



**WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 6, 2023**

PRESENT: Jane McKay-Nesbitt, Chair
Councillor Pam Lovelace
Councillor Becky Kent
Maggie Hua
Hannah Jackson
Sonia Ikeloa
Elizabeth Fraser

REGRETS: Jacquie Gahagan
Haneen Al-Noman, Vice Chair
Elizabeth Vickers-Drennan

STAFF: Amy Brierley, Program Coordinator, Safe City and Safe Public Spaces
Baylee Brown, Advisor, Gender Equity
Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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 – May 4, 2023

MOVED by Elizabeth Fraser, seconded by Maggie Hua

THAT the minutes of May 4, 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 Councillor Kent, seconded by Elizabeth Fraser

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

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 Human Trafficking in Nova Scotia: A Survivor's Perspective – Wyndolyn Brown

Wyndolyn Brown, Founder, Empowerment for Hope spoke to the topic of human trafficking in Nova Scotia and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

7.3.2 Human Trafficking Advocacy – Jennifer Holleman

Jennifer Holleman spoke to the topic of human trafficking and their current advocacy work and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF – None

9.3 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

9.3.1 Affordable Housing in Halifax Regional Municipality

MOVED by Hannah Jackson, seconded by Maggie Hua

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee request the Chair write a letter to Mayor Savage and Regional Council expressing the Committee's support for affordable housing initiatives and Regional Council's unanimous defeat of the motion for Item 15.1.6 Case 2023-00455 at the May 9, 2023 meeting of Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.3.2 Councillor Lovelace: Council Update

The following was before the Committee:

- Handout dated July 6, 2023

Councillor Lovelace provided an overview of Regional Council's recent activities since May 2023 and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 7, 2023

Jane McKay-Nesbitt, Chair proposed re-scheduling the cancelled Women in Municipal Politics Discussion Panel to the September or October meeting. The Committee unanimously agreed to re-schedule the panel to the October 5, 2023 meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Elizabeth Macdonald
Legislative Assistant