

Anti-racism Advisory Committee - Appointment Recommendations

Members	Appointment Term
<u>Appointments (2)</u> Nestor Avalos Andrew Parker	May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2023 May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2023
<u>Reappointments (6)</u> Beth Brusselers Rehana Gilani Feisal Kirumira Joud Nour Eddin Faisal Salama Sameer Singh	May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2023 May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2023 May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2023 May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2023 May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2023 May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2023

Here is a brief public introduction as provided by the new appointees:

Nestor Avalos	Anti-racism Advisory Committee
<p>Amiskwaciy-wâskahikan has been the part of the home for Tsuut'ina, Nehiyawak, Anishnaabe, the Nakota Sioux, and the Niitsitapi for time immemorial. It has a place of resting, of gathering, of collaboration. It is on these lands and in that spirit that Nestor Avalos (He/They) has created art for the better part of the last fifteen years, and called the Edmonton area (Amiskwaciy-wâskahikan) home. Their focus, since graduating from the University of Alberta, has been to create community centred art and making it accessible to all. They have collaborated with various local artists and groups including Memoria Viva, The Works, Thousand Faces Festival, Kaleido Fest, Deep Freeze, Masala Mix, The University of Alberta, and muralist Pedro Rodriguez De Los Santos. As co-founder of The Popol Vuh Project Nestor hopes that the Latin American diaspora have a new and empowering way to engage with their cultural identity and migration process. They aim to democratize art reducing the linguistic, and economic barriers for participation as maker and participant. It is in the spirit of gathering, and collaborating in hopes of achieving, not just respite, but actionable and effective reconciliation between Indigenous, Settler, and Immigrant peoples of Amiskwaciy-wâskahikan (Edmonton) that they offer their experience and best intentions to the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee.</p>	

Andrew Parker	Anti-racism Advisory Committee
<p>Andrew. G. Parker (BA, BEd), is a 7 year Edmonton Public School teacher, Black Teachers Association co-founder, former professional athlete, Pride of the Northside Tournament director, but most importantly a husband and father of 2 amazing kids: Zuri and Quincy. As a son of Jamaican and Grenadian immigrants and a born and raised proud Edmontonian, Andrew is committed to lifelong learning, positive physical activity for kids of all ages, and equity at all levels of all institutions in this city of Edmonton. As a two time graduate from the University of Alberta his focus has been on Physical education, history, psychology, sociology, as well as citizenship and community activism. Admittedly he is not involved in these areas for praise but for positive sustainable and effective change in the city of Edmonton. Volunteering, collaborating, and committee membership duties; in his opinion, are all necessary means to achieve a more inclusive, diverse, safe, and equitable society in Edmonton.</p> <p>Given the current political and social climate in Alberta, Andrew has assumed many new leadership roles in the areas of Anti-racism, civil rights, youth advocacy, and the implementation of new resources related to Black history and culture in education in Alberta. Although these efforts are notable and many initiatives have been created, established and committed to, he is still on a quest to help Edmonton fully actualize the multicultural foundations that the country of Canada was built on years ago.</p>	