



**WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 12, 2023**

PRESENT:

Jane McKay-Nesbitt, Chair
Haneen Al-Noman, Vice Chair
Councillor Iona Stoddard
Councillor Lisa Blackburn
Jacquie Gahagan
Maggie Hua
Hannah Jackson
Elizabeth Vickers-Drennan
Sonia Ikheloa

STAFF:

Tracey Jones-Grant, Manager, Diversity and Inclusion
Baylee Brown, Advisor, Gender Equity
Amy Brierley, Program Coordinator, Safe City and Safe Public Spaces
Catie Campbell, 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 4:34 p.m. and adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:34 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 Election of Chair

Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant called for nominations for Chair of the Women's Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Haneen Al-Noman, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Jane McKay-Nesbitt be nominated Chair of the Women's Advisory Committee.

Jane McKay-Nesbitt accepted the nomination.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Campbell called three times for any further nominations, there were none.

McKay-Nesbitt was declared Chair of the Women's Advisory Committee.

McKay-Nesbitt assumed the Chair.

1.2 Election of Vice Chair

McKay-Nesbitt called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Women's Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Jane McKay-Nesbitt, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Haneen Al-Noman be nominated for the position of Vice Chair of the Women's Advisory Committee.

Haneen Al-Noman accepted the nomination.

MOVED by Hannah Jackson, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Hannah Jackson be nominated for the position of Vice Chair of the Women's Advisory Committee.

The Chair called three times for any further nominations, there were none.

A vote was taken by secret ballot. Haneen Al-Noman was declared the successful candidate.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 1, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Haneen Al-Noman

THAT the minutes of December 1, 2022 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 Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Maggie Hua

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

6.1 2023 Workplan Discussion

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff memorandum dated January 5, 2023

Tracey Jones-Grant, Manager, Diversity and Inclusion and Baylee Brown, Advisor, Diversity and Inclusion provided an overview on the 2023 Diversity and Inclusion schedule of events and noted that Heritage Day on February 20, 2023 was missing from the calendar outlined in the staff memorandum dated January 5, 2023. Jones-Grant responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

The Committee identified three priorities for their 2023 Work Plan:

- Health, safety, wellness and quality of life facing women with an emphasis on women who are marginalized
- Women's involvement in non-traditional roles (including employment and involvement in municipal boards and committees) and in the economic growth of HRM, with a focus on Indigenous women
- Housing security for women (homelessness, shelters and affordability)

The Committee discussed different community groups and HRM staff that could help inform their work in 2023, such as:

- Empowerment for Hope
- YWCA of Halifax
- Acadian Women's Federation
- National Housing Strategy
- Elizabeth Fry Society
- Women's Institute of Nova Scotia
- Female MLA's
- HRM's Planning and Development staff
- Nisa Homes Halifax

MOVED by Maggie Hua, seconded by Sonia Ike

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve the 2023 Work Plan as circulated and recommend that the Executive Standing Committee review and approve the Women's Advisory Committee 2023 Work Plan.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Brown provided an overview of a grant the Halifax Regional Municipality received from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for an Indigenous Women Campaign school. The in-person campaign school would focus on Indigenous women and diverse people's engagement in government, with a later webinar to share learnings from the school. Brown noted that the Women's Advisory Committee would be given the opportunity to provide feedback and input on the planning process.

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence – None

7.2 Petitions – None

7.3 Presentation – None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Discussion on HRM's Park Lighting Strategy

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated January 10, 2023

Stephen Cushing, Landscape Architect gave a presentation responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

Amy Brierley, Program Coordinator, Safe City and Safe Public Spaces responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

9.2 WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE – NONE

9.3 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

9.3.1 Council Update

Councillor Stoddard and Councillor Blackburn provided an overview on Regional Council's and Budget Committee's activities since December 2022 and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – February 2, 2023

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Catie Campbell
Legislative Assistant