THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS

DIVERSITY KINGS COUNTY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Wednesday September 9, 2026

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

Item	Description	Required Action	Responsible Lead	Page
Diversity Kings County Committee and Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee Combined Meeting				
1.	Active Abilities Canada	Presentation	Bekah Craik	
2.	Accessibility Update	Update	Katie MacArthur	
3.	Diversity Update	Update	Diversity Team	
Diversity Kings County Committee Regular Meeting Agenda				
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: June 1, 2026	Decision	Chair	2
8.	Business Arising from Minutes	Discussion	Chair	
9. New Business:				
9a.	Intersectionality Activity		Diversity Team	
10.	September Observances Days & Newsletter	Update	Diversity Team	
11.	Other Business			
12.	Public Comments			
13.	Next Meeting: Monday October 5, 2026	Decision	Chair	
14.	Adjournment			

Accommodations are available for this meeting: please submit your request at 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.

THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS
Diversity Kings County Committee
June 1, 2026
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Meeting, Date and Time

A meeting of the Diversity Kings County Committee was held on Monday, June 1, 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
Jennifer DesLauriers, Town of Berwick (Alternate)
James L. Davis, Citizen Member
Roxy Peterson, Citizen Member
Cristian Quirivan, Citizen Member
Yiyun Zhou, Citizen Member
Mark Albano, Citizen Member

Staff:
Brittany Traynor, Manager of Community Development
Graysen Parker, Diversity Specialist
Charissa Kleine Deters, Diversity Specialist
Sruthika Saravanan, Inclusive Communities Intern
Christina Evangelista, Recording Secretary

Guests: Three members of the public were present.

Regrets:

Absent: Councillor Rob Baker, Town of Kentville

2. **Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement**

Chair Sappington called the meeting to order at 6:20p.m. and read the Land Acknowledgement.

3. **Additions to Agenda**

Diversity Specialist Graysen Parker noted an orientation of the committee binders for new committee members to be added before item 10 on the agenda.

4. **Approval of Agenda**

On motion of Councillor Kwakernaak and Citizen Member Davis, that Diversity Kings County Committee approve the June 1, 2026 agenda as amended.

Motion Carried.

5.	**Disclosure of Conflict of Interest Issues**	No Conflict of Interest issues were declared.
6.	**Chair's Remarks**	Chair Sappington welcomed the new and returning citizen members to the Committee. She noted she attended the Municipality's Lunch and Learn on Digital Accessibility and learned how to make digital documents more accessible. After that she attended an ISANS Intercultural Workplace Training through The Valley Regional Enterprise Network about cultural openness in the workplace.
7.	**Approval of Minutes**	**On motion of Vice Chair MacPherson and Citizen Member Zhou that the minutes of the May 4, 2026 Diversity Kings County Committee meeting be approved as circulated.** **Motion Carried.**
8.	**Business Arising from Minutes**	There was no business arising from the May 4, 2026 minutes.
9.	**New Business**	
9a.	**Staff-Led Talking Circle: Debrief of last month's presentation on Gender-Based Violence**	Diversity Specialist Charissa Kleine Deters reviewed the talking circle method and the principles around talking circles. Prior to the debrief of last month's presentation, Diversity Specialist Charissa Kleine Deters facilitated a talking circle where everyone on the Committee could introduce themselves. The Committee then moved into a talking circle around last month's presentation on Gender-Based Violence, where questions were presented to the Committee to help guide the talking circle.
9b.	**Presentation: Allyship Beyond Pride Month**	Inclusive Communities Intern Sruthika Saravanan provided a presentation on Allyship Beyond Pride Month. Following the presentation, discussion ensued amongst the Committee members. Diversity Specialist Charissa Kleine Deters also shared a link to a website for the Unity campaign from the Government of Canada that has many resources on recognizing stigma, debunking misinformation and supporting 2SLGBTQI+ communities.
9c.	**Windows and Mirrors Literary Project Update**	Diversity Specialist Graysen Parker provided an update on the Windows and Mirrors Literary Project Volume 2.
9d.	**Discussion: The difference between Gender/Sexuality Identity and Expressions**	The Committee members watch a video titled "The Gender Unicorn". The Committee then engaged in a talking circle.
9e.	**Orientation of Committee Binder**	Diversity Specialist Graysen Parker walked through the Committee binders with the Committee members and various documents within the binder.
10.	**June Observance Days & Newsletter**	Inclusive Communities Intern Sruthika Saravanan provided an overview on the observance days for June.

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11.	**Other Business**	Heather Morse brought forward a presentation to talk about a project called Creating Integrated Restorative Communities for Locally Engaged Solutions (CIRCLES-NS).
12.	**Comments from the Public**	There were no public comments.
13.	**Date of Next Meeting**	Monday July 6, 2026
14.	**Adjournment**	**On motion of Citizen Member Quirivan and Citizen Member Davis, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:13p.m.** **Motion Carried.**
	Minutes Approved:	Diversity Kings County Committee [Date of meeting when minutes were approved]

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Dr. OmiSoore Dryden and the Health Association of African Canadians (HAAC) invite you to share a meal

Come get to know the research team, learn about ***genCARE*** and genome sequencing, hear what is happening in Ontario and Quebec. ***genCARE*** is a national health research project focused on improving our understanding of the health and genetics of Black and African Nova Scotian communities.

DIGBY	**YARMOUTH**
Friday Septembr 18, 2026	Saturday September 19, 2026
5:00pm - 7:00pm	12:00pm - 2:00pm
JACBA Centre of Excellence	Greenville Community Centre
181 Acacia Valley Road	724 Greenville Road
Acaciaville, NS	Greenville, NS

This is a community engagement session, only.
No research recruitment or data collection will take place.

Please register at **genCARE@dal.ca**
gift cards will be provided to those who attend

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

Health Association of African Canadians

Glooscap First Nation

MAWIO'MI

October 18, 2026

West Hants Sports Complex, 16 Centennial Dr, WINDSOR, NS

EVERYONE WELCOME - PJILITA'Q MSIT WEN

Head Staff:

MC: Aaron Prosper, Eskasoni NS
AD: Christian Barnaby, Listuguj QC
Head Man Dancer: Craig Isaac
Head Lady Dancer: Wyonna Bernard

Grounds Opening 10:00am
Grand Entry 1:00pm
Dance Specials 3:00pm
Closing 5:00pm

Host Drum: Eastern Eagle Singers

Co-Host Drum: Stoney Bear Singer

Invited Drums: East Boys, Sipu Boys, Smokey Point Singers (Invited Drums Only Please)

Confirmed Committee Dance Specials:

Teens Traditional, Jingle, Fancy, Grass & Ko'jua
1st $150, 2nd $100, 3rd $50
Adult Traditional, Jingle, Women's Fancy, Grass & Ko'jua
1st $350, 2nd $250, 3rd $150

HONOUARIUMS FOR ALL DANCERS

Vendor and all Info: Contact Amanda Francis:
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