



**YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 17, 2024**

PRESENT: Cyril Jurdak O'Brien, Chair
Zoya Hussain, Vice Chair
Abdullah Ali
Abraham Amusan
Hania Ali
Hebah Eiman
Isabella Williams
Krystal Mutyabule
Simone Boudreau

REGRETS: Damini Awoyiga

STAFF: Adam Huffman, Community Developer, Parks and Recreation
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

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The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. and the Committee adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 19, 2024

MOVED by Abraham Amusan, seconded by Krystal Mutyabule

THAT the minutes of September 19, 2024 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

- Item 10.1 – Mathew Dixon and Angelina Simmonds - African Nova Scotian Justice Institute
- Item 10.2 – Cyril Jurdak O'Brien – Future Planning Session

Deletions: None

MOVED by Simone Boudreau, seconded by Hebah Eiman

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence – None

7.2 Petitions – None

7.3 Presentation – None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 HRM's Mobile Youth Support Team

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated October 17, 2024
- Handout dated October 17, 2024

Olivia Polk, Youth Outreach Worker gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee. Polk spoke on the age group supported by the team, community awareness of the program and engagement of minority youth.

Adam Huffman, Community Developer responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

9.1.2 Youth Services Plan

The following was before the Committee:

- Handout dated October 17, 2024

Adam Huffman, Community Developer provided an update on the ongoing work on the Youth Services Plan. Huffman responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

10. ADDED ITEMS

10.1 Mathew Dixon and Angelina Simmonds - African Nova Scotian Justice Institute

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated October 2, 2024

Mathew Dixon, African Nova Scotian Justice Institute gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

Olivia Polk, Youth Outreach Worker responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

10.2 Cyril Jurdak O'Brien – Future Planning Session

The Committee expressed interest in receiving presentations on the following topics:

- Halifax Regional Police (the department responsible for the engagement of racialized communities);
- The engagement of councillors with youth, black and rural communities;
- How Municipal Government Works;
- Opportunities for the Committees' outreach, engagement and providing support; and
- The future planning of the Youth Summit.

Adam Huffman, Community Developer and Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

As set out in section 34 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, a motion was required to extend the time of the meeting.

MOVED by Hebah Eiman, seconded by Zoya Hussain

THAT Youth Advisory Committee extend the time of the meeting past 7:00 p.m.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – November 21, 2024

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Dorothy Maponga
Legislative Assistant