



**WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 2, 2023**

PRESENT: Jane McKay-Nesbitt, Chair
Haneen Al-Noman, Vice Chair
Councillor Iona Stoddard
Councillor Lisa Blackburn
Jacquie Gahagan
Hannah Jackson
Elizabeth Vickers-Drennan
Elizabeth Fraser

REGRETS: Maggie Hua
Sonia Ikheloa

STAFF: Tracey Jones-Grant, Manager, Diversity and Inclusion
Baylee Brown, Advisor, Gender Equity
Amy Brierley, Program Coordinator, Safe City and Safe Public Spaces
Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant
Elizabeth Macdonald, 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 4:32 p.m. and adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:32 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 12, 2023

MOVED by Hannah Jackson, seconded by Elizabeth Vickers-Drennan

THAT the minutes of January 12, 2023 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 Hannah Jackson, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

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. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence – None

7.2 Petitions – None

7.3 Presentation

7.3.1 AKOMA's Affordable Housing Plan for Women

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated February 2, 2023

Veronica Marsman, Property Manager, Akoma Holdings Inc. and Cheyenne Jones, Assistant Property Manager, Akoma Holdings Inc., gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

Jillian MacLellan, Principal Planner and Tracey Jones-Grant, Manager, Diversity and Inclusion responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Halifax's Affordable Housing Initiatives

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated February 2, 2023

Jillian MacLellan, Principal Planner, and Jamy-Ellen Klenavic, Planner, gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

9.1.2 Update on African Heritage Month

Tracey Jones-Grant, Manager, Diversity and Inclusion provided an update on African Heritage Month and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

9.3 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

9.3.1 Council Update

Councillor Blackburn provided an update on Regional Council and Budget Committees activities since January 2023 and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 2, 2023

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Elizabeth Macdonald
Legislative Assistant