



**YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 21, 2019**

PRESENT: Harrison Paul, Co-Chair
Ellen Smith, Co-Chair
Sabrina Hussein
Alissa Provo
Arthur Huang
Chaz Garroway
Shelby Baxter

REGRETS: Cheyenne Hardy
Nevell Provo
Gracie (TJ) Hudson

STAFF: Becca Bishop, Community Developer
Liam MacSween, A/Deputy Clerk

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The meeting was called to order at 5:14 p.m. and adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Harrison Paul, Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m. in the Youth Power House, 1606 Bell Road, Halifax.

- **Committee Member Check In**

Members of the Youth Advisory Committee provided updates on their activities since the October 17, 2019 meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 17, 2019

MOVED by Alissa Provo, seconded by Ellen Smith

THAT the minutes of October 17, 2019 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

The Committee agreed by consensus to move Item No. 9.1.3 up on the agenda as the first item of business.

MOVED by Arthur Huang, seconded by Ellen Smith

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NOEN

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS – NONE

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Staff Presentation – Introduction to Halifax Transit

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff presentation dated November 21, 2019

Patricia Hughes, Manager of Scheduling and Customer Engagement provided a presentation to the Committee on Halifax Transit. Highlights of the presentation include: Halifax Transit Services, an overview of the Transit Network; Infrastructure requirements; the fare structure; communication activities; and upcoming projects.

In response to questions from the Committee, Hughes advised of design and jurisdictional issues associated with the Fall River Park and Ride that can make pedestrian access challenging. Hughes advised that transit staff have consulted HRM's Transportation and Public Works Department to try and enhance cycling access to the site.

Hughes provided further commentary respecting transit scheduling apps for smartphones and current initiatives relating to the electrification of Transit's fleet to make it more environmentally friendly.

9.1.2 Update – Youth Engagement Strategy

Becca Bishop provided an overview of work currently being undertaken for the Youth Engagement Strategy. Bishop advised that staff will be reaching out the Committee to help inform the strategy and advised of upcoming public engagement sessions. Bishop advised that the plan will eventually be presented to Council after a staff report has been prepared.

9.1.3 Update – Youth Live

Courtney Matheson, Youth Support Worker provided an overview of the Youth Live program and associated public outreach activities.

Haley, a participant of the Youth Live program provided an overview of participation in the Youth Live program. Haley advised that the program has provided her with necessary life skills and work place training, particularly through on the job training provided through a co-op placement. Haley noted an upcoming graduation ceremony from the program advising that the program can be life altering for some youth in the community.

9.1.4 2020 Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff report dated November 13, 2019

MOVED by Arthur Huang, seconded by Shelby Baxter

THAT the Youth Advisory Committee approve the proposed 2020 meeting schedule as outlined in attachment A of the staff report dated November 13, 2019.

MOTION PUT PASSED.

9.1.5 Youth Advisory Committee Team Building Exercise

Becca Bishop, Community Developer provided commentary respecting a potential Youth Advisory Committee Team Building Exercise to be held in the new year. Bishop noted that an offsite meeting could be arranged in January or February of 2020 to establish a workplan for the Committee for 2020.

9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES – NONE

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 16, 2020

- **Committee Member Check Out**

Committee members discussed lessons learned from the presentations and agenda items discussed at the meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Liam MacSween
A/Deputy Clerk