



**WOMEN AND GENDER EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
January 9, 2025**

PRESENT: Hannah Jackson, Vice Chair
Cheryl Copage-Gehue
Liz Fraser
Rhiannon Makohoniuk
Doreen Redmond
Zoey Zhou

REGRETS: Jacquie Gahagan, Chair
Sherryl Murphy
Sonia Ikheloa

STAFF: Tracey Jones-Grant, Managing Director, Diversity & Inclusion (ANSAIO)
Amy Brierley, Social Policy Strategist
Carla John, Advisor Diversity & Inclusion
Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant

These minutes are considered draft and will require approval by the 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 Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 4:37 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.

1.1 Annual Election of Chair

This matter was deferred during the approval of the Order of Business.

1.2 Annual Election of Vice Chair

This matter was deferred during the approval of the Order of Business.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 5, 2024

MOVED by Cheryl Copage-Gehue, seconded by Liz Fraser

THAT the minutes of December 5, 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

Deferred to the February 6, 2025 meeting of the Women and Gender Equity Advisory Committee:

- Item 1.1 – Annual Election of Chair
- Item 1.2 – Annual Election of Vice Chair

MOVED by Liz Fraser, seconded by Doreen Redmond

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

7.3.1 ISO-30415: DEI Sustainability a Key to the Advancement of Women and Gender Equity –

Linda Espinosa Valencia

The following was before the Committee:

- Request to present dated December 11, 2024
- Presentation dated January 9, 2025
- Handout dated January 9, 2025

Linda Espinosa Valencia, We Are Ventura gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

Tracey Jones-Grant, Managing Director, Office of Diversity & Inclusion (ANSAIO) and Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Proposed 2025 Meeting Schedule

The following was before the Committee

- Staff memorandum dated January 9, 2025

MOVED by Liz Fraser, seconded by Cheryl Copage-Gehue

THAT the Women and Gender Equity Advisory Committee approve the proposed 2025 Women and Gender Equity Advisory Committee meeting schedule as outlined in the staff memorandum.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1.2 Update on the Park Lighting Strategy

The following was before the Committee:

- Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee report dated August 28, 2024

Amy Brierley, Social Policy Strategist provided an update on the Park Lighting Strategy report and noted the report targeted an upcoming meeting of Regional Council.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – February 6, 2025

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Elizabeth Macdonald
Legislative Assistant