



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

**PRESENT:** Jane McKay-Nesbitt, Chair  
Lilian Barraclough  
Joanne Bealy  
Holly Gillis  
Haneen Al-Noman  
Councillor Iona Stoddard

**REGRETS:** Tanya Boudreau  
Councillor Lisa Blackburn  
Christine Qin Yang, Vice Chair

**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

*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., the Committee adjourned at 5:52 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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 – February 3, 2022**

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Haneen Al-Noman

**THAT the minutes of February 3, 2022, be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

As provided for in Section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, Council requested that item 8.3.2 be considered prior to item 8.3.1.

MOVED by Haneen Al-Noman, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

**THAT the agenda be approved as amended.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE**

**5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE**

**6. MOTIONS OF RECISSION – NONE**

**7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – February 3, 2022**

**7.1 Discuss possible actions in response to climate emergency presentations**

MOVED by Lily Barraclough, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

**THAT the Women's Advisory Committee recommend that the Executive Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council fully fund and implement HalifACT and that the disproportionate impacts of climate change on women and children are considered and mitigated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**8.1 Correspondence – None**

**8.2 Petitions – None**

**8.3 Presentation**

**8.3.1 Nova Scotia Native Women's Association re: Human Trafficking**

Heidi Marshall, Consultant, Nova Scotia Native Women's Association and Jane Paul Resource Centre spoke to human trafficking of Indigenous women and girls and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

Cheryl Copage-Gehue, Advisor, Indigenous Community Engagement responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

### **8.3.2 YWCA Halifax re: Human Trafficking**

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated March 3, 2022

Charlene Gagnon, Manager of Advocacy, Research and New Initiatives gave a presentation on human trafficking, specifically in Halifax and Nova Scotia, and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

## **9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

## **10. REPORTS**

### **10.1 STAFF**

#### **10.1.1 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.

### **10.2 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES**

#### **10.2.1 Update on Halifax Regional Council activities**

Councillor Stoddard provided a summary of the actions and decisions made at the February and March meetings of the Committee of the Whole and Regional Council.

## **11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

## **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 7, 2022**

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Hannah Forsyth  
Legislative Support