

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.

