedness for African Nova Scotians



Meet your emergency management organizations and talk about how to be ready during a disaster.

# May 9th

Presentation at 2 p.m.  
Meet and Greet at 3 p.m.  
Gibson Woods Community Hall  
485 Gibson Woods Road, Gibson Woods

Hosted by the NS Dept. of Emergency Management and African Nova Scotian Affairs

Family friendly, free, and a chance to win one of 10 household emergency kits.

Topics will include:

- Hazards and risks
- Emergency kits
- Emergency Plans
- Volunteering

