



**Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 09, 2021**

Date: September 03, 2021

From: Councillor Sharmarke Dubow and Mayor Lisa Helps

Subject: Assignment of Council Liaisons to the of City of Victoria International Decade of People of African Descent (IDPAD) Advisory Committee

Background:

On August 5, 2021, the City of Victoria appointed nine (9) citizens to the newly created International Decade for People of African Descent Advisory Committee.

Based on the Terms of Reference, the role of the IDPAD Advisory Committee is to provide Council with recommendations on the following:

- i) The recommended approach to implementing the IDPAD proclamation within the City of Victoria and community at large, including the development of a 3-year action plan;
- ii) Receive and communicate out City activities and updates related to the IDPAD implementation to “parent” organizations the member represents, where applicable;
- iii) Best practices to raise awareness in the general public about the heritage and culture of people of African descent and around the IDPAD broader goals and actions;
- iv) Advise Council on emerging issues and trends of significance to Black communities as they relate to City services and programs through semi-annual reports;
- v) How to ensure the interests and needs of Black communities are reflected in City programs and service delivery.

The committee is also expected to engage people of African descent and other community members through a series of at least three (3) public workshops and one (1) town hall meeting, to include the ideas of the broader community of the work of the IDPAD Committee and the City of Victoria’s work in implementing the IDPAD proclamation.

In order for the Committee to begin this work, the assignment of two Council Liaisons is required.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Assign Councillor Dubow and Mayor Helps as Council Liaisons to the City of Victoria International Decade of People of African Descent (IDPAD) Advisory Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Dubow

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Mayor Helps