

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

Monday June 1, 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: May 4, 2026	Decision	Chair	2
8.	Business Arising from Minutes	Discussion	Chair	
<b>9. New Business:</b>				
9a.	Staff-Led Talking Circle: Debrief of last month's presentation on Gender-Based Violence	Discussion	Diversity Team	
9b.	Allyship Beyond Pride Month	Presentation	Sruthika Saravanan	
9c.	Windows and Mirrors Update	Presentation	Graysen Parker	
9d.	The difference between Gender/Sexuality Identity and Expressions	Discussion and Screening	Diversity Team	
10.	June Observances Days & Newsletter	Update	Diversity Team	
11.	Other Business			
12.	Public Comments			
13.	Next Meeting: Monday July 6, 2026	Decision	Chair	
14.	Adjournment			

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### **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.

**THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS**  
**Diversity Kings County Committee**  
**May 4, 2026**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

- Meeting, Date and Time** A meeting of the Diversity Kings County Committee was held on Monday, May 4, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Municipal Complex, Coldbrook, Nova Scotia.
1. **Roll Call** In attendance:
- Committee Members:** Councillor Christina Sappington, Municipality of the County of Kings – Chair  
Deputy Mayor Everett MacPherson, Municipality of the County of Kings - Vice Chair  
Councillor Johanna Kwakernaak, Town of Berwick  
James L. Davis, Citizen Member
- Staff:** Brittany Traynor, Manager of Community Development  
Graysen Parker, Diversity Specialist  
Charissa Kleine Deters, Diversity Specialist  
Christina Evangelista, Recording Secretary
- Guests:** Caroline Adams and Sue Bookchin from Be The Peace Institute and three members of the public.
- Regrets:** Jennifer DesLauriers, Town of Berwick (Alternate)  
Roxy Peterson, Citizen Member
- Absent:** Councillor Rob Baker, Town of Kentville
2. **Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement** Chair Sappington called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and read the Land Acknowledgement.
3. **Additions to Agenda** None
4. **Approval of Agenda** **On motion of Vice Chair MacPherson and Citizen Member Davis, that Diversity Kings County Committee approve the May 4, 2026 agenda as circulated.**
- Motion Carried.**
5. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest Issues** No Conflict of Interest issues were declared.
6. **Chair’s Remarks** Chair Sappington sits on the board of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities and attended a conference hosted by them and she had

taken a photo of the Mi'Kmaq Grand Council Flag that was displayed at the conference. She provided a background on the process that the Diversity Kings County Committee took in order to have the Mi'Kmaq Grand Council Flag be present at conferences and events of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities. Chair Sappington noted how proud she was of the Committee in the tangible change that the Committee was able to do.

She also mentioned that Orchard Valley United Church is having a Multi-Cultural Bazaar on June 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., it's a fundraiser to help bring a family of six who are refugees from Afghanistan.

There will also be a special meeting on May 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers for the Police Advisory Committee and community in regards to crime prevention.

- 7. **Approval of Minutes** **On motion of Vice Chair MacPherson and Councillor Kwakernaak, that the minutes of the April 8, 2026 Diversity Kings County Committee meeting be approved as circulated.**

**Motion Carried.**

- 8. **Business Arising from Minutes** There was no business arising from the April 8, 2026 minutes.

- 9. **New Business**

- 9a. **Screening of Jaffe Lecture by Cynthia Miller-Idriss from her new book, MAN UP: The New Misogyny and the Rise of Violent Extremism** During this time the Committee watched the Jaffe Lecture by Cynthia Miller-Idriss which explores gender-based violence and violent extremism's connections from her new book, "MAN UP: The New Misogyny and the Rise of Violent Extremism." The lecture can be viewed [here](#).

- 9b. **Gender Based Violence Discussion led by Caroline Adams and Sue Bookchin from Be the Peace Institute** Following the screening, discussion ensued amongst the Committee members and guest speakers Caroline Adams and Sue Bookchin from Be The Peace Institute.

- 10. **May Observance Days & Newsletter** Charissa Kleine Deters, Diversity Specialist, provided an overview on the observance days for May.

- 11. **Other Business** Diversity Specialist Graysen Parker noted that The Windows and Mirrors Volume Two registration is open.

- 12. **Comments from the Public** There were no public comments.

- 13. **Date of Next Meeting** Monday June 1, 2026

14. **Adjournment**

**On motion of Councillor Kwakernaak and Citizen Member Davis, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.**

**Motion Carried.**

**Minutes Approved:**

Diversity Kings County Committee  
[Date of meeting when minutes were approved]

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