

Youth Advisory Committee 2023 Work Plan

The duties of the Youth Advisory Committee are outlined in sections 6-9 of Administrative Order 2017-011-GOV (AO 2017-011-GOV), as indicated below:

Duties of the Committee:

6. *The Committee shall advise Council, through the Executive Standing Committee, on matters related to youth as follows:*
 - a) *identify and advise on youth access to existing and proposed municipal services and facilities;*
 - b) *advise and make recommendations about strategies designed to achieve the objectives of the Committee; and*
 - c) *receive and review information directed to it by Council and its committees and make recommendations as requested.*
7. *To advise business units in responding to issues and concerns of youth, when requested to do so by the Chief Administrative Officer.*
8. *To host community consultations related to youth in the Municipality, including an annual Town Hall Meeting, and report to the Executive Standing Committee on the issues identified.*
9. *Significant municipal matters, plans and programs having an impact on youth shall be referred to the Committee for its consideration and recommendations to Regional Council through the Executive Standing Committee*

To effectively carry out the duties specified above, members of the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) will gain a broad understanding of the programs and services available that impact youth within the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) and will provide recommendations to the Executive Standing Committee and HRM staff.

The three items listed in the subcategories/action column were identified by the Youth Advisory Committee at the March 23 YAC Special Meeting as priorities for 2023. The actions listed in the Performance Indicators column indicate the YAC's desire to convert their learning to action.

Subcategories/Action	Alignment with Terms of Reference	Person/Group Responsible	Resources required, other service providers, Government, Funds, etc.	Time Frame	Desired Outcome	Performance Indicators: How will you measure your accomplishments
<p>Priority 1: Supporting Youth Well-Being with an emphasis on physical and social supports and resources for youth.</p> <p>The following topics have been identified as important:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health supports and resources 	Sections 5(a)-(d); and 6(a)-6(b)	All Committee Members	Expertise of Committee members, staff members of HRM (Diversity and Inclusion/ANSAIO, Parks and Recreation, Community Developers, Public Safety Office, Community Mobilization Teams), and HRM community organizations (YMCA) with specialized knowledge on wellness, safety and supports for youth.	2023	<p>Invite Business Units and organizations in HRM working on this area to present to the committee, compile information and pass recommendations along to Executive Standing Committee.</p> <p>Committee members will become more knowledgeable about</p>	<p>Committee members will receive presentations from at least 2 - 3 Business Units/Organizations.</p> <p>Information gathered will be forwarded to the Executive Standing Committee through motions and/or a report.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social and safe spaces for youth • Newcomer youth supports • Youth self-reliance 					<p>the health, wellness and safety issues that impact youth in the HRM so they may effectively perform their role as an advisory committee.</p>	
<p>Priority 2: Climate Action - HalifACT</p>	<p>Sections 5(a)-(d); and 6(a)-6(b)</p>	<p>All Committee Members</p>	<p>Expertise of Committee members, staff members of HRM (Property, Fleet and Environment, Public Safety Office) and HRM community organizations (Ecology Action Centre) with specialized knowledge on climate action.</p>	<p>2023</p>	<p>Invite Business Units and organizations in HRM working on this area to present to the committee, compile information and pass recommendations along to Executive Standing Committee.</p> <p>Committee members will become more knowledgeable about HalifACT and its impact on youth in the HRM so they may effectively perform their role as an Advisory Committee.</p>	<p>Committee members will receive presentations from at least 2 - 3 Business Units/Organizations.</p> <p>Information gathered will be forwarded to the Executive Standing Committee through motions and/or a report.</p>
<p>Priority 3: Youth Perspectives and Engagement on Municipal Elections and HRM's Social Policies with emphasis on <i>youth involvement in elections, food security, housing, and the Public Safety Office.</i></p>	<p>Sections 5(a)-(d); and 6(a)-6(b)</p>	<p>All Committee Members</p>	<p>Expertise of Committee members, staff members of HRM (Municipal Clerk's Office, Diversity and Inclusion/ANSAIO, Government Relations and External Affairs, Community Developers, Parks and Recreation, Public Safety Office, Community Mobilization Teams), and HRM community organizations with</p>	<p>2023</p>	<p>Invite Business Units and organizations in HRM working on this area to present to the committee, compile information and pass recommendations along to Executive Standing Committee.</p> <p>Committee members will become more knowledgeable about municipal elections</p>	<p>Committee members will receive presentations from at least 2 - 3 Business Units/Organizations.</p> <p>Information gathered will be forwarded to the Executive Standing Committee through motions and/or a report.</p>

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¹ [Administrative Order 2017-011-GOV – Respecting the Youth Advisory Committee | Halifax.ca](#)

² [Administrative Order 2020-002-GOV – Social Policy Administrative Order | Halifax.ca](#)