



**YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
November 21, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Zoya Hussain, Chair  
Cyril Jurdak O'Brien, Vice Chair  
Abdullah Ali  
Abraham Amusan  
Damini Awoyiga  
Hania Ali  
Hebah Eiman  
Isabella Williams  
Krystal Mutyabule

**REGRETS:** Simone Boudreau

**STAFF:** Becca Henry, Social Policy Strategist  
Adam Huffman, Community Developer  
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant

*The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.*

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## **1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:06 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**

Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Cyril Jurdak O'Brien, seconded by Hebah Eiman

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

MOVED by Hania Ali, seconded by Damini Awoyiga

**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. Zoya Hussain was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Krystal Mutyabule, seconded by Abraham Amusan

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

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Zoya Hussain assumed the Chair.

### **1.2 Annual Election of Vice Chair**

Zoya Hussain called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee.

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

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

MOVED by Krystal Mutyabule, seconded by Hebah Eiman

**THAT Krystal Mutyabule be nominated Vice Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee.**

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

MOVED by Zoya Hussain, seconded by Abraham Amusan

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

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 17, 2024**

MOVED by Damini Awoyiga, seconded by Hania Ali

**THAT the minutes of October 17, 2024 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

As provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant requested that Item 9.1.1 Youth Advocate Program immediately following Item 3.

MOVED by Hebah Eiman, 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/DISCUSSION**

**9.1 STAFF**

**9.1.1 Youth Advocate Program**

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated November 21, 2024
- Handout dated November 21, 2024

Christopher Saulnier, Youth Advocate Community Worker gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

Adam Huffman, Community Developer responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

**9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES**

**9.2.1 Cyril Jurdak O'Brien - Committee Community Engagement**

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Cyril Jurdak O'Brien led the Committee in the community engagement discussion. The Committee spoke on inviting the Mayor to a future Committee meeting, the Youth Summit, engaging Halifax Regional Centre for Education and various business units such as Halifax Transit and Planning and Development.

Becca Henry, Social Policy Strategist and Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant respond to questions of clarification from the Committee.

**10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – December 12, 2024**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Dorothy Maponga  
Legislative Assistant