

HALIFAX

Youth Advisory Committee

Executive Standing Committee Presentation

December 11th, 2017

Origin

March 21, 2017 motion of Regional Council:

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report with recommendations addressing the possibility of forming a Youth Advisory Council or liaising with existing youth groups within the purview of the Halifax Regional Municipality. .

The Approach

- Consulted with iMatters and Conseil Jeunesse provincial de la Nouvelle-Ecosse
- Jurisdictional Scan:
 - Edmundston NB - Secrétariat Jeunesse
 - Gatineau QC – La Commission Jeunesse
 - Markham, ON – Mayor’s Youth Council
 - Edmonton AB – The City of Edmonton Youth Council
 - London ON - London Youth Advisory Council
- Literature Review

RYAC Experience

- Reviewed issues experienced by RYAC
- Identified remedies including:
 - Support structure
 - Expectations for the YAC
 - Resources
 - Administrative Order

Areas of Focus for YAC

Areas of focus align with Councils Priority Areas and include:

- Economic Development,
- Service Delivery,
- Healthy,
- Liveable Communities,
- Social Development,
- Governance & Engagement and
- Transportation.

Proposed Youth Advisory Committee

Purpose

Youth Advisory Committee, is to advise the Municipality on the impact of municipal policies, programs and services on youth.

Composition

- 12 people total - ages 15 to 24 years

The Committee shall include youth from the following communities:

- 2 youth per Community Council Area and 6 at large positions
- LGBTQ community;
- Disability community;
- Indigenous Mi'kmaq community;
- African Nova Scotian community;
- Francophone/Acadian communities; and
- Newcomer communities.

Term

- 1 year

Proposed Youth Advisory Committee

Nature of HRM Support

1 staff (Municipal Clerks Office) to be present at each meeting to provide mentorship/orientation and organizational/ administrative support, meeting space

use of HRM web site

Meeting space

Leadership Team

Responsibilities

Engaging the larger youth community to establish a youth voice at Council.

Provide information & advice to Council on matters involving or affecting youth.

Relationship with Council

Advisory Committee to the Executive Standing Committee and HRM Leadership

Pilot

Year One – Building phase to include:

- Development of Resource
- Development of a youth friendly recruitment & nomination process
- Establishment of a Leadership Team that includes community partners
- Develop and deliver workshops for HRM Senior Leadership

Year Two – Implementation Phase to include:

- Youth Advisory Committee
- Evaluation
- Report back to Council in 2019

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Thank you