



**Addendum Agenda
Committee of the Whole**

November 7, 2024
9 a.m.
Council Chambers
17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket

Quorum: 11

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E. Deputations

E.1 Update on Asylum Seekers and Request for Space

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Shernett Martin, Anchor Canada

H. Notice of Motion

H.2 Proposed Motion from Regional Councillor Racco

WHEREAS, Christianity is the most followed religion in Canada;

WHEREAS, recognizing and celebrating Christian Heritage Month provides an opportunity to honour the contributions of Christians to our region's past, present, and future, while promoting inclusivity, unity, and respect for all residents.

WHEREAS, December is a month marked by significant events and celebrations in the Christian calendar, commencing with the observance of Advent and culminating in the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED:

1. That The Regional Municipality of York officially proclaim every month of December as Christian Heritage Month.

DEPUTATION REQUEST

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NOVEMBER 7, 2024

Subject: Update on Asylum Seekers and Request for Space

Spokesperson: Shernett Martin

Name of Group or person(s) being represented (if applicable):
Anchor Canada

Brief summary of issue or purpose of deputation:

We shared a deputation back in January asking council for operational funding to support Anchor, the leading Black organization in the Region that has been supporting the community for 2 decades. We shared our budget and Council has not come back with a response. As the African-Caribbean community increases in population, the Region needs to consider what their role will be in supporting diversity and building capacity for Black-led organizations.

I will also be updating the asylum seekers crisis in Vaughan and our role in leading the conversation in supporting Black mental health in York Region. There currently is no strategy in place to support Black mental health and Anchor along with our partners are working towards a comprehensive Black-led, culturally competent approach.

