



**WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 7, 2023**

PRESENT: Jane McKay-Nesbitt, Chair
Hannah Jackson, Vice Chair
Councillor Pam Lovelace
Councillor Becky Kent
Maggie Hua
Liz Fraser
Jacquie Gahagan

REGRETS: Sonia Ikeloa

STAFF: Amy Brierley, Program Coordinator, Safe City and Safe Public Spaces
Tracey Jones-Grant, Manager, Diversity & Inclusion
Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:36 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.

1.1 Election of Vice Chair

Jane McKay-Nesbitt called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Women's Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Hannah Jackson, seconded by Liz Fraser

THAT Hannah Jackson be nominated Vice Chair of the Women's Advisory Committee.

Hannah Jackson was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Hannah Jackson be appointed Vice Chair of the Women's Advisory Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Hannah Jackson was declared the Vice Chair of the Women's Advisory Committee.

The Committee discussed the possibility of amending their Terms of Reference to include diversity and inclusion considerations when electing the Chair and Vice Chair.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 6, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Liz Fraser

THAT the minutes of July 6, 2023 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- Item 9.3.2 Councillor Kent: Update on the Retirement of the Police Chief

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Later in the meeting, as provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Kent requested that Item 9.3.2 Councillor Kent: Update on the Retirement of the Police Chief be considered prior to item 9.1.2.

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 Women's Safety Assessment: A Tool for Understanding Safety in Public Spaces

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated September 7, 2023
- Handout titled "Women's Safety Assessment Tool"

Amy Brierley, Program Coordinator, Safe City and Safe Public Spaces gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

9.1.2 Recreation Funding Access Program

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated September 7, 2023

Cassady Yochoff, Inclusion and Accessibility Specialist gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

9.1.3 Staff Update

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

9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

9.2.1 Discussion on Human Trafficking Presentations

The Committee discussed formulating a motion related to the Human Trafficking presentations received at the July meeting and the possibility of adding a discussion on the process of selecting presenters to the November meeting agenda.

9.3 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

9.3.1 Councillor Lovelace: Council Update

Councillor Lovelace provided an overview of Regional Council's activities since July 2023 and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

9.3.2 Councillor Kent: Update on the Retirement of the Police Chief

Councillor Kent, Chair, Board of Police Commissioners (BoPC) spoke to the recent retirement of the Police Chief, Dan Kinsella, the BoPC's role in facilitating the process of hiring a new Chief, and the possibility of the Committee providing stakeholder engagement in the hiring process.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – October 6, 2023

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Elizabeth Macdonald
Legislative Assistant