



**YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
September 24, 2020**

PRESENT: Ellen Smith, Chair
Jocelyn Paul
Cheyenne Hardy
Sabrina Hussein
Chaz Garroway
Stacie Smith
Alissa Provo

REGRETS: Shelby Baxter

STAFF: Becca Bishop, Community Developer, Recreation & Community Services
Robyn Dean, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. and adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and led the Committee members through a check-in.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 20, 2020

MOVED by Cheyenne Hardy, seconded by Chaz Garraway

THAT the minutes of February 20, 2020 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Jocelyn Paul, seconded by Sabrina Hussein

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN 2020/2021

The Chair opened the discussion on the Youth Advisory Committee workplan and members discussed their main priorities for the coming year:

1. Mental health accessibility for youth
 - The Committee discussed having a mental health professional come in and provide a presentation
 - Members also discussed putting together a document detailing mental health resources which could then be sent out to different groups
2. Systematic racism for Black and Indigenous people of colour (BIPOC)
 - Members discussed holding an event to discuss issues pertaining to systemic racism
 - The Committee also discussed the benefit of hearing presentations from HRM's Office of Diversity & Inclusion as well as from the Office of Public Safety (re: defunding the police)
3. Transit
 - The Committee expressed a desire to have Halifax Transit come in and provide a presentation on the recent changes to the transit system and how these changes affect youth
 - Members also commented
4. Lack of access to programs and services for youth in lower income areas and rural communities
 - Members discussed ways to support youth in lower income areas and rural communities and requested that Rebecca Bishop, Community Developer, provide a presentation to the Committee regarding data that has been collected from youth in rural communities
5. Climate change and environmental issues
 - The Committee expressed a desire to have HalifAct return to provide another presentation on the municipal climate change strategy now that it has been completed
6. A social media page for the Youth Advisory Committee
 - Members discussed how a social media account would allow them to communicate with the public and therefore receive feedback from youth in the community on what actions they want from the Youth Advisory Committee

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – November 19, 2020 *(no October meetings due to the municipal election)*

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Robyn Dean
Legislative Assistant