



**WOMEN AND GENDER EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
DRAFT MINUTES  
December 5, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Jacquie Gahagan, Chair  
Hannah Jackson, Vice Chair  
Liz Fraser  
Doreen Redmond  
Cheryl Copage-Gehue  
Rhiannon Makohoniuk  
Sherryl Murphy

**REGRETS:** Zoey Zhou  
Sonia Ikheloa

**STAFF:** Carla John, Advisor Diversity & Inclusion  
Amy Brierley, Social Policy Strategist, Programming & Partnerships  
Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant

*These minutes are considered draft and will require approval by Women and Gender Equity Advisory Committee at a future meeting.*

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

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## **1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:35 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 – October 17, 2024**

MOVED by Rhiannon Makohoniuk, seconded by Liz Fraser

**THAT the minutes of October 17, 2024 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Hannah Jackson, seconded by Doreen Redmond

**THAT the agenda be approved as presented.**

**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 Affordable Housing from a GBA+ Lens - Affordable Housing Programs Administered by HRM**

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated December 5, 2024

Dave Paterson, Principal Planner, Hannah Peters, Planner I and Alexandria Wilson, Planner II gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

The Committee requested that staff deliver a follow up presentation to the Committee at a future meeting.

### **9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

#### **9.2.1 Request for Letter re: Municipal Conflict of Interest Act**

The following was before the Committee:

- Request for Consideration form from Rhiannon Makohoniuk

MOVED by Rhiannon Makohoniuk, seconded by Doreen Redmond

**THAT the Women and Gender Equity Advisory Committee recommend that Executive Standing Committee request a staff report with respect to requesting that the Mayor write a letter to the Province of Nova Scotia’s Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to request the definition of “spouse” in the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act be amended to adopt gender neutral language.**

Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### **9.2.2 Letter to Regional Council and the Chief Administrative Officer**

The following was before the Committee:

- Request for Consideration form from Jacquie Gahagan

Jacquie Gahagan stepped down from the Chair and Hannah Jackson assumed the Chair.

MOVED by Jacquie Gahagan, seconded by Rhiannon Makohoniuk

**THAT the Women and Gender Equity Advisory Committee request the Chair write a letter to Halifax Regional Council and the Chief Administrative Officer requesting policies be forwarded to the Committee for review from a Sex and Gender Based Analysis Plus lens.**

Carla John, Advisor Diversity and Inclusion, Amy Brierley, Social Policy Strategist, Community Safety and Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

The Committee noted an interest in receiving policies for review at early stages of development.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Jacquie Gahagan resumed the Chair.

### **10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

### **11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 9, 2025**

### **12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Elizabeth Macdonald  
Legislative Assistant