



**WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 13, 2022**

PRESENT: Jane McKay-Nesbitt, Chair
Christine Qin Yang, Vice Chair
Lilian Barraclough
Tanya Boudreau
Joanne Bealy
Councillor Iona Stoddard
Councillor Lisa Blackburn

REGRETS: Haneen Al-Noman
Charla Dorrington
Holly Gillis

STAFF: Tracey Jones-Grant, Managing Director of Diversity & Inclusion/ANSAIO
Caroline Hemstock, Diversity and Inclusion Advisor
Amy Brierley, HRM Safe Cities & Safe Public Spaces Program Coordinator
Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

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The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m., and adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 2, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Tanya Boudreau

THAT the minutes of December 2, 2021 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 Tanya Boudreau, seconded by Joanne Bealy

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – December 2, 2021

7.1 Proposed 2022 Women's Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

The following was before the Committee:

- Proposed 2022 Women's Advisory Committee meeting schedule

MOVED by Tanya Boudreau, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approved the proposed 2022 Women's Advisory Committee meeting scheduled as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

8.1 Correspondence – None

8.2 Petitions – None

8.3 Presentation

8.3.1 Climate Emergency – Emma Norton, Climate Emergency Unit

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated January 13, 2022

Emma Norton, Climate Emergency Unit gave a presentation on Climate Emergency and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

It was noted that Halifax Regional Council has a special Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for Friday, January 21, 2022 respecting HalifACT – Acting on Climate Together: 2020-2021 Annual Report.

The Committee sought to invite the manager of Energy and Environment to their February meeting to discuss the climate emergency as it relates to women.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

10. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

10.1 STAFF – NONE

10.2 COMMITTEE

10.2.1 Approval of 2022 Work Plan

The following was before the Committee:

- Draft Women's Advisory Committee 2022 work plan

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Christine Qin Yang

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve the 2022 Work Plan as circulated and recommend that the Executive Standing Committee review and approve the Women's Advisory Committee 2022 Work Plan.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2.2 Discussion & Action Items on Climate Change

The Committee agreed to hear from HRM Energy and Environment staff at their February meeting prior to making any recommendations.

10.2.3 Roundtable Discussion on International Women's Day

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff memorandum dated December 2, 2022

Caroline Hemstock, Diversity and Inclusion Advisor gave an overview of plans regarding the planning of the 2022 Women's Day on March 8, 2022 and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

The Committee shared the following topics of interest and ideas for the event:

- discuss climate change, impact from COVID, and housing
- use various methods/mediums to engage people (e.g. share short posts/clips on social media platforms)
- presentations from community partners (e.g. Nova Scotia Status of Women, YWCA, Transition Housing Association of Nova Scotia); invite female leaders from public, private and government sectors to share leadership stories
- live or pre-recorded musical/performance component (e.g. Reeny Smith, share photographs, slideshow, street theatre/skit)
- projection displays centered around women displayed at City Hall, Halifax Memorial Library, Central Library

Hemstock noted the event was free, being offered virtually and livestreamed, with the theme Disrupt and Celebrate - the future of gender equality for women, girls and gender diverse people in HRM.

10.2.4 Update on Halifax Regional Council Activities

Councillor Stoddard provided a summary of actions and decisions made at the December 14, 2021 and January 11, 2022 meetings of Regional Council.

11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – February 3, 2022

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Krista Vining
Legislative Assistant