

Confronting Anti-Black Racism Advisory Committee

Meeting No.: 9

Meeting Date: Monday, March 23, 2026

Start Time: 9:30 AM

Location: Committee Room 1, City Hall/Video Conference

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Chair: Councillor Amber Morley

CR9.3 - Advancing Community Development through Evidence-Based Planning

Decision Type: ACTION

Status: Amended

Wards: All

Committee Decision

The Confronting Anti-Black Racism Advisory Committee recommends that:

1. Economic and Community Development Committee request the City Manager, in consultation with the Confronting Anti-Black Racism Unit and relevant divisions, to report to City Council as part of the development of the neighbourhood assessment tool and to provide a briefing note as part of the 2027 budget process on a citywide framework for scaling Social Development Plans/ Community Development Plans, including:

- a. Identification of priority neighbourhoods for implementation, including those with significant Black and racialized populations;
- b. Governance models that ensure resident-led and community-based decision-making;
- c. Integration with existing City strategies related to community safety, housing stability, employment, and social development; and
- d. Opportunities to partner with neighbourhood associations, coalitions, and grassroots organizations.

2. City Council request the Mayor to consider, in the development of the 2027 budget, allocating ongoing yearly funding in the range of \$250,000-\$500,000 annually per neighbourhood to support neighbourhood associations or community-led coalitions to implement Social Development Plans.

3. Economic and Community Development Committee request the Executive Director, Social Development to consider the establishment of equity-based indicators and accountability mechanisms, in the development and implementation of Social Development Plans / Community Development Plans include, including:

- a. Collection and reporting of disaggregated race-based data related to youth opportunities, community safety, service access, and housing stability; and
- b. Alignment with the Toronto Action Plan to Confront Anti-Black Racism, the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent (Recognition, Justice, Development), and relevant City equity frameworks.

4. City Council reaffirm that Social Development Plans/Community Development Plans are core anti-Black racism interventions, as they:

- a. Address neighbourhood-level disparities in safety, policing, housing access, and economic mobility;
- b. Build capacity within Black and racialized communities; and
- c. Support resident-led, equity-based governance and community resilience.

Decision Advice and Other Information

John Smith, Manager, Community Development Unit, Social Development, and Safiah Chowdhury, Manager, Social Policy, Social Development, gave a presentation on Advancing Community Development through Evidence-Based Planning.

Summary

At its meeting on March 23, 2026, the Confronting Anti-Black Racism Advisory Committee considered item [CR9.3](#) and made recommendations to Economic and Community Development Committee and City Council.

Background Information

(March 19, 2026) Presentation from the Manager, Community Development Unit, Social Development, and the Manager, Social Policy, Social Development on Advancing Community Development through Evidence-Based Planning
<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2026/cr/bgrd/backgroundfile-285406.pdf>

Communications

(March 21, 2026) Letter from Prentiss A. Dantzer (CR.Supp)

(March 22, 2026) Letter from Tamanna Yeasmin and Walied Khogali Ali, Co-Chairs, Board of Directors, Regent Park Neighbourhood Association (CR.Supp)

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2026/cr/comm/communicationfile-206122.pdf>

(March 23, 2026) Letter from Nicole Corrado (CR.New)

Speakers

Tamanna Yeasmin, Co-Chair, Regent Park Neighbourhood Association