

Decision Letter

Confronting Anti-Black Racism Advisory Committee

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| Meeting No. 2 | Contact Gina Ang, Committee Administrator |
| Meeting Date Friday, February 9, 2024 | Phone 416-338-5089 |
| Start Time 9:30 AM | E-mail cabrac@toronto.ca |
| Location Committee Room 2, City Hall/Video Conference | Chair Councillor Chris Moise |

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| CR2.4 | ACTION | Amended | | Ward: All |
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Confronting the Legacy of the Transatlantic Slave Trade: Renaming Civic Assets Bearing the Henry Dundas Name - by Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Mayor Olivia Chow

Committee Recommendations

The Confronting Anti-Black Racism Advisory Committee recommends that:

1. The Executive Committee direct the City Manager to ensure that the governing bodies overseeing the decision on the naming City of Toronto assets consider Dudley Laws, Charles Roach, Chloe Cooley, and John M. Tinsley among the broader list of names for consideration to rename assets, along with names of anti-racism trailblazers and leaders to highlight the City of Toronto's commitment to anti-racism.

Decision Advice and Other Information

Amleet Mangat, Senior Project Manager, Museums and Heritage Services, Economic Development and Culture gave a presentation on the Dundas Street Renaming.

Origin

(January 16, 2024) Letter from City Council

Summary

At its meeting on February 9, 2024, the Confronting Anti-Black Racism Advisory Committee considered [Item CR2.4](#) and made a recommendation to Executive Committee.

Summary from the letter from City Council:

City Council on December 13, 14 and 15, 2023, in adopting Item [MM13.29](#), headed "Confronting the Legacy of the Transatlantic Slave Trade: Renaming Civic Assets Bearing the Henry Dundas Name - by Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Mayor Olivia Chow", adopted the following:

1. City Council request the Confronting Anti-Black Racism Advisory Committee to include among other candidates, as part of any future consultation to consider honouring and naming City of Toronto assets in the Dundas renaming process and in the development of the City's next Confronting Anti-Black Racism Action Plan:

a. Dudley Laws - a Canadian civil rights icon who as Executive Director of the Black Action Defence Committee worked to combat anti-Black racism in policing and helped to establish Ontario's Special Investigation Unit; and

b. Charles Roach - a civil rights lawyer and activist who was a prominent leader in Toronto's Black community who fought tirelessly for social justice and equality for marginalized communities.

Background Information

(January 16, 2024) Transmittal from City Council on Confronting the Legacy of the Transatlantic Slave Trade: Renaming Civic Assets Bearing the Henry Dundas Name - by Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Mayor Olivia Chow

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/cr/bgrd/backgroundfile-242654.pdf>)