HALIFAX

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
September 17, 2026

PRESENT:	Damini Awoyiga, Chair Mitchell Slauenwhite, Vice Chair Benjamin Amusan Simone Boudreau Aliyanna Gordon Yahya Shuli Alexis Wolfe
REGRETS:	Hania Ali Hebah Eiman Farhan Bianca Marzan Gurpreet Singh
STAFF:	Olivia Davis, Community Developer Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant

These minutes are considered draft and will require approval by the 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 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 African Nova Scotian Affirmation

The Chair led the Committee in the African Nova Scotian Affirmation.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 11, 2026

MOVED by Simone Boudreau, seconded by Mitchell Slauenwhite

THAT the minutes of June 11, 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

MOVED by Benjamin Amusan, seconded by Mitchell Slauenwhite

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

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 2026/27 Youth Advisory Committee Work Plan

The following was before the Committee:

- Draft 2026/27 Youth Advisory Committee Work Plan

The Committee discussed the Draft 2026/27 Youth Advisory Committee Work Plan and noted an interest in receiving more information or a presentation on the Halifax Regional Municipality's Bridging the Gap Internship Program and information on employment services and resources offered by Nova Scotia Works. The Committee discussed holding an annual Town Hall Meeting as outlined in the Committee's Terms of Reference and noted plans to take a group photo during the October 15, 2026 meeting.

The Committee requested “The Committee will host an Annual Town Hall and report to the Executive Standing Committee on the issues identified through such community consultations” be added to the “Performance Indicators” section under Priority 3 of the Draft Work Plan.

Olivia Davis, Community Developer and Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOVED by Alexis Wolfe, seconded by Benjamin Amusan

THAT the Youth Advisory Committee approve the 2026/27 Work Plan as amended and recommend that the Executive Standing Committee review and approve the 2026/27 Youth Advisory Committee Work Plan.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – October 15, 2026

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Elizabeth Macdonald
Legislative Assistant