



**YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 18, 2024**

PRESENT: Cyril Jurdak O'Brien, Chair
Zoya Hussain, Vice Chair
Abraham Amusan
Jane Elliot
James MacNeil
Krystal Mutyabule
Damini Awoyiga
Abdullah Ali

REGRETS: Carter Bass
Simone Boudreau

STAFF: Claire Ehlert, Coordinator, Youth Section, Parks and Recreation
Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant
Olawumi, Odeyinka-Apantaku, 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 5:05 p.m., and adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:05 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 Annual Election of Chair

Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Abraham Amusan, seconded by James MacNeil

THAT Cyril O'Brien be nominated Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Zoya Hussain, seconded Simone Boudreau

THAT Zoya Hussain be nominated Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee.

A vote was taken by secret ballot to elect one member for the position of Chair. Cyril O'Brien was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by James MacNeil, seconded by Abraham Amusan

THAT Cyril O'Brien be appointed Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Cyril O'Brien was declared the Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee.

Cyril O'Brien assumed the Chair.

1.2 Annual Election of Vice Chair

Cyril O'Brien called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Damini Awoyiga, seconded by Abraham Amusan

THAT Zoya Hussain be nominated Vice Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee.

Zoya Hussain was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Damini Awoyiga, seconded by Abraham Amusan

THAT Zoya Hussain be appointed Vice Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Zoya Hussain was declared the Vice Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 16, 2023

MOVED by Abraham Amusan, seconded by James MacNeil

THAT the minutes of November 16, 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 9.1.1 – M200 - Communications Strategy – Youth Advisory Committee

MOVED by Abraham Amusan, seconded by Damini Awoyiga

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 – 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 Overview of 2024 Municipal Election

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated January 18, 2024

Liam MacSween, Manager, Elections and Special Projects and Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

9.1.2 2024 Work Plan Discussion

Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant spoke to the topic and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

The Committee identified the following items as priorities for the 2024 Youth Advisory Committee Work Plan:

- Renaming of municipal streets with colonial pasts;
- Equity, diversity and inclusion within Halifax Regional Police;
- Support for people coming out of incarceration;
- 2024 Municipal election and voter turnout;
- Municipal planning committees and engagement procedures;
- Guidance for first-time renters;
- Tourism, events and economic development;

- Free safe spaces for youth and alcohol free events;
- Intergovernmental relations and learning about the role of the province in Municipal affairs;
- Food insecurity in rural and urban areas; and
- Employment support for new Canadians.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – February 15, 2024

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Catie Campbell
Legislative Assistant