



**YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 19, 2026**

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

REGRETS: Hebah Eiman
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 5:10 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. The Chair led the Committee in the African Nova Scotian Affirmation.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 22, 2026

MOVED by Abraham Amusan, seconded by Hania Ali

THAT the minutes of January 22, 2026 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*, Hania Ali requested that Item 9.1.2 – Suburban Plan: Presentation and Engagement Session be considered prior to Item 9.1.1.

MOVED by Damini Awoyiga, 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 Overview of Bus Rapid Transit Strategy (BRT)

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated February 19, 2026

Elora Wilkinson, Program Manager, Major Projects Office gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

9.1.2 Suburban Plan: Presentation and Engagement Session

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated February 19, 2026

Kathleen Fralic, Principal Planner gave a presentation, seeking feedback on the Suburban Plan.

Fralic, Lauren MacDonald, Planner I and Elora Wilkinson, Program Manager, Major Projects Office responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

The Committee noted the following points:

- The importance on conducting engagement with residents experiencing homelessness and at risk of experiencing homelessness;
- The need to utilize tools available to the Halifax Regional Municipality that support the development of affordable housing; and
- Exploring options to conduct engagement at university and college campuses within the suburban region.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 26, 2026

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Elizabeth Macdonald
Legislative Assistant