



**YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
March 23, 2023**

PRESENT: Ellen Smith, Chair
Zoya Hussain, Vice Chair
Carter Barss
Cyril Jurdak O'Brien
Krystal Mutyabule

REGRETS: Jane Elliot
Truelee Love
James MacNeil
Solomon Omweno

STAFF: Becca Bishop, Community Developer, Youth Section
Lama Farhat, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 5:11 p.m. The Committee adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:11 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 THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

MOVED by Abraham Amusan, seconded by Cyril Jurdak O'Brien

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

4. COMMITTEE TRAINING

Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk provided an overview of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the Committee's Terms of Reference, the role of the Municipal Clerk's Office in supporting the Committee, the role of a staff liaison, and the process to request a staff report and presentation.

Claire Gillivan, Solicitor spoke to the Committee's Terms of Reference and provided an overview of the Committee's role and objectives, the role of the Executive Standing Committee, how to bring forward a notice of motion, and the purpose of an agenda and agenda review.

MacLean and Gillivan responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding the Terms of Reference and reporting provisions to the Executive Standing Committee.

5. WORK PLAN BRAINSTORMING

Becca Bishop, Community Developer and Lama Farhat, Legislative Assistant provided an overview of the objectives and duties of the Youth Advisory Committee and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

In response to the overview, the Committee discussed and proposed the following topics of interest that may develop their 2023 Work Plan:

- Housing: affordable housing, educational resources for newcomer youth, access to student housing;
- Youth wellbeing: mental health supports and resources, social and safe spaces for youth, supports for newcomer youth, supports for youth self reliance, education on diversity and inclusion and anti-black racism;
- Youth engagement and involvement in HRM activities;
- Municipal elections: youth involvement in elections, education on the role of the municipal government and its services;
- Food insecurity;
- Climate action; and
- Safety in schools.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Lama Farhat
Legislative Assistant