



**YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES
March 25, 2021**

PRESENT: Ellen Smith, Chair
Jocelyn Paul
Cheyenne Hardy

OTHERS PRESENT: Councillor Paul Russell

REGRETS: Alissa Provo
Shelby Baxter
Sabrina Hussein
Chaz Garroway
Stacie Smith

STAFF: Courtney Blandin, Youth Support Worker
Lee Moore, Manager, Youth Programs
Annie Sherry, Legislative Assistant
Haruka Aoyama, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. and adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

The Chair confirmed that the Committee did not have quorum and decided to move forward with the staff overview/presentation (10.1.1, 10.1.2, 10.1.3 and 10.1.5) and defer any items requiring decisions to the end of the meeting or until quorum was achieved.

Items 3 and 10.1.4 were moved to the future meeting.

2. COMMITTEE MEMBER CHECK-IN

Members of the Youth Advisory Committee introduced themselves and shared good things that happened in the past few months to the Committee.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 19, 2020

This item was deferred to the future meeting of Youth Advisory Committee.

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

The Committee did not have quorum to approve the order of business for March 25, 2021 special meeting of Youth Advisory Committee.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

6. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

8.1 Correspondence

Correspondence submitted by Laura Stymiest, IWK Health Centre, Kiemia Rezagian, Canadian Institute for Climate Choices and Erika Dupuis, 2021 G7 Youth Summit Delegate was circulated to the Committee.

8.2 Petitions

8.3 Presentations – NONE

9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

10. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

10.1 STAFF

10.1.1 National Youth Week (May 1-7, 2021)

Lee Moore, Manager, Youth Programs provided an overview of National Youth Week and commented that the Committee is welcome to share ideas on what the Committee wants to see it happen during this week. Committee members expressed their support for proposed programming on environmental initiatives.

10.1.2 Overview of Ongoing Reports – Youth Engagement Report, Multiservice Youth Centre Report, Youth Live Report, Youth Advisory Committee Report

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Lee Moore, Manager, Youth Programs gave an overview on upcoming staff reports to Regional Council including Youth Engagement Report, Multiservice Youth Centre Report, Youth Live Report, and Youth Advisory Committee Report.

The Youth Engagement Report will include information on municipal issues for youth by showing data, best practices and trends. This report will be uploaded on Halifax.ca youth page and aims to engage more youth after being discussed at the Regional Council.

10.1.3 Youth Live Recruitment Presentation

Courtney Blandin, Youth Support Worker gave an overview on Youth Live Recruitment by explaining that this full-time program offers 24 weeks of paid job and life skill building for youth with employment barriers. Blandin shared that interested youth can apply by phone, email or by sending message through Facebook. More information can be found at <https://www.halifax.ca/about-halifax/employment/youth-live-job-experience-program>. Blandin answered questions from the Committee.

10.1.4 Proposed 2021 Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

This item was deferred to the future meeting of Youth Advisory Committee.

10.1.5 Work Plan Discussion

The Committee reviewed priorities discussed during the Work Plan session at September 24, 2020 meeting and discussed that those priorities are still relevant. The Committee showed interest in addressing priorities discussed in September 2020.

The Committee will continue discussion on Work Plan in the next meeting.

11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 15, 2021 (*Proposed*)

13. COMMITTEE CHECK OUT

Councillor Russell provided information on 2021-2022 Student Transit Pass Pilot Program discussed at March 25, 2021 Transportation Standing Committee special meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Haruka Aoyama
Legislative Assistant