



**YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 22, 2026**

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

REGRETS: Hania Ali
Gabriel Milhet

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:11 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 – November 20, 2025

MOVED by Hebah Eiman, seconded by Damini Awoyiga

THAT the minutes of November 20, 2025 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- Item 10.1 - HalifACT re: 2026/27 Municipal Budget
- Item 10.2 – Discussion of the Approved 2025/26 Youth Advisory Committee Work Plan

Deletions: None

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 Presentation – None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Update on HRM's 2025 Volunteer Conference

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated January 22, 2026

Abraham Amusan, Hebah Eiman, Bianca Marzan and Krystal Mutyabule gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

Olivia Davis, Community Developer spoke to the Halifax Regional Municipality's 2025 Volunteer Conference.

The Committee requested that staff contact presenters from the conference regarding the possibility of presenting at a future Committee meeting and identified grant writing as a topic of interest.

9.1.2 Update on Youth Services Plan for Parks and Recreation

Olivia Davis, Community Developer spoke to the Youth Services Plan for Parks and Recreation and noted the opportunity for community members to be involved in the review process for a youth survey.

10. ADDED ITEMS

10.1 HalifACT re: 2026/27 Municipal Budget

MOVED by Bianca Marzan, seconded by Damini Awoyiga

THAT the Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee write a letter on the Committee's behalf to Budget Committee regarding the importance of Halifax Regional Municipality continuing to fund HalifACT.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2 Discussion of the Approved 2025/26 Youth Advisory Committee Work Plan

The Committee discussed the 2025/26 Youth Advisory Committee Work Plan and noted an interest in receiving presentations on the following topics:

- Women's health;
- Nutrition for children and youth;
- The Suburban Plan;
- The experiences of youth in correctional facilities; and
- The Crisis Assistance and Response Team.

Olivia Davis, Community Developer and Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding options for submitting correspondence to the Clerk's Office, options to communicate with the public and the possibility of sharing information on the municipality's "hfxnextgen" Instagram account.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – February 19, 2026

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Elizabeth Macdonald
Legislative Assistant