



**YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
September 18, 2025**

PRESENT: Zoya Hussain, Chair
Cyril Jurdak O'Brien, Vice Chair
Abraham Amusan
Hania Ali
Damini Awoyiga
Simone Boudreau
Hebah Eiman
Bianca Marzan
Krystal Mutyabule

REGRETS: Gabriel Milhet
Isabella Williams

STAFF: Olivia Davis, Community Developer
Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant

These minutes are considered draft and will require approval by Youth Advisory Committee at a future meeting.

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 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.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 16, 2025

MOVED by Krystal Mutyabule, seconded by Abraham Amusan

THAT the minutes of June 16, 2025 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*, Abraham Amusan requested that Item 7.3.1 – Teens for Climate be considered after Item 9.1.2.

MOVED by Abraham Amusan, seconded by Krystal Mutyabule

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 Presentations

7.3.1 Teens for Climate – Abby Lefebvre, Ecology Action Centre

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated September 18, 2025

Abby Lefevre, Energy Coordinator, Ecology Action Centre gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

Lefevre spoke to providing posters regarding training offered by the Ecology Action Centre to the Legislative Assistant to circulate to Committee members.

The Committee discussed the possibility of sharing Ecology Action Centre resources on the municipality's "hfxnextgen" Instagram account.

Olivia Davis, Community Developer responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 2025/26 Youth Advisory Committee Work Plan

The following was before the Committee:

- Draft 2025/26 Youth Advisory Committee Work Plan

The Committee discussed the draft Work Plan and noted the following:

- An interest in reviewing municipal policies;
- Volunteer opportunities for youth in the Halifax Regional Municipality;
- Hosting or taking part in a job fair in the future;
- Hosting a community roundtable discussion for the purpose of engaging youth as a future agenda item; and
- Challenges faced by youth seeking employment.

Cyril Jurdak O'Brien stepped down from the Chair and Zoya Hussain assumed the Chair.

Olivia Davis, Community Developer spoke to the municipality's upcoming 2025 Volunteer Conference and the municipality's "hfxnextgen" Instagram account for youth programs. Davis and Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

The Committee requested staff provide further information on career fair events hosted by Halifax Regional Municipality.

MOVED by Abraham Amusan, seconded by Krystal Mutyabule

THAT Youth Advisory Committee approve the 2025/26 Work Plan as circulated and recommend that the Executive Standing Committee review and approve the 2025/26 Youth Advisory Committee Work Plan.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1.2 Update on Youth Services Plan for Parks and Recreation

Olivia Davis, Community Developer spoke to the Youth Services Plan, engagement initiatives, the assembly of a Youth Services Plan Team, the roles of responsibilities of the Team, outlined opportunities for Committee members to join the Team, expected timelines, plans to share further information with the Committee through the Legislative Assistant and noted updates on the Youth Services Plan would be a standing item on Committee agendas. Davis responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – October 16, 2025

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Elizabeth Macdonald
Legislative Assistant