



July 16, 2025

To Whom It May Concern
City of Edmonton
Edmonton, Alberta

Re: Community Support for the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC)

Dear

On behalf of Africa Centre, I am pleased to share with you a comprehensive support package that reflects the widespread and heartfelt recommendation of the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) initiative.

This package includes 56 letters of support and signatures from a wide and diverse array of community stakeholders. These range from country-specific associations, including Caribbean and Somali communities, to non-profit organizations working across various sectors such as health, youth empowerment, the arts, education, events coordination, and food services. Additionally, we have garnered support from small businesses, including local restaurants and cultural vendors, all of whom recognize the profound impact the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) will have in fostering inclusion, economic opportunity, and cultural vibrancy in our city.

Beyond organizational support, we are proud to include signatures from numerous individuals who represent grassroots voices and community leaders alike. These expressions of support are a testament to the shared vision for a space that empowers, celebrates, and unites Edmontonians of African descent while remaining open and inclusive to the broader multicultural community.

We trust that this compilation of support further emphasizes the community's overwhelming desire to see this transformative project realized. Thank you for your ongoing engagement, and we remain hopeful for your continued support as we take the next steps toward building a lasting legacy through the AMCC.

Should you require any additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Warm regards,

Edna Wakene
Board Chair
Africa Centre



Organization	Description
Igbo Cultural Association of Edmonton (ICAE)	Nigerian Community Organization
5 Artists 1 Love	Arts organization
African Diaspora Nonprofit Network (ADNN)	They convene Africans from the continent, descendants of Africa—including African Americans and Afro-Caribbeans—and allies to create an ecosystem that nurtures entrepreneurial spirit and mobilizes intellectual and financial resources for a prosperous future.
Cameroonian Association of Edmonton	French Country Association
Black Business Edmonton	Umbrella for Black-owned business
Creative Black Geniuses	Arts organization
KAYANOU	A registered Canadian bilingual non-profit organization committed to preserve and promote shared learning of Black Francophone Canadian communities in Alberta.
Wajjo Drummers Culrural Society	Arts organization
Afro-Caribbean Food Bank	Serves as a vital resource for African, Caribbean, and Indigenous communities, ensuring access to culturally appropriate and nutritious foods.
Communaute Canado Burkinafaso de alberta Society	French Country Association
Oromian Community Association of Northern Alberta	Ethiopian Community Organization
Liberian Friendship Society of Canada	Community Organization
Yoruba Cultural Association of Edmonton	Community Organization
Alberta Community Togetherness Society (ACTS)	Focused on building a strong community by supporting Black, Indigenous, and racialized youth and their families in Alberta
Afro Diaspora Nurses Connect	Empowering African Diaspora Nurses (RNs/RPNs/NPs/LPNs/IEs/SNs) to succeed personally and professionally in a vibrant, authentic community.
Life Changers Community Organization	They are dedicated to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment where every individual can grow, contribute, and thrive.
Nubian canadian Association	Community Organization



RECHIQUE	Is a local recycling drive for used synthetic hair in Edmonton.
Horn of Africa Relief educational & settlement services org. (HARESSO)	Is a non-profit foundation established by concerned individuals and professionals with deep experience to enhance migration and humanitarian services in Canada.
Association of Kenyans in Alberta	Kenya Community Organization
Women in Motion YEG	Provides an opportunity for women to come together and experience physical activity in a relaxed, fun and enjoyable atmosphere.
Developing Communities Everywhere Organization + Light and Rays Studio	Is a non-profit organization that works to support student, lower-income, and minority communities through tailored programming and resources that help address needs in the areas of family, skill building & professional development, as well as health (locally and globally).
Hope for Tomorrow's Shade Association Canada	Is a Canadian not-for-profit society committed to providing a safety net for people in need.
Black Literacy Code	Is a Black-led nonprofit founded in 2020 to challenge misconceptions about Black history and culture.
The University of Alberta's Black Student Association	Serve as an organization which strives to empower and promote community interaction among all black students at the University of Alberta.
African and Caribbean Canadian—Books in Colour (ACC—Books in Colour)- Dr. Jean Walrond, Ph.D	
TJ's Patties	Jamaican restaurant
Partners for Humanity Council (PHC)	Somali organization evolved out of several research studies undertaken by a team focusing on refugees and immigrants in Alberta, and internally displaced, famine-ravaged families in Northeastern Kenya.
Generational Empowerment Network	Arts organization
Africanival	Events organization
Haitian Organisation of Edmonton	A non profit, ethnocultural organization dedicated to uniting and uplifting the Haitian Community in Edmonton.
Hargobaa Society of Alberta	Has made significant strides toward promoting multiculturalism and combatting racism through a series of impactful initiatives.






One Step Learning Opportunities Centre	
The Africa Caribbean Heritage Alliance Foundation	Is the organization that reunites Africa and the Caribbean in the areas of heritage, culture, economy, education and travel.
John Hagan	
Ezra Marfo Cancer Foundation	Is a Canadian charity with the goal of improving health through stem cells and blood donation awareness campaigns and donor drives.
Immigrant Initiative and Advocacy Center	Is an organization dedicated to supporting immigrant and refugee communities.
Habesha Festival	Events organization
Africans & African Descendants Friendship Club of St. Albert (AADFC)	





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April 16, 2025

To Whom it May Concern,

Letter of Support for African Multicultural Centre (AMCC) - Africa Centre

The Igbo Cultural Association of Edmonton (ICAEdmonton) enthusiastically supports the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project. Africa Centre has always been envisioned as an essential community hub and provides culturally appropriate programs and services for African descent communities. We are confident that the Africa Centre will be a good steward for the AMCC with regards to supporting members of Edmonton's Igbo community from Eastern Nigeria. We believe that the AMCC project's focus on integrating African/Caribbean traditions, businesses, seniors housing, arts and heritage will not only benefit those of African descent but will enhance Edmonton's cultural landscape for all residents.

We are particularly thrilled by the AMCC's vision for showcasing, providing mixed-use socio-economic as well as recreational spaces for cultural expression, and offering opportunities for black communities of Edmonton to have a place they can call home.

This project will contribute significantly to the city's broader cultural dialogue and promote mutual understanding and appreciation of African Descent culture.

We believe that an African Multicultural Community Centre will create a rich environment for artists, businesses, cultural leaders, and community members to collaborate and foster inclusivity. We offer our full support for this exciting initiative.

Yours truly,

Lisa Akanwa
Assistant Treasurer

5 Artists 1Love

Letter of Support for African Multicultural Centre ,AMCC_

To Whom it may concern,

5 Artists 1 Love represents one of Edmonton's longest running Black History Month events and enthusiastically supports the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project. Africa Centre has always been envisioned as an essential community hub and provides culturally appropriate programs and services for African descent communities. We are confident that the Africa Centre will be a good steward for the AMCC with regard to supporting the collective tapestry of cultures within Edmonton's Black community. We believe that the AMCC project's focus on integrating African/Caribbean traditions, businesses, seniors housing, arts and heritage will not only benefit those of African descent but will enhance Edmonton's cultural landscape for all residents.

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Respectfully,

Darren, W Jordan,

5 Artists 1 Love

Producer/curator.



AFRICAN DIASPORA NONPROFIT NETWORK
Forward & Further Together

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April 24, 2025

To Whom it May Concern

Letter of Support for the Africa Centre

African Diaspora Nonprofit Network enthusiastically supports the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project. Africa Centre has always been envisioned as an essential community hub and provides culturally appropriate programs and services for African descent communities. We are confident that the Africa Centre will be a good steward for the AMCC with regards to supporting our network of nonprofits. We believe that the AMCC project's focus on integrating African-Caribbean traditions, businesses, seniors housing, arts and heritage will not only benefit those of African descent but will enhance Edmonton's cultural landscape for all residents.

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Sincerely,

Flora Trebi-Ollennu
 Chair



To Edmonton Mayor and City Council

RE: Letter of Support for the Africa Centre

The Cameroon Association of Edmonton (CAE-ACE) enthusiastically supports the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project. Africa Centre has always been envisioned as an essential community hub and provides culturally appropriate programs and services for African descent communities. We are confident that the Africa centre will be a good steward for the AMCC. We also believe that The AMCC projects' focus on integrating African traditions, businesses, seniors housing, arts and heritage will not only benefit those of African descent but will enhance Edmonton's cultural landscape for all residents.

We are particularly excited by the AMCC's vision for showcasing, providing spaces for cultural expression, and offering opportunities for black communities of Edmonton to have a place they can call home. This project will contribute significantly to the city's broader cultural dialogue and promote mutual understanding and appreciation of African Descent culture.

We believe that an African Multicultural Community Centre will create a rich environment for artists, businesses, cultural leaders, and community members to collaborate and foster inclusivity. We offer our full support for this exciting initiative.

Sincerely,

Rudy Kemtsa
President
Cameroon Association of Edmonton



Edmonton, 3rd December 2024

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Attachment 7



Letter of Support for African Multicultural Centre (AMCC)

To Whom it May Concern

Letter of Support for the Africa Centre

Black Business Edmonton enthusiastically supports the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project. Africa Centre has always been envisioned as an essential community hub and provides culturally appropriate programs and services for African descent communities. We are confident that the Africa Centre will be a good steward for the AMCC with regards to supporting the Black Business Community in Edmonton. We believe that the AMCC project's focus on integrating African/Caribbean traditions, businesses, seniors housing, arts and heritage will not only benefit those of African descent but will enhance Edmonton's cultural landscape for all residents.

We are particularly thrilled by the AMCC's vision for showcasing, providing mixed-use socio-economic as well as recreational spaces for cultural expression, and offering opportunities for black communities of Edmonton to have a place they can call home.

This project will contribute significantly to the city's broader cultural dialogue and promote mutual understanding and appreciation of African Descent culture.

We believe that an African Multicultural Community Centre will create a rich environment for artists, businesses, cultural leaders, and community members to collaborate and foster inclusivity. We offer our full support for this exciting initiative.

Sincerely,

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Creative Canadian Geniuses

Letter of Support for African Multicultural Centre (AMCC)

To Whom it May Concern

Letter of Support for the Africa Centre

Creative Canadian Geniuses enthusiastically support the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project. Africa Centre has always been envisioned as an essential community hub and provides culturally appropriate programs and services for African descent communities. We are confident that the Africa Centre will be a good steward for the AMCC with regards to supporting Edmontonians of African descent, fostering unity, celebrating diversity, and acting as a cultural hub for all to enjoy. We believe that the AMCC project's focus on integrating African/Caribbean traditions, businesses, seniors housing, arts and heritage will not only benefit those of African descent but will enhance Edmonton's cultural landscape for all residents.

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We believe that an African Multicultural Community Centre will create a rich environment for artists, businesses, cultural leaders, and community members to collaborate and foster inclusivity. We offer our full support for this exciting initiative.

Sincerely,

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Letter of Support for African Multicultural Centre (AMCC)

To Whom It May Concern,

KAYANOU enthusiastically supports the **African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC)** project. Africa Centre has long been envisioned as an essential community hub, providing culturally appropriate programs and services for communities of African and Caribbean descent.

We are confident that the Africa Centre will effectively steward the AMCC in supporting KAYANOU's mission for Alberta's French-speaking Black communities, using our platform to celebrate and amplify their stories, cultures, and contributions. By integrating African and Caribbean traditions, businesses, seniors' housing, arts, and heritage, this project will not only benefit those of African and Caribbean descent but also enrich Edmonton's cultural landscape for all residents.

We are particularly thrilled by the AMCC's vision for showcasing, providing mixed-use socio-economic as well as recreational spaces for cultural expression, and offering opportunities for black communities of Edmonton to have a place they can truly call home.

This project will significantly contribute to the city's broader cultural dialogue and promote mutual understanding and appreciation of African and Caribbean Descent cultures.

We believe that an African Multicultural Community Centre will create a rich environment for artists, businesses, cultural leaders, and community members to collaborate and foster inclusivity.

KAYANOU fully endorses this inspiring project and looks forward to its positive impact.

Sincerely,

Mireille Isidore

Mireille Isidore

Directrice générale/ Executive Director

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May 3, 2025

Letter of Support for African Multicultural Centre (AMCC_

To Whom It May Concern

Letter of Support for the Africa Centre

Wajjo Drummers Cultural Society and U of A West African Music Ensemble enthusiastically support the African Multicultural Community

Centre (AMCC) project. Africa Centre has always been envisioned as an essential Community hub and provides culturally appropriate programs and services for African Descent communities. We are confident that the Africa Centre will be a good steward for the AMCC with regards to supporting Fundraising events in the community through the performance. We believe that the AMCC project's focus on integrating African/Caribbean traditions, businesses, seniors housing, arts and heritage will not only benefit those of African descent but will enhance Edmonton's cultural landscape for all Residents.

We are particularly thrilled by the AMCC's vision for showcasing, providing mixed-use Socio-economic as well as recreational spaces for cultural expression, and offering opportunities for black communities of Edmonton to have a place they can call home. This project will contribute significantly to the city's broader cultural dialogue and promote mutual understanding and appreciation of African Descent culture.

We believe that an African Multicultural Community Centre will create a rich environment for artists, businesses, cultural leaders, and community members to collaborate and foster inclusivity. We offer our full support for this exciting initiative.

Sincerely,

Robert Kpogo (Wajjo Drummer)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Kpogo", written over a horizontal line.

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Together, we feed and uplift

April 17th, 2025

Letter of Support for African Multicultural Centre (AMCC)

To Whom It May Concern

Letter of Support for the Africa Centre

The Afro-Caribbean Food Bank enthusiastically supports the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project. Africa Centre has always been envisioned as an essential community hub and provides culturally appropriate programs and services for African descent communities. We are confident that the Africa Centre will be a good steward for the AMCC with regards to supporting Vulnerable and underserved populations, particularly African, Afro-Caribbean, and Indigenous communities, including children, youth, families, newcomers, individuals with disabilities, and low-income households. We believe that the AMCC project's focus on integrating African/Caribbean traditions, businesses, seniors housing, arts, and heritage will not only benefit those of African descent but will enhance Edmonton's cultural landscape for all residents.

We are particularly thrilled by the AMCC's vision for showcasing, providing mixed-use socio-economic as well as recreational spaces for cultural expression, and offering opportunities for black communities of Edmonton to have a place they can call home.

This project will contribute significantly to the city's broader cultural dialogue and promote mutual understanding and appreciation of African Descent culture.

We believe that an African Multicultural Community Centre will create a rich environment for artists, businesses, cultural leaders, and community members to collaborate and foster inclusivity. We offer our full support for this exciting initiative.

Kind regards,


Ranti George

Director, Afro-Caribbean Foodbank



To: Edmonton Mayor and City Council

Subject: Letter of Support for the Africa Centre and the African Multicultural Community Centre Project

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

On behalf of the Communauté Canado-Burkinabè de l'Alberta Society (CCBAS), I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project led by the Africa Centre.

The Africa Centre has long been a cornerstone for Edmonton's African descent communities and beyond, providing culturally relevant programs and services that foster connection, empowerment, and growth. The AMCC project builds on this legacy by envisioning a space that integrates African traditions, supports businesses, offers senior housing, and celebrates arts and heritage. This vision not only serves African descent communities but enriches Edmonton's cultural fabric, creating a more vibrant and inclusive city for everyone.

We are particularly inspired by the AMCC's commitment to offering a home for cultural expression and celebration; a place where Black communities can gather, share their stories, and feel a deep sense of belonging. The Centre's impact will extend beyond the African community, sparking greater dialogue, understanding, and appreciation across cultures.

By bringing together artists, entrepreneurs, cultural leaders, and community members, the AMCC will serve as a hub for collaboration and innovation, embodying the values of inclusivity and unity. It is a bold and great initiative that we believe will leave a lasting positive impact on Edmonton.

The Communauté Canado-Burkinabè de l'Alberta Society enthusiastically supports this project and urges the City of Edmonton to join us in backing this vital endeavor.

Together, we can celebrate our city's diversity and build a brighter future for all residents.

Sincerely,

Salamane Yameogo

President

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Salamane Yameogo



**Oromian Community Association of
Northern Alberta (OCANA)**

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Date: 04 December 2024

To Edmonton Mayor and City Council

RE: Letter of Support for the Africa Centre

The Oromian Community Association of Northern Alberta (OCANA) enthusiastically supports the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project. Africa Centre has always been envisioned as an essential community hub and provides culturally appropriate programs and services for African descent communities. We are confident that the Africa centre will be a good steward for the AMCC. We also believe that The AMCC projects' focus on integrating African traditions, businesses, seniors housing, arts and heritage will not only benefit those of African descent but will enhance Edmonton's cultural landscape for all residents.

We are particularly excited by the AMCC's vision for showcasing, providing spaces for cultural expression, and offering opportunities for black communities of Edmonton to have a place they can call home. This project will contribute significantly to the city's broader cultural dialogue and promote mutual understanding and appreciation of African Descent culture.

We believe that an African Multicultural Community Centre will create a rich environment for artists, businesses, cultural leaders, and community members to collaborate and foster inclusivity. We offer our full support for this exciting initiative. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Board Vice President, Event Director & SAH Signatory
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LIBERIAN FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY OF CANADA
Working Together For Progress And Prosperity



<https://liberianfriendshipsociety.ca>

December 4, 2024,

Edmonton Mayor and City Council
Edmonton City Hall
1 Sir Winston Churchill Square,
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Dear Mayor and City Council,

RE: Support for the Africa Centre

We at the Liberian Friendship Society of Canada are proud to express our strong support for the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) initiative. The Africa Centre has been conceived as a vital community hub that delivers culturally relevant programs and services to communities of African descent. We have every confidence that the Africa Centre will be an exceptional steward for the AMCC project.


The focus of the AMCC on integrating African traditions, businesses, senior housing, arts, and heritage will not only serve those within the African community but will also enrich Edmonton's cultural landscape for all residents.

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We are particularly inspired by the AMCC's ambition to create spaces that celebrate cultural expression and provide the Black communities in Edmonton with a sense of belonging. This project stands to make a meaningful contribution to the city's cultural dialogue, fostering mutual understanding and appreciation of African descent culture.

We believe that establishing the African Multicultural Community Centre will create a vibrant environment for artists, entrepreneurs, cultural leaders, and community members to collaborate, thereby promoting inclusivity and diversity. We wholeheartedly support this exciting initiative and look forward to its positive impact on our community.

Sincerely,



Emmanuel Snogba

President



YORUBA CULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF EDMONTON

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Letter of Support for African Multicultural Centre (AMCC) Project

To Whom it May Concern

Letter of Support for the Africa Centre

The Yoruba Cultural Association of Edmonton (YCAE) is pleased to express our enthusiastic support for the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project. The Africa Centre has long served as a vital hub for African descent communities, offering culturally appropriate programs and services that strengthen our shared community fabric.

We are confident that the Africa Centre will serve as a responsible and visionary steward for the AMCC, championing the interests of Black communities throughout Edmonton and the surrounding region. The AMCC's commitment to integrating African and Caribbean traditions, supporting local businesses, providing seniors' housing, and celebrating arts and heritage will not only uplift individuals of African descent but also enrich Edmonton's cultural landscape for all residents.

We are particularly inspired by the AMCC's vision of creating inclusive, mixed-use spaces for cultural expression, economic activity, and recreation—a place where Black communities in Edmonton can truly feel at home.

This project will make a significant contribution to the city's broader cultural dialogue and promote mutual understanding and appreciation of African descent cultures.

We offer our full support for the establishment of the African Multicultural Community Centre and believe it will become a vibrant, inclusive environment for artists, entrepreneurs, cultural leaders, and community members to thrive together.

Sincerely,

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Wumi Awujoola

President

Yoruba Cultural Association of Edmonton (YCAE)

President: Wumi Awujoola **Vice President:** Helison Aniyi **General Secretary:** Stephen Abioye **Public Relations Office:** Tundun Adeyemo **Asst. General Secretary/ Acting Treasurer:** Sodiq Ogunbi **Ex-Officio:** Thomas Bankole

FROM THE DESK OF
Executive Director



April 29, 2025

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Letter of Support for African Multicultural Centre (AMCC_

To Whom it May Concern

Letter of Support for the Africa Centre

Alberta Community Togetherness Society enthusiastically supports the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project. Africa Centre has always been envisioned as an essential community hub and provides culturally appropriate programs and services for African descent communities. We are confident that the Africa Centre will be a good steward for the AMCC with regards to supporting Black and racialized youths and their families across the province. We believe that the AMCC project's focus on integrating African/Caribbean traditions, businesses, seniors housing, arts and heritage will not only benefit those of African descent but will enhance Edmonton's cultural landscape for all residents.

We are particularly thrilled by the AMCC's vision for showcasing, providing mixed-use socio-economic as well as recreational spaces for cultural expression, and offering opportunities for black communities of Edmonton to have a place they can call home.

This project will contribute significantly to the city's broader cultural dialogue and promote mutual understanding and appreciation of African Descent culture.

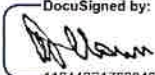
We believe that an African Multicultural Community Centre will create a rich environment for artists, businesses, cultural leaders, and community members to collaborate and foster inclusivity. We offer our full support for this exciting initiative.

Sincerely,

Costa Ndlovu

Executive Director

Alberta Community Togetherness Society

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Letter of Support for African Multicultural Centre (AMCC_

To Whom it May Concern

Letter of Support for the Africa Centre

Afro Diaspora Nurses Connect (ADNC), enthusiastically supports the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project. Africa Centre has always been envisioned as an essential community hub and provides culturally appropriate programs and services for African descent communities. We are confident that the Africa Centre will be a good steward for the AMCC with regards to supporting African descent and Afro diaspora descent. We believe that the AMCC project's focus on integrating African/Caribbean traditions, businesses, seniors housing, arts and heritage will not only benefit those of African descent but will enhance Edmonton's cultural landscape for all residents.

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Sincerely,



Sandra Oppong (CEO Afro Diaspora Nurses Connect (ADNC))



Life Changers Community Organization
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Letter of Support for African Multicultural Centre (AMCC)

To Whom it May Concern

Letter of Support for the Africa Centre

Life Changers community organization enthusiastically supports the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project. Africa Centre has always been envisioned as an essential Community hub and provides culturally appropriate programs and services for African Descent communities.

We are confident that the Africa Centre will be a good steward for The AMCC with regards to supporting community organizations. We believe that the AMCC project's focus on integrating African/Caribbean traditions, businesses, seniors housing, arts and heritage. The AMCC will not only benefit those of African descent but will enhance Edmonton's cultural landscape.

We are particularly thrilled by the AMCC's vision for showcasing, providing mixed-use Socio-economic as well as recreational spaces for cultural expression, and offering Opportunities for black communities of Edmonton to have a place they share the beauty of diversity. This project will contribute significantly to the city's broader cultural dialogue and promote mutual understanding and appreciation of African Descent culture. We believe that an African Multicultural Community Centre will create a rich environment for artists, businesses, cultural leaders, and community members to collaborate and foster inclusivity. We offer our full support for this exciting initiative.

Sincerely,

Irene Nuwagaba
 Head of Operations

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**Nubian Canadian Association 12644 126 St NW, Edmonton, AB T5L
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Letter of Support for African Multicultural Centre (AMCC)

To Whom it May Concern

Letter of Support for the Africa Centre

Nubian Canadian Association enthusiastically supports the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project. Africa Centre has always been envisioned as an essential community hub and provides culturally appropriate programs and services for African descent communities. We are confident that the Africa Centre will be a good steward for the AMCC with regards to supporting Nubian from across Africa in Edmonton. We believe that the AMCC project's focus on integrating African/Caribbean traditions, businesses, seniors housing, arts and heritage will not only benefit those of African descent but will enhance Edmonton's cultural landscape for all residents.

We are particularly thrilled by the AMCC's vision for showcasing, providing mixed-use socio-economic as well as recreational spaces for cultural expression, and offering opportunities for black communities of Edmonton to have a place they can call home.

This project will contribute significantly to the city's broader cultural dialogue and promote mutual understanding and appreciation of African Descent culture. We believe that an African Multicultural Community Centre will create a rich environment for artists, businesses, cultural leaders, and community members to collaborate and foster inclusivity. We offer our full support for this exciting initiative.

Sincerely,

Aisha Salih

RECHIQUE

Letter of Support for African Multicultural Centre (AMCC)

To Whom It May Concern,

I, Latifat Busari, enthusiastically support the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project. Africa Centre has always been envisioned as an essential community hub that provides culturally appropriate programs and services for communities of African descent. I am confident that the Africa Centre will be a good steward for the AMCC with regards to supporting the reclamation of the African identity through storytelling, poetry, and art. I believe that the AMCC project's focus on integrating African/Caribbean traditions, businesses, seniors housing, arts and heritage will not only benefit those of African descent but will enhance Edmonton's cultural landscape for all residents.

I am particularly thrilled by the AMCC's vision for showcasing, providing mixed-use socio-economic as well as recreational spaces for cultural expression, and offering opportunities for Black communities of Edmonton to have a place they can call home.

This project will contribute significantly to the city's broader cultural dialogue and promote mutual understanding and appreciation of African Descent culture.

I believe that an African Multicultural Community Centre will create a rich environment for artists, businesses, cultural leaders, and community members to collaborate and foster inclusivity. I offer my full support for this exciting initiative.

Sincerely,

Latifat Busari.



HARESSO (Horn of Africa Relief Educational and Settlement Services Organization)

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Date: April 17, 2025

To:

The African Centre
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Subject: Support for the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC)

Dear African Centre Team,

On behalf of HARESSO, we are pleased to express our strong support for your African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) initiative. This project represents a vital step forward in creating a vibrant and inclusive space for Edmontonian of African descent.

As an organization dedicated to helping newcomers settle and thrive, we recognize the AMCC's potential to serve as a cultural hub that fosters unity, celebrates diversity, and empowers the African community socially and economically.

We commend the African Centre for its commitment to uplifting the African community through this transformative project. HARESSO is proud to stand alongside you, and we look forward to any opportunity to collaborate in making AMCC a lasting and impactful reality.

We fully endorse your vision and look forward to opportunities for collaboration in making this important project a success.

Sincerely,

Abdirizak Ismail Hashi

President, HARESSO

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**The Association of Kenyans in Alberta (AKA)**

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December 4, 2024

To Edmonton Mayor and City Council

RE: Letter of Support for the Africa Centre

Association of Kenyans in Alberta-AKA enthusiastically supports the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project. Africa Centre has always been envisioned as an essential community hub and provides culturally appropriate programs and services for African descent communities. We are confident that the Africa centre will be a good steward for the AMCC. We also believe that The AMCC projects' focus on integrating African traditions, businesses, seniors housing, arts and heritage will not only benefit those of African descent but will enhance Edmonton's cultural landscape for all residents.

We are particularly excited by the AMCC's vision for showcasing, providing spaces for cultural expression, and offering opportunities for black communities of Edmonton to have a place they can call home. This project will contribute significantly to the city's broader cultural dialogue and promote mutual understanding and appreciation of African Descent culture.

We believe that an African Multicultural Community Centre will create a rich environment for artists, businesses, cultural leaders, and community members to collaborate and foster inclusivity. We offer our full support for this exciting initiative.

Sincerely,

David Ondieki

President, AKA

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Women in Motion

Letter of Support for the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC)

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Women in Motion, we are proud to extend our full support for the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project, led by the Africa Centre. As a women-led organization that empowers and connects women through movement, wellness, and cultural celebration, we deeply understand the importance of safe and inclusive spaces where people feel seen, valued, and supported.

The Africa Centre has long served as a vital anchor in Edmonton's African descent communities, offering culturally responsive programs and services that reflect the values, traditions, and experiences of the people it serves. We are confident that Africa Centre will be an excellent steward of the AMCC and will ensure that its programs and spaces uplift women, families, youth, elders, and entrepreneurs alike.

We are particularly inspired by the AMCC's vision to integrate African and Caribbean traditions, local businesses, seniors' housing, arts, and heritage under one roof. This holistic approach will not only benefit the African descent communities but will also enrich Edmonton's broader cultural fabric.

As Women in Motion, we are especially excited about the creation of mixed-use spaces that allow for recreation, wellness, entrepreneurship, and cultural expression. These are the kinds of environments where collaboration flourishes and where women can lead, thrive, and feel at home.

We wholeheartedly support the AMCC project and believe it will have a lasting and meaningful impact on Edmonton. It is more than a building—it is a beacon of representation, inclusion, and community pride.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Ngondo & Deborah Ampong

Women in Motion

Letter of Support for African Multicultural Centre (AMCC_

To Whom it May Concern

Letter of Support for the Africa Centre

DCE ORGANIZATION enthusiastically supports the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project. Africa Centre has always been envisioned as an essential community hub and provides culturally appropriate programs and services for African descent communities. We are confident that the Africa Centre will be a good steward for the AMCC with regards to supporting youth. We believe that the AMCC project's focus on integrating African/Caribbean traditions, businesses, seniors housing, arts and heritage will not only benefit those of African descent but will enhance Edmonton's cultural landscape for all residents.

We are particularly thrilled by the AMCC's vision for showcasing, providing mixed-use socio-economic as well as recreational spaces for cultural expression, and offering opportunities for black communities of Edmonton to have a place they can call home.

This project will contribute significantly to the city's broader cultural dialogue and promote mutual understanding and appreciation of African Descent culture.

We believe that an African Multicultural Community Centre will create a rich environment for artists, businesses, cultural leaders, and community members to collaborate and foster inclusivity. We offer our full support for this exciting initiative.

Sincerely,

Bridget Andam

Founder of DCE ORGANIZATION

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Hope for Tomorrow's Shade Association (HT-SACA)
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April 12, 2025

Letter of Support for African Multicultural Centre (AMCC)

To whom it may concern

Letter of Support for the Africa Centre

Hope for Tomorrow's Shade Association Canada (HT-SACA) enthusiastically supports the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project. Africa Centre has always been envisioned as an essential community hub and provides culturally appropriate programs and services for African descent communities. We are confident that the Africa Centre will be a good steward for the AMCC with regards to supporting black refugee children, youth, families, community members and leaders that HT-SACA works with. We believe that the AMCC project's focus on integrating African/Caribbean traditions, businesses, seniors housing, arts and heritage will not only benefit those of African descent but will enhance Edmonton's cultural landscape for all residents.

We are particularly thrilled by the AMCC's vision for showcasing, providing mixed-use socio-economic as well as recreational spaces for cultural expression, and offering opportunities for black communities of Edmonton to have a place they can call home.

This project will contribute significantly to the city's broader cultural dialogue and promote mutual understanding and appreciation of African Descent culture.

We believe that an African Multicultural Community Centre will create a rich environment for artists, businesses, cultural leaders, and community members to collaborate and foster inclusivity. We offer our full support for this exciting initiative.

Sincerely,

Dianna Fondo

Executive Director

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Letter of Support for African Multicultural Centre (AMCC)

To Whom it May Concern

Letter of Support for the Africa Centre

Black Literacy Code enthusiastically supports the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project. Africa Centre has always been envisioned as an essential community hub and provides culturally appropriate programs and services for African descent communities. We are confident that the Africa Centre will be a good steward for the AMCC with regards to supporting (name the specific demographic or sector that the organization supports). We believe that the AMCC project's focus on integrating African/Caribbean traditions, businesses, seniors housing, arts and heritage will not only benefit those of African descent but will enhance Edmonton's cultural landscape for all residents.

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Sincerely,

Ruth Omayio, BLC President



8900 114ST NW
Edmonton, AB
April 30, 2025

Letter of Support for African Multicultural Centre (AMCC)

To Whom it May Concern,

The University of Alberta's Black Students' Association enthusiastically supports the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project. Africa Centre has always been envisioned as an essential community hub that provides culturally appropriate programs and services for communities of African descent. As frequent users of the Africa Centre, we have directly benefited from its unwavering support, whether through access to community space for programming, youth engagement opportunities, or funding accessibility. We are confident that the Africa Centre will be a good steward for the AMCC with regards to supporting Black youth within Edmonton. We believe that the AMCC project's focus on integrating African/Caribbean traditions, businesses, seniors housing, arts and heritage will benefit those of African descent and enhance Edmonton's cultural landscape for all residents.

We are particularly thrilled by the AMCC's vision for showcasing, providing mixed-use socio-economic as well as recreational spaces for cultural expression, and offering opportunities for black communities of Edmonton to have a place they can call home.

This project will contribute significantly to the city's broader cultural dialogue and promote mutual understanding and appreciation of African Descent culture. By fostering cross-collaboration, combating systematic barriers, and enriching various communities rooted in shared respect and cultural pride.

We believe that an African Multicultural Community Centre will create a rich environment for artists, businesses, cultural leaders, and community members to collaborate and foster inclusivity. We offer our full support for this transformative initiative, as it will shape and elevate the Afro-Canadian experience for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Yar Mayen

Vice President of Finance, University of Alberta's Black Students' Association

Dr. Jean Walrond Ph. D.
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 Canada
 July 10, 2025

To Whom it May Concern

RE: Letter of Support for African Multicultural Centre (AMCC)

My name is Dr. Jean Walrond, Ph.D., and I am an instructor at City University of Seattle, Edmonton Campus. I have lived in Edmonton since 1978 and have been actively engaged in community development ever since. I was introduced to Africa Centre by the late Ms. Hafsa Goma when the Centre first opened.

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project. From its inception, Africa Centre has served as a vital hub for communities of African and Caribbean descent, offering culturally relevant programs and services that reflect our values, traditions, and aspirations.

I am confident that the Africa Centre will serve as an exemplary steward of the AMCC, particularly in advancing the education and health initiatives that I am deeply passionate about. As the developer of the award-winning *African and Caribbean Canadian—Books in Colour (ACC—Books in Colour)* literacy initiative, I continue to work toward improving literacy and literary outcomes for children and youth in our communities.

In my role as a board member of the Sickle Cell Foundation of Alberta, I have contributed to critical milestones, including the establishment of Sickle Cell newborn screening protocols for Alberta and the Northwest Territories, as well as achieving the highest rate of blood donation for sickle cell patients across Canada. I have also produced numerous research papers on this important health issue and presented these both internationally and nationally.

The AMCC's vision—to integrate African and Caribbean traditions, improve education and health outcomes, support local businesses, provide seniors housing, and celebrate arts and heritage—is not only beneficial for communities of African and Caribbean descent but will also enrich Edmonton's broader cultural and social landscape. I am particularly inspired by the AMCC's plan to create mixed-use spaces that promote socio-economic development, recreation, and cultural expression—offering African and Caribbean communities in Edmonton a long-overdue sense of belonging and permanence.

This initiative will greatly enhance cultural dialogue in our city and foster deeper mutual understanding and appreciation of African-descended and Caribbean cultures. I firmly believe the African Multicultural Community Centre will become a dynamic space where cultural educators, health researchers, artists, entrepreneurs, and community members come together to build a more inclusive future.

I offer my full and unwavering support for this transformative project.

Sincerely,



Dr. Jean Walrond B. Sc., B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D. (She/Her)
 King Charles III Coronation Medal Recipient-2025
 Servant of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago-2001
 Edmonton Transit System Advisory Board—6 Years
 Sickle Cell Foundation of Alberta - Subject Matter Expert, Past-President--Research & Education
 The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International - Paul Harris Fellow

Past-President - Cariwest Western Carnival Development Association

Past-President - Alberta Human Ecology/Home Economics Association--Edmonton Chapter

Publication - Following the Northern Star: Caribbean Identities and Education in North American Schools-2013

Award-Winning Publication - African and Caribbean Canadian (ACC)-Books in Colour 2022 Minister's Awards for Municipal and Public Library Excellence

Letter of Support for African Multicultural Centre (AMCC_

To Whom it May Concern

Letter of Support for the Africa Centre

TJ's Patties enthusiastically supports the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project. Africa Centre has always been envisioned as an essential community hub and provides culturally appropriate programs and services for African descent communities. We are confident that the Africa Centre will be a good steward for the AMCC with regards to supporting Afro Caribbean Community. We believe that the AMCC project's focus on integrating African/Caribbean traditions, businesses, seniors housing, arts and heritage will not only benefit those of African descent but will enhance Edmonton's cultural landscape for all residents.

We are particularly thrilled by the AMCC's vision for showcasing, providing mixed-use socio-economic as well as recreational spaces for cultural expression, and offering opportunities for black communities of Edmonton to have a place they can call home.

This project will contribute significantly to the city's broader cultural dialogue and promote mutual understanding and appreciation of African Descent culture.

We believe that an African Multicultural Community Centre will create a rich environment for artists, businesses, cultural leaders, and community members to collaborate and foster inclusivity. We offer our full support for this exciting initiative.

Sincerely,

T. Taylor-Johnson
Thea Taylor-Johnson
Owner TJ's Patties



Healthy Lives | Safe Communities | Happy Families

Letter of Support for African Multicultural Centre (AMCC_

To Whom it May Concern

Letter of Support for the Africa Centre

Partners for Humanity Council (PHC) enthusiastically supports the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project. Africa Centre has always been envisioned as an essential community hub and provides culturally appropriate programs and services for African descent communities. We are confident that the Africa Centre will be a good steward for the AMCC in supporting policies and programs that benefit Black communities of African descent. We believe that the AMCC project's focus on integrating African/Caribbean traditions, businesses, seniors housing, arts and heritage will not only benefit those of African descent but will enhance Edmonton's cultural landscape for all residents.

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We believe that an African Multicultural Community Centre will create a rich environment for artists, businesses, cultural leaders, and community members to collaborate and foster inclusivity. We offer our full support for this exciting initiative.

Sincerely,

Ahmed Noor,
Executive Director,
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<http://pfhumanityfoundation.org/>

Letter of Support for African Multicultural Centre (AMCC_

To Whom it May Concern

Letter of Support for the Africa Centre

Generational Empowerment Network enthusiastically supports the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project. Africa Centre has always been envisioned as an essential community hub and provides culturally appropriate programs and services for African descent communities. We are confident that the Africa Centre will be a good steward for the AMCC with regards to supporting individuals of all ages and backgrounds through accessible programs that build critical thinking, boost self-confidence, and encourage community engagement. We believe that the AMCC project's focus on integrating African/Caribbean traditions, businesses, seniors housing, arts and heritage will not only benefit those of African descent but will enhance Edmonton's cultural landscape for all residents.

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Sincerely,

Samuel Aluko.

Co-Founder, Generation Empowerment Network (GEN)

Letter of Support for African Multicultural Centre (AMCC)

To Whom it May Concern

Letter of Support for the Africa Centre

Africanival enthusiastically supports the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project. Africa Centre has always been envisioned as an essential community hub and provides culturally appropriate programs and services for African descent communities. We are confident that the Africa Centre will be a good steward for the AMCC with regards to supporting artistic youths. We believe that the AMCC project's focus on integrating African/Caribbean traditions, businesses, seniors housing, arts and heritage will not only benefit those of African descent but will enhance Edmonton's cultural landscape for all residents.

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Sincerely,

Frankline Agbor,

Executive Producer, Africanival

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Letter of Support for African Multicultural Centre (AMCC_

To Whom it May Concern

Letter of Support for the Africa Centre

Haitian Organisation of Edmonton/ l' Organisation Haitienne d'Edmonton (OHE) enthusiastically supports the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project. Africa Centre has always been envisioned as an essential community hub and provides culturally appropriate programs and services for African descent communities. We are confident that the Africa Centre will be a good steward for the AMCC with regards to supporting . We are confident that the Africa Centre will be a good steward for the AMCC with regards to supporting African descent communities, including families, youth, seniors, and ethnocultural organizations working toward equity and inclusion. We believe that the AMCC project's focus on integrating African/Caribbean traditions, businesses, seniors housing, arts and heritage will not only benefit those of African descent but will enhance Edmonton's cultural landscape for all residents.

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We believe that an African Multicultural Community Centre will create a rich environment for artists, businesses, cultural leaders, and community members to collaborate and foster inclusivity. We offer our full support for this exciting initiative.

Sincerely,

Alice A. Prophète

Chair and Founding Member

Haitian Organization of Edmonton (OHE)

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Date: July 12, 2025**To Whom It May Concern,****Re: Letter of Support for the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) Project – Led by the Africa Centre**

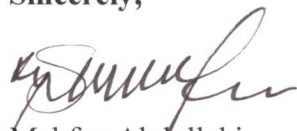
On behalf of the Hargobaa Society of Alberta, We are pleased to extend our strong support for the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) initiative, led by the Africa Centre. This visionary project is a vital step toward building a culturally responsive and inclusive hub that will serve communities of African descent across Edmonton and beyond.

The Africa Centre has consistently demonstrated a deep commitment to community development through culturally appropriate programs and services. Its efforts in supporting youth facing systemic barriers, single mothers from immigrant backgrounds, and Edmonton's diverse ethnocultural communities have been impactful and transformative. We are confident that the Africa Centre has the capacity and insight to lead this initiative with excellence and integrity.

We are especially inspired by the AMCC's holistic approach—integrating African and Caribbean cultural traditions, promoting economic empowerment, supporting seniors, and celebrating the arts and heritage. This approach will not only uplift African descent communities but also enrich Edmonton's broader cultural and social fabric.

The proposed mixed-use facility—featuring socio-economic, recreational, and cultural spaces—will serve as a dynamic and much-needed home for African descent communities. It will create a platform for cultural expression, business innovation, intergenerational engagement, and artistic collaboration.

We believe the AMCC will be instrumental in advancing inclusivity, strengthening intercultural dialogue, and fostering a sense of belonging for all residents of Edmonton. The Hargobaa Society of Alberta is proud to stand in full support of this transformative initiative.

Sincerely,

Mahfuz Abdullahi
Hargobaa Society of Alberta

Letter of Support for African Multicultural Centre (AMCC_

To Whom it May Concern

Letter of Support for the Africa Centre

One Step Learning Opportunities Centre, a Black-led Canadian charity in Edmonton enthusiastically supports the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project. Africa Centre has always been envisioned as an essential community hub and provides culturally appropriate programs and services for African descent communities. We are confident that the Africa Centre will be a good steward for the AMCC with regards to supporting Preschool Literacy promotion, research and practicum opportunities in early childhood learning for Canadians especially citizens of African-Caribbean descent. We believe that the AMCC project's focus on integrating African/Caribbean traditions, businesses, seniors housing, arts and heritage will not only benefit those of African descent but will enhance Edmonton's cultural landscape for all residents.

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Sincerely,



John Hagan, President
One Step Learning Opportunities Centre
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**“History will judge us by the difference we make in the everyday lives of children” –
NELSON MANDELA**



ACHA LETTER NO. CANNFP 005/2025

To: Whom It May Concern

July 11, 2025

Subject: Letter of Support for African Multicultural Centre (AMCC)

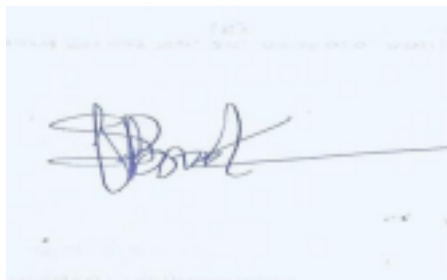
The Africa Caribbean Heritage Alliance Foundation, herein referred as ACHA, enthusiastically supports the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project. Africa Centre has always been envisioned as an essential community hub and provides culturally appropriate programs and services for African descent communities. We are confident that the Africa Centre will be a good steward for the AMCC with regards to supporting women, youth, indigenous and people living with disabilities. We believe that the AMCC project's focus on integrating African/Caribbean traditions, businesses, seniors housing, arts and heritage will not only benefit those of African descent but will enhance Edmonton's cultural landscape for all residents.

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Sincerely,

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Amb. Okama Ekpe Brook
President & CEO
Africa Caribbean Heritage Alliance Foundation
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www.afrocaribbeanalliance.org

Letter of Support for African Multicultural Centre (AMCC)

To Whom It May Concern,

I am John Hagan, a dedicated 73-year-old Pan African who immigrated to Canada from Ghana 44 years ago. Over these years, I have resided primarily in Edmonton (32 years), as well as Calgary (10 years), and briefly in Ottawa and Saskatchewan. During my tenure as Vice President of the Ghana Friendship Association of Edmonton (2004–2008), I was privileged to serve as the representative and a pioneer in the development and founding of Africa Centre, which was incorporated as the Council for the Advancement of African Canadians.

Regarding the Africa Centre's pursuit of establishing the African Multicultural Centre (AMCC), I fully endorse this initiative and commend the progress achieved to date in partnership with the City of Edmonton, Federal and Provincial Governments, corporations, and the broader public. As a homeowner, I look forward to the opportunity when my wife and I might transition from our current residence to a home within the AMCC facility—whether owned or rented—which would reinforce our connection to African values, allow us to engage meaningfully with youth, particularly African Canadian youth, professionals, immigrants, and further promote Canadian multiculturalism.

Since its inception, Africa Centre has provided significant social, economic, and civic support to numerous individuals (young and old) and organizations. Recently, through its SBCCI program in collaboration with the Federal Government, both One Step Learning Opportunities Centre and the Ghana Friendship Association—organizations where I continue to serve as an officer and advisor—have benefited from enhanced sustainability and advancement.

I strongly support the establishment of the AMCC, especially its role in providing housing and community for seniors dedicated to sharing and celebrating our culture. I respectfully urge all relevant authorities and stakeholders to provide funding and support for the AMCC initiative, thus helping to create a new home for our community.

Sincerely,



John Hagan



July 14, 2025

To Whom it May Concern

Letter of Support for African Multicultural Centre (AMCC)

The Ezra Marfo Cancer Foundation enthusiastically supports the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project. Africa Centre has always been envisioned as an essential community hub and provides culturally appropriate programs and services for African descent communities. We are confident that the Africa Centre will be a good steward for the AMCC with regards to supporting the Black and visible minority communities. We believe that the AMCC project's focus on integrating African/Caribbean traditions, businesses, seniors housing, health, arts and heritage will not only benefit those of African descent but will enhance Edmonton's cultural landscape for all residents.

We are particularly thrilled by the AMCC's vision for showcasing, providing mixed-use socio-economic as well as recreational spaces for cultural expression, and offering opportunities for black communities of Edmonton to have a place they can call home.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jacob Marfo".

Jacob Marfo (PhD)

Director, Ezra Marfo Cancer Foundation



Letter of Support for the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC)

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the **Immigrant Initiative and Advocacy Center**, I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for the development of the **African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC)**, led by the Africa Centre.

The Africa Centre has long served as a vital hub for African descent communities in Edmonton, offering culturally appropriate programs, services, and spaces that reflect the rich diversity and traditions of African and Caribbean peoples. We are confident that the Africa Centre will be an effective steward of the AMCC project, particularly in supporting newcomers from African, Caribbean, and Black (ACB) backgrounds.

The vision of the AMCC—to create an inclusive, vibrant space that blends African and Caribbean traditions with business development, arts and heritage, and seniors' housing—is both timely and essential. This initiative will not only meet the needs of African descent communities but will also enrich Edmonton's cultural landscape and promote cross-cultural understanding across the city.

We are especially inspired by AMCC's commitment to providing mixed-use spaces for social, cultural, and economic engagement. This will give Black communities in Edmonton a place to gather, celebrate identity, and build generational connections—a place to truly call home.

We fully support this important and innovative initiative and look forward to seeing the impact it will have in building a more inclusive, connected, and culturally dynamic Edmonton.

Sincerely,

Oluseyi Taiwo Fasoranti

Co-founder / President

Immigrant Initiative and Advocacy Center

587-501-8066



Letter of Support for African Multicultural Centre (AMCC)

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Habesha Festival organizing team, we are proud to extend our full support for the African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC) project led by the Africa Centre. As a grassroots initiative dedicated to celebrating Ethiopian and Eritrean cultures while creating pathways to community resources, we deeply understand the importance of culturally rooted spaces like the AMCC.

The Africa Centre has consistently demonstrated leadership in uplifting Black communities across Edmonton through programs that are not only culturally responsive but also transformative. We believe the AMCC will build on this legacy by providing a dedicated and inclusive space that reflects the vibrancy and diversity of people of African descent.

The AMCC's commitment to integrating African and Caribbean traditions, supporting intergenerational connection through seniors housing, promoting arts and heritage, and advancing Black led businesses aligns with the values that drive our own work. It will offer a sense of belonging and cultural pride for youth and families while also enriching Edmonton's multicultural identity.

We are especially inspired by the Centre's vision to provide mixed use spaces that foster economic empowerment, cultural expression, and communal gathering. For our community, many of whom are navigating life in a new country, having access to a space that feels like home is deeply meaningful.

We fully support the development of the AMCC and believe it will be a cornerstone for empowerment, collaboration, and unity among Edmonton's African descent communities.

If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me at Tinsayegh@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Tinsaye Hailu

On behalf of the Habesha Festival Organizing Team



**Africans & African Descendants
Friendship Club of St. Albert**
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July 11, 2025

To Whom it May Concern

Letter of Support for the Africa Centre

On behalf of the Africans & African Descendants Friendship Club of St. Albert (AADFC), I am writing to express our strongest support for the Africa Centre's visionary initiative — the development of the **African Multicultural Community Centre (AMCC)** in Edmonton. Africa Centre has always been envisioned as an essential community hub and provides culturally appropriate programs and services for African descent communities. We are confident that the Africa Centre will be a good steward for the AMCC with regards to supporting the African Caribbean and Black organisations in the area . We believe that the AMCC project's focus on integrating African/Caribbean traditions, businesses, seniors housing, arts and heritage will not only benefit those of African descent but will enhance Edmonton's cultural landscape for all

This transformative project represents a critical and timely investment in the African, Caribbean, and Black (ACB) communities of Edmonton and surrounding areas. AMCC is more than just a building; it is a bold vision of unity, inclusion, and empowerment. It promises to be a dynamic cultural hub where Edmontonian of African/Caribbean descent and the broader community can come together to celebrate heritage, foster intercultural dialogue, and build a stronger, more cohesive future.

As an organization based in St. Albert and dedicated to serving individuals and families of African descent, AADFC understands the profound impact such a centre will have on both current and future generations. A space that reflects our shared history, embraces cultural diversity, and supports learning, innovation, and collaboration is long overdue in our region.

We congratulate Africa Centre for this successful land award from the City of Edmonton — a major milestone that speaks to the collective determination and resilience of our community. We also applaud the inclusive and phased approach to community engagement and consultation planned for AMCC. This ensures the centre will reflect the lived realities, aspirations, and voices of all those it is meant to serve.

AADFC is proud to stand in support of this important initiative. We believe that AMCC will serve as a beacon of pride, connection, and opportunity for our community, and we fully endorse Africa Centre's proposal to the City of Edmonton. We urge all levels of government, stakeholders, and community partners to join in supporting the realization of this much-needed infrastructure. AADFC remains committed to working alongside Africa Centre and other partners in advancing the vision of a vibrant, inclusive, and empowered African multicultural community in Alberta.

Sincerely,

Helen Agbonison

Founder/CEO

Africans & African Descendants Friendship Club of St. Albert

Promoting African Culture & History, Supporting ourselves, Giving back to our Community