



**WOMENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 3, 2022**

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

REGRETS: Haneen Al-Noman

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, Acting Deputy Clerk
Hannah Forsyth, Legislative Support

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The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m., and the Committee adjourned at 5:55 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, and that we are all treaty people.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 13, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Tanya Boudreau

THAT the minutes of January 13, 2022, be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

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 – NONE

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

8.1 Correspondence – None

8.2 Petitions – None

8.3 Presentation

8.3.1 HRM Safe City & Safe Public Spaces Program Presentation from Persons at Risk and the Street Level Women at Risk Programs in London, Ontario

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated February 3, 2022

Jaelyn Seeler, Program Manager of Street Level Women at Risk, Sergeant Amy Birch, London Police and Alannah Delahunty-Pike, Dalhousie gave a presentation on Persons and Street Level Women at Risk Programs in London, Ontario and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

Amy Brierley, HRM Safe Cities & Safe Public Spaces Program Coordinator responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

10. REPORTS

10.1 STAFF

10.1.1 HalifACT Presentation

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated February 3, 2022

Shannon Miedema, Environment & Climate Change Program Manager, gave a presentation on HalifACT and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

10.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

10.2.1 Discuss possible actions in response to climate emergency presentations

The Committee deferred this matter to the next meeting.

10.2.2 Letter of condolence to family of Alexa McDonough family

MOVED by Christine Qin Yang, seconded by Tanya Boudreau

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee send a letter of condolence to the family of Alexa McDonough.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2.3 2022 International Women's Day Update

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

Hemstock noted that the Committee's feedback was taken to the Work Group and that the event will be live streamed on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 from 9-12 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Natteal Battiste, Councillor from Acadia First Nation Band Council. Councillor Stoddard will co-host the event and Haneen Al-Norman will be a panel moderator.

10.2.4 Update on Halifax Regional Council activities

Councillor Blackburn provided a summary of actions and decisions made at the January 21, 2022 and January 25, 2022 meetings of the Committee of the Whole and the January 25, 2022 meeting of Regional Council.

11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 3, 2022

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Hannah Forsyth
Legislative Support