



**WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 4, 2023**

PRESENT: Haneen Al-Noman, Vice Chair
Councillor Lovelace
Hannah Jackson
Jacquie Gahagan
Elizabeth Vickers-Drennan
Sonia Ikeloa
Elizabeth Fraser

REGRETS: Jane McKay-Nesbitt, Chair
Councillor Pam Lovelace
Maggie Hua
Jacquie Gahagan

STAFF: Tracey Jones-Grant, Manager, Diversity and Inclusion
Baylee Brown, Advisor, Gender Equity
Amy Brierley, Program Coordinator, Safe City and Safe Public Spaces
Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant
Krista Vining, Acting Deputy Clerk

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The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 4:35 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 – April 6, 2023

MOVED by Hannah Jackson, seconded by Sonia Ikeloa

THAT the minutes of April 6, 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:

- Item 9.3.1 – Councillor Lovelace: Council Update

MOVED by Liz Fraser, seconded by Liz Vickers-Drennan

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. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

6.1.1 Discussion of Workplan

The following was before the Committee:

- Women's Advisory Committee 2023 Work Plan

The Committee discussed the importance of applying an intersectional lens to the housing and homelessness crisis and inviting Cathy Collett, Social Policy Strategist to attend a future meeting to speak to upcoming staff reports and initiatives to address the ongoing crisis. The Committee considered utilizing race and gender-based data provided in staff reports to direct future motions and recommendations to the Executive Standing Committee.

Amy Siciliano, Public Safety Advisor suggested the Committee invite Scott Sheffield, Community Developer and Jillian MacLellan, Principal Planner to attend a future meeting and speak to the November 1, 2021 staff report "Options for Partnership on Provincial Housing Delivery".

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence - None

7.2 Petitions – None

7.3 Presentations - None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD

8.1.1 Halifax Public Safety Strategy 2023-23 to 2025-26

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff report dated March 1, 2023

This item was discussed concurrently with Item 9.1.1 HRM's Renewed Public Safety Strategy.

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 HRM's Renewed Public Safety Strategy

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated May 4, 2023

Amy Siciliano, Public Safety Advisor gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant advised the Committee would lose quorum as of 5:30 p.m. but could move forward with presentations and defer any items requiring decisions until quorum was achieved.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – June 1, 2023

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Elizabeth Macdonald
Legislative Assistant