



**YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 17, 2019**

PRESENT: Harrison Paul, Co-Chair
Ellen Smith, Co-Chair
Gracie (TJ) Hudson
Alissa Provo
Sabrina Hussein

REGRETS: Shelby Baxter
Nevell Provo
Chaz Garroway
Cheyenne Hardy

STAFF: Rebecca Bishop, Community Developer
Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. and adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ellen Smith, Co-chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Youth Power House, 1606 Bell Road, Halifax.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 19, 2019

MOVED by Sabrina Hussein, seconded by TJ Hudson

THAT the minutes of September 19, 2019 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

10.1 Correspondence from The Mount Saint Vincent University Politics Society dated October 13, 2019

MOVED by Alissa Provo, seconded by Sabrina Hussein

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority

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

7.1.1 Correspondence from Kayla Bernard, Youth Engagement Specialist, Wisdom 2 Action re: International Day of the Child Event - Children's First Canada Halifax.

The Committee discussed member attendance at the upcoming International Day of the Child Event being held on November 20, 2019.

7.2 Petitions – None

7.3 Presentation – None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Staff Presentation – 2020 North American Indigenous Games

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff presentation entitled: 2020 North American Indigenous Games

Paul Forrest, Project Manager, Courtney Gilfoy, Volunteer Manager and Brady Paul of the 2020 North American Indigenous Games provided a presentation to the Committee. Highlights of the presentation include:

- An overview of the vision for the 2020 games
- Details of the event logistics, games, venues and number of participants
- An overview of the sporting events taking place
- Partnerships with indigenous communities and celebrations of indigenous culture
- Cultural training for games volunteers and support programming for participants
- An overview of the cultural village, including opening and closing ceremonies and media exposure
- The cultural and social impact of the games on indigenous youth
- Volunteer opportunities with NAIG 2020

The Committee discusses outreach initiatives to attract youth volunteers such as connecting with the Duke of Edinburgh International Award students and Nova Scotia International Baccalaureate students who are actively seeking volunteer opportunities.

The Committee discussed further opportunities to attract youth volunteers by making them an active role in the management of the games. This can be achieved through score keeping, providing water and food for the athletes, and working as result runners.

In terms of a legacy symbol for the 2020 Games, the Committee discussed a permanent fixture or piece of public art that can be displayed prominently in the City that serves as a reminder that the games were held in HRM. This symbol should be reflective of all the indigenous communities that took part in the game.

The Committee further discussed the need to assist with language barriers between indigenous cultures participating in the games.

9.1.2 Staff Presentation – Introduction to HRM Solid Waste Management

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff presentation dated October 17, 2019

Chloe Kennedy and Loren Horwich, Waste Resource Education Officers provided a presentation to the Committee respecting HRM's Solid Waste Management programs and outreach activities. Highlights of the presentation include:

- An overview of HRM's Diversion programs and public education strategy
- HRM's Zero Waste Action Plan and the current Nova Scotia regulatory framework for the Solid Waste Sector
- An introduction to the Plastics Reduction Act
- Engagement activities, such as school presentations and public tours of HRM's waste management facilities
- Collaboration with the Halifax Regional Centre for Education and the Universities to engage Youth; such as Dalhousie's Management Without Borders partnership and Capstone projects.

The Committee discussed the creation of a new public education program in collaboration with community partners, and private sector organisations to demonstrate how plastics can be recycled into usable goods.

The Committee further suggested the creation of "recycle day" which encourages Junior High/High School students to act as recycling ambassadors within their community. The event could be branded as a friendly competition and be geared toward encouraging residents and businesses to ensure that all recyclable solid waste is being diverted properly. The Committee discussed a social media campaign which would allow the top ambassadors to be recognized as a way of increasing awareness.

The Committee discussed the importance of messaging through current social media platforms such as Instagram and youth lead programming as optimal ways of engaging youth and maintain interest.

The Committee discussed engaging public education providers both secondary and post-secondary to integrate solid waste management education into the curriculum. The Committee identified experiential learning and combating climate change to engage youth and teach best practices related to solid waste management.

9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS – NONE

10. ADDED ITEMS

10.1 Correspondence from The Mount Saint Vincent University Politics Society dated October 13, 2019

Ellen Smith, Co-Chair provided an overview of the correspondence received from the Mount Saint Vincent University Politics Society which is requesting that public transit be provided free of charge for the October 21, 2019 Federal Election to eliminate barriers which may restrict people from voting.

The Committee requested that the correspondence be forwarded to Halifax Regional Council.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –November 21, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Liam MacSween
Legislative Assistant