



A People Place. A Change of Pace
SHELBURNE
ONTARIO, CANADA

Program DEI – Black History Month, February 22, 2025, Grace Tipling Hall, 2 pm to 4 pm

Draft Program Summary

2:00 pm – 3:40 pm

2:00 pm (2 minutes) *Land Acknowledgement – Len Guchardi, Chair*

2:02 pm (2 minutes) *Reading of African Ancestral Acknowledgement - DEI member*

2:04 pm *Opening remarks and welcome – Len Guchardi, Chair*

2:05 pm (10 minutes) *Inspiring Youth - Video / Zoom presentation from Nova Scotia Teen Joy Akinkunmi Inventor as featured on CBC*

[Inspired by family member with dementia, N.S. teen creates automated pill dispenser | CBC News](#)

2:15 pm (10 minutes) *Q & A with Joy Akinkunmi*

2:25 pm (70 minutes) - *Tracy Cain, And Then What Happened: Untold Stories of the Underground Railroad”*

[Tracy Lee – Passion and Purpose](#)

3:35pm (5 Minutes) *Alethia O’Hara-Stephenson, Dufferin County Canadian Black Association (DCCBA)*

- profile DCCBA and their BHM upcoming March 1 event in Orangeville (Theater) which Shelburne DEI is supporting, notes Shelburne Art Gallery – their posters explain

3:40 pm (3 minutes) *Len Guchardi, Chair* Closing remarks, thank you – reminders foodbank donations, enjoy late lunch/ dinner at local businesses – continued conversations

Town event budget Estimate: \$3,000 - \$3,500
