



**WOMEN AND GENDER EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
March 6, 2025**

PRESENT: Jacquie Gahagan, Chair
Doreen Redmond, Vice Chair
Councillor Nancy Hartling
Councillor Virginia Hinch
Liz Fraser
Rhiannon Makohoniuk
Doreen Redmond

REGRETS: Cheryl Copage-Gehue
Sonia Ikheloa – Leave of Absence
Sherryll Murphy
Zoey Zhou

STAFF: Amy Brierley, Social Policy Strategist
Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:39 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 – February 6, 2025

MOVED by Rhiannon Makohoniuk, seconded by Doreen Redmond

THAT the minutes of February 6, 2025 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: None

Deletions:

- Item 9.1.1 – Halifax Regional Police's Victim Services Unit

MOVED by Rhiannon Makohoniuk, seconded by Councillor Hartling

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Later in the meeting, the following was deferred:

- Item 9.2.2 Member Discussion of 2024 Work Plan

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 Halifax Regional Police's Victim Services Unit

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

9.1.2 Overview of Community Crisis Model Development

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated March 6, 2025

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Amy Brierley, Social Policy Strategist and Frances Tufford, Research & Development Specialist gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

9.2.1 Acknowledgement of International Women's Week

The Committee acknowledged International Women's Week from March 3 – 9, 2025 and provided remarks.

Amy Brierley, Social Policy Strategist, Frances Tufford, Research & Development Specialist and Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant provided remarks.

9.2.2 Member Discussion of 2024 Work Plan

The following was before the Committee:

- Approved Revised Women and Gender Equity Advisory Committee 2024 Work Plan

As the meeting would lose quorum at 6:00 p.m., the Committee agreed to defer this item to their next regular meeting.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 3, 2025

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Elizabeth Macdonald
Legislative Assistant