

Confronting Anti-Black Racism Advisory Committee

Meeting No.	5	Contact	Jonathan Canchela, Committee Secretary
Meeting Date	Wednesday, February 16, 2022	Phone	416-338-5089
Start Time	9:30 AM	E-mail	cabrac@toronto.ca
Location	Video Conference	Chair	Councillor Michael Thompson

CR5.2	Presentation	Amended		Ward: All
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Employment Supports and Programs for Black Torontonians

Committee Decision

The Confronting Anti-Black Racism Advisory Committee recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Manager to work with the Provincial and Federal governments to establish an intergovernmental table to better prioritize equitable outcomes and racial equity through ensuring the experiences of Black, Indigenous and racialized communities are reflected in the planning, coordination, and implementation of COVID-19 response and recovery efforts, and that this intergovernmental table establish the following priority action areas:

- a. Black health, Black mental health and wellness outcomes, as a priority area aimed at addressing the disproportionate impacts of COVID-19 on Black communities; and
- b. removal of barriers to employment and entrepreneurship, and increased access to economic opportunities, with a focus on Black youth for Black communities, as an additional priority area aimed at addressing the disproportionate impacts of COVID-19 on Black communities.

Decision Advice and Other Information

Agapi Gessesse, Executive Director, Careers, Education, Empowerment (CEE) Centre for Young Black Professionals, gave a presentation to the Committee.

Summary

At its meeting on February 16, 2022, the Confronting Anti-Black Racism Advisory Committee considered Item [CR5.2](#), and made recommendation to City Council.

Background Information

Presentation from the Executive Director, Careers, Education, Empowerment (CEE) Centre for Young Black Professionals on Employment Supports and Programs for Black Torontonians (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2022/cr/bgrd/backgroundfile-221945.pdf>)