



**YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
DRAFT MINUTES  
July 21, 2022**

PRESENT: Ellen Smith, Chair  
Zoya Hussain, Vice Chair  
Abraham Amusan  
Cyril Jurdak O'Brien  
Jane Elliot  
Krystal Mutyabule

REGRETS: James MacNeil  
Carter Barss  
Solomon Omweno  
Stacie Smith  
Truelee Love

STAFF: Becca Bishop, Community Developer, Youth Section  
Annie Sherry, Legislative Assistant  
Kim Johnson, Legislative Support

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*The meeting was called to order at 5:13 p.m. and adjourned at 6:31 p.m.*

## **1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:13 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. COMMITTEE CHECK IN**

Members of the Committee provided updates on their recent activities.

## **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 23, 2022**

MOVED by Cyril Jurdak O'Brien, seconded by Krystal Mutyabule

**THAT the minutes of June 23, 2022 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Abraham Amusan, seconded by Zoya Hussain

**THAT the agenda be approved as presented.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **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 - None**

**8.2 Petitions – None**

**8.3 Presentations – None**

## **9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

## **10. REPORTS/DISCUSSION**

### **10.1 STAFF**

#### **10.1.1 Introduction to HalifACT**

The following was before the Youth Advisory Committee:

- Staff presentation dated July 21, 2022

Sera Thompson, Climate Engagement Specialist, Property, Fleet and Environment gave a presentation introducing HalifACT and responded to questions of clarification from the Youth Advisory Committee.

Thompson outlined pressing climate hazards in the municipality, and how HRM is addressing these hazards through HalifACT – Acting on Climate Together. Thompson provided an overview of the

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economic and social opportunities that can be realized by HRM's commitments towards net-zero municipal operations, and highlighted early successes of HalifACT initiatives, including engagements with youth.

Thompson responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding the grants process for HalifACT and related climate programs such as Solar City, and provided clarification on engagement with the business community, including utilities such as Nova Scotia Power.

In response to the presentation, the Youth Advisory Committee provided input on promoting HalifACT in the wider community, including schools, utilizing social media channels, and infrastructure such as billboards at bus stops. The Committee expressed interest collaborating with the HalifACT team, including scoping future presentations, and the potential for Youth Advisory Committee representation with the HalifACT Action Network.

#### **11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

#### **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – August 18, 2022**

#### **13. COMMITTEE CHECK OUT**

Ellen Smith, Chair, shared that they will be representing the Youth Advisory Committee at the Executive Standing Committee on July 25, 2022. On behalf of the Committee, Smith will submit the Committee's 2022 Work Plan for review and approval, and noted that Members of the Committee are welcome to attend.

Members of the Committee shared that they were inspired by the presentation on HalifACT, particularly the elements on local impacts of environmental change, and the mitigating actions underway. Members of the Committee discussed the potential for continued collaboration with Thompson, options for future presentations, and the potential inclusion of climate action as a theme when planning the Youth Summit.

#### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Kim Johnson  
Legislative Support