



**YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 20, 2023**

PRESENT: Cyril Jurdak O'Brien, Chair
Zoya Hussain, Vice Chair
Abraham Amusan
James MacNeil

REGRETS: Carter Barss
Jane Elliot
Solomon Omweno
Krystal Mutyabule

STAFF: Becca Bishop, Community Developer, Youth
Lama Farhat, Legislative Assistant
Catie Campbell, 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 5:10 p.m. The Committee adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 5:10 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 Election of Chair

Lama Farhat, Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Zoya Hussain, seconded by Abraham Amusan

THAT Zoya Hussain be nominated Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Cyril Jurdak O'Brien, seconded by James MacNeil

THAT Cyril Jurdak O'Brien be nominated Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee.

A vote was taken by secret ballot to elect one member for the position of Chair. Cyril Jurdak O'Brien was declared the success nominee.

MOVED by Abraham Amusan, seconded by James MacNeil

THAT Cyril Jurdak O'Brien be appointed Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Cyril Jurdak O'Brien was declared the Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee.

Cyril Jurdak O'Brien assumed the Chair.

1.2 Election of Vice Chair

Cyril Jurdak O'Brien called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Zoya Hussain, seconded by Cyril Jurdak O'Brien

THAT Zoya Hussain be nominated Vice Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee.

Zoya Hussein was declared the successful nominee.

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

THAT Zoya Hussain be appointed Vice Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Zoya Hussain was declared the Vice Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 16, 2023 and March 23, 2023

MOVED by Zoya Hussain, seconded by James MacNeil

THAT the minutes of February 16, 2023 and March 23, 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- Rental Registry

Deletions: None

MOVED by Abraham Amusan, seconded by James MacNeil

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

As provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the Committee requested that Item 10.1 – Rental Registry be considered prior to item 9.1.2.

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

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Affordable Housing Initiatives in HRM

Brandon Umpherville, Planner II provided an overview of HRM's affordable housing initiatives and outlined the municipality's role in housing. Umpherville responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding the rapid housing initiative, affordable units and inclusionary zoning, and the surplus land program.

9.1.2 Work Plan Discussion

The following was before the Committee:

- Handout dated April 20, 2023

Lama Farhat, Legislative Assistant and Becca Bishop, Community Developer provided an overview of the Draft Work Plan developed from the Committee's discussion at their March 23, 2023 special meeting.

In response to the overview, members of the Committee confirmed their priorities in the draft Work Plan and recommended HRM staff and community organizations for engagement on each of the three priorities.

- **Priority 1 – Supporting Youth Well-Being**
 - HRM's Public Safety Office - Community Mobilization Teams
 - HRM's Human Resources
 - HRM's Community Outreach Workers and Youth Counsellor
 - YMCA
- **Priority 2 – Climate Action**
 - HRM's Environment and Climate Change Department
 - Ecology Action Centre
- **Priority 3 – Youth Perspectives and Engagement on Municipal Elections and Municipal Social Policies**
 - HRM's Diversity and Inclusion/African Nova Scotia Affairs Integration Office
 - HRM's Clerk's Office

9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

9.2.1 Presentation Discussion

The Committee discussed the staff update they received on the rental registry and emphasized the need for a renter's guide that outlines By-Law R-400, *Respecting Registration of Residential Rental Properties* and By-Law M-200, *Respecting Standards for Residential Occupancies* in plain language. The Committee shared that collaboration opportunities should be investigated and the guide, once made, should be advertised through in-person and online avenues.

10. ADDED ITEMS

10.1 Rental Registry

Dave Brettell, Supervisor, Building Standards provided an overview of By-Law R-400, *Respecting Registration of Residential Rental Properties* and By-Law M-200, *Respecting Standards for Residential Occupancies* and spoke to the application, registration, and verification process of the registry.

Brettell responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding next steps, the inspection process, court enforceable orders, the Fire Safety Act and fire related inspections.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 18, 2023

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Lama Farhat
Legislative Assistant