



**YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES
May 18, 2023**

PRESENT: Cyril Jurdak O'Brien, Chair
Zoya Hussain, Vice Chair
Abraham Amusan

REGRETS: Jane Elliot
Krystal Mutyabule
Carter Barss
James MacNeil
Solomon Omweno

STAFF: Saren Labelle, Youth Advocate Worker
Lama Farhat, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. The Committee adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Vice Chair advised that the Committee did not have quorum, but could move forward with presentations and defer any items requiring decisions to the next meeting or until quorum was achieved.

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 5:10 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.

Items 2 and 9.1.3 were deferred to a future meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 20, 2023.

This item was deferred to a future meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee.

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

The Committee did not have quorum to approve the order of business.

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 - None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 M-200 By-Law – Standards for Residential Occupancies

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated May 18, 2023

Allison Patriquin, Supervisor, Building Standards gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding inspection of multi-unit dwellings, zoning and safety standards, jurisdiction for inspections and enforcement orders, and the process for reporting violations.

Lama Farhat, Legislative Assistant responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

9.1.2 Youth Advocate Program

Saren Labelle, Youth Advocate Worker provided an overview of the Youth Advocate Program and spoke to the role of Youth Advocate Workers and the supports available to participants in the program. Labelle responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding the barriers and difficulties faced by youth in the program and noted advocacy efforts carried out by Youth Advocate Workers. Labelle also spoke to the referral and intake process, voluntary participation in the program, guardian-youth expectations reporting, and the types of referrers.

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9.1.3 Work Plan Approval

The following was before the Committee:

- Youth Advisory Committee 2023 Draft Work Plan

This item was deferred to a future meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee.

9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

9.2.1 Discussion on Staff Updates

The Committee discussed the staff presentation they received on By-law M-200, *Respecting Standards for Residential Occupancies*, and noted the importance of communicating the provisions under the By-law and methods for reporting a violation or safety concerns.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – June 15, 2023

As set out in section 125 (3) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the Chair stated in a resolution that the seat held by Solomon Omweno on the Youth Advisory Committee was now vacant as they were deemed to have resigned from the Youth Advisory Committee having missed three consecutive meetings.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Lama Farhat
Legislative Assistant