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AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Opening Night Ceremony

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Processional of Dignitaries

Master of Ceremonies

- Sgt. Craig Smith
- Jamaal Ross (Co-MC)

Opening Prayer

- Reverend Wallace Smith,
Saint Thomas United Baptist Church
Moderator, African United Baptist Association (AUBA)

Libations Ceremony

- Bernadette Hamilton-Reid

Libation is offered to our ancestors as a convocation for auspicious events. For people of African descent, our ancestors are the focus of respect. The offering of libation involves the pouring of liquid, which can be water or wine, on the ground in a special pattern while honour is paid to the ancestors.

Black National Anthem & Slideshow – “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Welcome from Black History Month Association

- Tracey Jones-Grant

Welcome from Halifax Public Libraries

- Philip Moscovitch,
Chair of the Halifax Regional Library Board

Welcome from The Black Cultural Society

- Dr Leslie Oliver,
President

Greetings from Dignitaries

- Councillor Lorelei Nicoll,
Representing HRM Council

Performance

- Umoja Unity Drummers

Greetings from Dignitaries

- The Honourable Percy Paris,
Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs
- The Honourable Mayann E. Francis, ONS, DHumL,
Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia

Performance

- Reverend Wallace and Deacon Wallace Smith Jr.

Thank You & Closing Remarks

- Sgt. Craig Smith
- Jamaal Ross (Co-MC)

Reception to follow