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### **Town of Ingersoll to commemorate Black History Month with the raising of the Pan-African Flag**

**INGERSOLL, ON (January 27, 2026)** — To commemorate Black History Month, Ingersoll residents are invited to join Ingersoll Council and Town staff for the second annual flag raising, presented by the Town of Ingersoll in association with the Oxford County Black History Month Organizing Committee.

**Who:** Mayor Brian Petrie will bring greetings and will be joined by Heather Rennalls of the Oxford County Black History Month Organizing Committee.

**What:** The Town of Ingersoll will be raising the Pan-African flag to honour Black History Month on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**When:** Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, at 10:00 am

**Where:** Dewan Park, 90 Thames St S, Ingersoll

#### **Quick Facts:**

- Members of Ingersoll Town Council, Town of Ingersoll and Oxford County staff, and the public are invited to be present.
- Following the flag raising, people are invited to meet in the Program Room at the Ingersoll Public Library where informational resources, local historical displays, and light refreshments will be made available thanks to the Oxford County Black History Month Organizing Committee.
- Duane Kumala-Thomas, owner of Highlander Studios and Woodstock BIA Operations Manager, will perform a spoken word presentation in the Program Room at the Ingersoll Public Library following the flag raising.
- While this is the second year that the Town of Ingersoll has commemorated Black History Month with the raising of the Pan-African Flag, this is the first year that the flag will be on display for the entire month of February.
- Members of the Black History Month Organizing Committee are local citizens from Ingersoll, Woodstock, Norwich, Otterville and Tillsonburg, as well as businesses and community partners including various museums, Archives, the Art Gallery, Oxford County Library and Oxford Caribbean Canadian Association (OCCA).
- The Pan-African flag is an ethnic flag representing Pan-Africanism, all peoples of African descent, and/or Black nationalism. The tri-colour flag consists of red, representing the

blood that unites all people of Black African ancestry and shed for liberation; black, representing the people whose existence as a nation, though not a nation-state, is affirmed by the existence of the flag; and green, representing the colour of the vibrant vegetation and abundant natural resources of Africa.

For more information visit [@oxfordroots](https://@oxfordroots) or [revelateddotme.wixstudio.com/oxfordroots](https://revelateddotme.wixstudio.com/oxfordroots).

An extensive list of Black History Month learning opportunities and events being held in Oxford County can be found at [OxfordCounty.ca](https://OxfordCounty.ca) and [SafeWellOxford.ca](https://SafeWellOxford.ca).

**Social media post from the Town of Ingersoll ([Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#)):**



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