



**YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
September 21, 2023**

**PRESENT:** Cyril O'Brien, Chair  
Zoya Hussain, Vice Chair  
Abraham Amusan  
Jane Elliot  
James MacNeil  
Krystal Mutyabule  
Damini Awoyiga  
Abdullah Ali  
Simone Boudreau

**REGRETS:** Carter Bass

**STAFF:** Becca Bishop, Community Developer, Parks and Recreation  
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 5:09 p.m., and at 6:23 p.m.*

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:09 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 – June 16, 2023**

MOVED by Krystal Mutyabule, seconded by Zoya Hussain

**THAT the minutes of June 16, 2023 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 Zoya Hussain, seconded by Krystal Mutyabule

**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**

#### **7.3.1 HRM Youth Poet Laureate**

Damini Awoyiga, Halifax Regional Municipality Youth Poet Laureate read a poem and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

Becca Bishop, Community Developer responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

#### **7.3.2 Youth Challenge International – Climate Future Lab**

The following was before the Committee:

- Request to present dated July 7, 2023
- Presentation dated September 21, 2023

Mel Jacques, Youth Challenge International gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding funding partners, responsibilities of the program coordinator and the recruitment process.

## **8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

## **9. REPORTS**

### **9.1 STAFF**

### **9.1.1 Overview of HRM's Office of Diversity and Inclusion**

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated September 21, 2023

Devon Parris, Advisor, Diversity and Inclusion gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding policy, planning and engagement work related to African Nova Scotian communities. Parris noted ongoing work to refine the public engagement process and the consultation done with community organizations to inform internal policies.

Becca Bishop, Community Developer highlighted that the Municipality would be developing a process to properly track community engagement results to minimize engagement fatigue.

### **9.1.2 Discussion on Youth Summit**

Becca Bishop, Community Developer provided an overview on the upcoming Youth Summit and noted a survey would be distributed to Committee members to gauge topics of interest and potential dates.

## **9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBER DISCUSSION**

The Committee discussed the presentations given during the meeting and potential future actions and noted interest in receiving information from Halifax Regional Police and Halifax Public Libraries.

## **10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

## **11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – October 19, 2023**

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Catie Campbell  
Legislative Assistant