

DEPUTATION REQUEST

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

OCTOBER 12, 2023

Subject: Permanent space for ANCHOR Canada

Spokesperson: Shernett Martin

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

N/A

Brief summary of issue or purpose of deputation:

We would like to ask council to support permanent cultural and program space for ANCHOR Canada so we can support the African, Black and Caribbean people in York Region.

Currently there are 2 spaces in York Region, Newmarket and Markham. It took 20 years for Markham to receive funding for office space.

The work that ANCHOR provides is far-reaching and vital for the Black community. We would like to ask for space with ample office and cultural space, either through regional lands, empty spaces or spaces that can be renovated. We would like the space to be located in Vaughan. Since Vaughan has the largest demographic of Africans, Black and Caribbean people in York Region, the space should be located in Vaughan. We hope that the region will see our value and agree to support the Black community in York Region by providing space in Vaughan.

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