



**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