



**YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
February 16, 2023**

**PRESENT:** Ellen Smith, Chair  
Abraham Amusan  
Carter Barss  
Cyril Jurdak O'Brien  
James MacNeil

**REGRETS:** Zoya Hussain, Vice Chair  
Jane Elliot  
Truelee Love  
Krystal Mutyabule  
Solomon Omweno

**STAFF:** Becca Bishop, Community Developer, Youth Section  
Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant  
Lama Farhat, Legislative Assistant

*The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.*

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*The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. and recessed at 6:43 p.m. The Committee reconvened at 6:47 p.m. The Committee adjourned at 6:59 p.m.*

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:03 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.

Members of the Committee introduced themselves and provided updates on their recent activities.

### **1.1 Election of Chair**

This matter was deferred; refer to the Order of Business.

### **1.2 Election of Vice Chair**

This matter was deferred; refer to the Order of Business.

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 19, 2023**

MOVED by Cyril Jurdak O'Brien, seconded by Abraham Amusan

**THAT the minutes of January 19, 2023 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 – Affordable Housing Initiatives in HRM

Deletions: None

MOVED by Abraham Amusan, seconded by Carter Barss

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

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Later in the meeting, the following was deferred to a future meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee:

- Item 1.1 – Election of Chair
- Item 1.2 – Election of Vice Chair

## **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**

### **9.1 STAFF**

#### **9.1.1 ResearchNS and EngageNS Partnership**

The following was before the committee:

- Presentation dated February 16, 2023

Conor O’Dea, Senior Policy Advisor, Government Relations and External Affairs, Fatemeh Faraz, Regulatory Modernization Analyst and Jill MacLellan, Principal Planner gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

#### **9.1.2 2023 Youth Summit**

Becca Bishop, Community Developer, Youth Section spoke to planning of the Youth Summit, which would align with National Youth Week, on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

## **10. ADDED ITEMS**

### **10.1 Affordable Housing Initiatives in HRM**

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated February 16, 2023

Jillian MacLellan, Principal Planner, and Brandon Umpherville, Planner II gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

## **11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 20, 2023**

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Lama Farhat  
Legislative Assistant