

Historical Timeline of Africa Centre

Date	Description	Notes
2006	Council for the Advancement of African Canadians in Alberta (Africa Centre) established.	The City, in conjunction with the group, began to explore the concept of building a location that would become the Africa Centre.
2007	Leasing of Wellington Jr. High School from Edmonton Public School Board.	The Africa Centre shares the operations of the surplus school with the Winnifred Stewart Society. The Africa Centre operates in one wing and the Winnifred Stewart Society operates the other wing. However, in 2017 Wellington School was condemned and City staff assisted with the relocation of the Africa Centre to St. Francis Centre.
2008	\$150,000 FCSS (Family and Community Support Services) funding established to support the initial programs of the Africa Centre.	Year to year funding support and City staff are assigned to provide organizational and capacity building support to the organization.
2013	\$232,000 Annual Operational Funding approved by City Council.	Funds are used to provide core staffing and facility operations support.
2015	\$838,000 approved in the 2015-2018 capital budget.	Funding to move the Africa Centre project to the schematic design phase.
2017 (Fall)	\$237,500 additional ongoing Operational Funding Support Approved. Funds are targeted towards Community Engagement and Communications activities and positions.	Shortly after approval, the Africa Centre Board experienced organizational challenges. The Africa Centre Board agreed to work with the City's Office of the City Auditor on a management/governance audit of the organization. The intent was to help address the various governance and membership issues.
2018	The Office of the City Auditor completed a governance and management audit of the Council	#1. Improve governance structure and processes.

Attachment 1

	for the Advancement of African Canadians In Alberta in 2018 and made three recommendations.	<p>#2. Update governing documents to better align with best practices in nonprofit governance.</p> <p>#3 Implement a collaborative budgeting process that prioritizes entity risks, operational needs, and strategic priorities to ensure optimal use of grant awards year-over-year.</p> <p>The Africa Centre accepted these recommendations and developed an action plan.</p>
2018 (Con't)	Capital Profile 15-21-1040, Wellington / African Multicultural Centre project placed on hold.	The \$838,000 project funding for planning was to be used to complete the schematic design of the African Multicultural Community Centre and site Master Plan for Athlone Park. \$165,000 was spent on the project, with \$673,000 in the budget remaining on hold until audit recommendations were completed.
2018/2019	New Executive Director hired.	Board of Directors refreshed with new members.
2019 (Fall)	Capital Profile 15-21-1040, Wellington / African Multicultural Centre funds reassigned.	<p>The remaining funds of \$673,000 were approved by City Council to be reallocated to address fiscal challenges of the impacts of the 2019 Provincial budget within the municipal organization, with the funding to be reconsidered during future supplemental capital budget adjustments or the 2023-2026 budget discussions.</p> <p>The relaunching of the project requires the Africa Center to meet a number of conditions, including an updated business case and funding strategy, as well as City Council funding reapproval.</p>
2021	Cleared all requirements by Office of the City Auditor.	City Auditor reported in January 2021.