



DUFFERIN
COUNTY
EQUITY
COLLABORATIVE

DCEC
Feb 6, 2024
meeting #15



In person
Public Health 180 Broadway
Orangeville

Land Acknowledgment

We would like to begin by respectfully acknowledging that Dufferin County resides within the traditional territory and ancestral lands of the Tionontati (Petun), Attawandaron (Neutral), Haudenosaunee (Six Nations), and Anishinaabe peoples.

We also acknowledge that various municipalities within the County of Dufferin reside within the treaty lands named under the Haldimand Deed of 1784 and two of the Williams Treaties of 1818: Treaty 18: the Nottawasaga Purchase, and Treaty 19: The Ajetance Treaty.

These traditional territories upon which we live and learn, are steeped in rich Indigenous history and traditions. It is with this statement that we declare to honour and respect the past and present connection of Indigenous peoples with this land, its waterways and resources.



Pronunciation Guide:

Tionontati – “Tee-oh-nahn-TAH-tee”

Attawandaron – “At-tah-wahn-da-ron”

Haudenosaunee – “ho-DEE-no-Sho-nee”

Anishinaabe – “ah-NISH-IH-nah-bay”



Recognising February as Black History Month

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month/about.html>

- Black Canadians and their communities have been a part of shaping Canada's heritage and identity since the arrival of Mathieu Da Costa, a navigator, and interpreter, whose presence in Canada dates back to the early 1600s.
- The role of Black people and their communities in Canada has largely been ignored as a key part of Canada's history. There is little mention that some of the Loyalists who came here after the American Revolution and settled in the Maritimes were people of African descent, nor the fact that many soldiers of African descent made many sacrifices in wartime as far back as the War of 1812.
- Few people in Canada are aware of the fact that African people were once enslaved in the territory that is now known as Canada, or of how those who fought enslavement helped to lay the foundation of Canada's diverse and inclusive society.
- Black History Month is a time to learn more about these Canadian stories and the many other important contributions that Black Canadians and their communities have made to the history and continued growth of this country.



AGENDA

- Connecting
 - Each other
- Communicating
 - Update on the Landscape
 - Readiness to engage our VOICES
- Creating and collaborating
 - Report progress
 - Update Action plans



Update on the Landscape

Update on the landscape – Community Services video – please watch

<https://vimeo.com/883816011/ea068d9c33?share=copy>



Engaging with VOICES

Presented by Siobhan Bonisteel, DCEC VOICES Coordinator

Please see **Engaging with VOICES PRESENTATION** for the presentation and the discussion questions that were reviewed in conversations across 4 smaller groups. One question was discussed per group with feedback shared to the whole group for Siobhan to take away and present to VOICES for consideration.



There was not time enough to engage in this activity. Elaine will connect with each group separately

Collaborating

Employment Health Equity Housing and Homelessness Partners with Lived Experience (VOICES)

Work group review

1. Sharing progress – outcome diary
2. Update the plan



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Next meeting
Date to be determined