



**WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 6, 2023**

PRESENT: Jane McKay-Nesbitt, Chair
Councillor Lovelace
Hannah Jackson
Jacquie Gahagan
Elizabeth Vickers-Drennan
Maggie Hua

REGRETS: Haneen Al-Noman, Vice Chair
Sonia Ikheloa
Elizabeth Fraser

STAFF: Tracey Jones-Grant, Manager, Diversity and Inclusion
Baylee Brown, Advisor, Gender Equity
Amy Brierley, Program Coordinator, Safe City and Safe Public Spaces
Krista Vining, Acting Deputy Clerk
Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:34 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 2, 2023

MOVED by Hannah Jackson, seconded by Liz Drennan-Vickers

THAT the minutes of March 2, 2023 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 12 (5) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Lovelace requested that Information Item 1 – Halifax Public Safety Strategy 2023-24 to 2025-26 be brought forward at the next Women's Advisory Committee Meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Liz Drennan-Vickers

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Later in the meeting, the following was deferred to the May 4, 2023 meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee:

- Item 9.3.2 – Discussion of Workplan

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 HRM's Approach to Addressing Homelessness

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated April 6, 2023

Max Chauvin, Director, Housing and Homelessness and Gayle Collicutt, Director, Elizabeth Fry Society gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

9.1.2 HRM Human Resources Practices

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated April 6, 2023

Britt Wilson, Executive Director, Human Resources gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

9.1.3 Staff Update

Baylee Brown, Advisor, Gender Equity spoke to Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

9.1.4 Staff Update

Amy Brierley, Program Coordinator, Safe City and Safe Public Spaces spoke to the renewed Halifax Public Safety Strategy passed at Halifax Regional Council on March 7, 2023.

9.3 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

9.3.1 Councillor Lovelace: Council Update

Councillor Lovelace provided an overview of the Halifax Regional Council's and Budget Committee's recent activities and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

9.3.2 Discussion of Workplan

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

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 4, 2023

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Elizabeth Macdonald
Legislative Assistant