

Youth Advisory Committee 2024 Work Plan

The duties of the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) are specified in s Administrative Order-2017-011-GOV (AO 2017-011-GOV)¹, 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 to 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 through such community consultations.*
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, it is important for YAC Members to be informed about issues facing youth in the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM). Thus in 2024, YAC will continue to devote time to becoming better informed about these issues and approach the following priorities through a youth focused lens.

The three items listed in the Subcategories/Action column listed below were identified at the January 2024 YAC meeting as priorities for learning. WACH believes that devoting time to learning about these issues will enable them to more effectively perform the duties specified in AO-2017-011-GOV.

¹ [Administrative Order Number 2017-011-GOV Respecting the Youth Advisory Committee in the Halifax Regional Municipality](#)

The actions listed in the Performance Outcomes column indicate 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: Governance with an emphasis on youth engagement</p> <p><i>The following topics have been identified as being especially important:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Equity, diversity and inclusion within Halifax Regional Police;</i> • <i>2024 Municipal election and increased voter turnout;</i> • <i>Municipal planning committees and engagement procedures;</i> • <i>Intergovernmental relations and the role of HRM; and</i> • <i>Employment support for new Canadians.</i> 	<p><i>Sections 3, 5, & 6</i></p>	<p><i>All Committee Members</i></p>	<p><i>Expertise of Committee Members, staff members of HRM, and Halifax community organizations with specialized knowledge about governance, Municipal elections, intergovernmental relations, employment practice and equity, diversity and inclusion.</i></p>	<p><i>2024</i></p>	<p><i>Committee Members will become more knowledgeable about voter turnout best practices, governance structures and employment support.</i></p> <p><i>YAC will provide information to Executive Standing Committee where it is fit.</i></p>	<p><i>Committee Members will review at least (1) existing HRM policy or procedure that impacts the governance.</i></p> <p><i>Committee Members will receive presentations from various HRM Business Units and community groups.</i></p> <p><i>When ideas and recommendations are generated, YAC will forward motions to the Executive Standing Committee.</i></p>
<p>Priority 2: Special Projects</p>	<p><i>Sections 3, 5, & 6</i></p>	<p><i>All Committee Members</i></p>	<p><i>Expertise of Committee Members, staff members of HRM, and</i></p>	<p><i>2024</i></p>	<p><i>Committee members will become more</i></p>	<p><i>Committee Members will review at least 1 existing HRM policy or</i></p>

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<p><i>with an emphasis on addressing colonial pasts and social supports</i></p> <p><i>The following topics have been identified as being especially important:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Renaming of Municipal streets with colonial pasts; and</i> • <i>Food insecurity in HRM.</i> 			<p><i>Halifax community organizations with specialized knowledge about issues facing youth.</i></p>		<p><i>knowledgeable about:</i></p> <p><i>i) Renaming of Municipal streets with colonial pasts and ongoing work on addressing colonial pasts</i></p> <p><i>ii) Deeper knowledge on ongoing work to support food insecurity measures.</i></p>	<p><i>procedure that acknowledges colonial pasts and food insecurity.</i></p> <p><i>Committee Members will receive presentations from at community organizations concerned with addressing colonial pasts and food insecurity.</i></p> <p><i>When ideas and recommendations are generated, YAC will forward motions to the Executive Standing Committee.</i></p>
<p>Priority 3: Economic Development and Supports for Youth <i>with an emphasis youth prosperity</i></p> <p><i>The following topics have been identified as being especially important</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Guidance for first-time renters;</i> 	<p><i>Sections 3, 5, & 6</i></p>	<p><i>All Committee Members</i></p>	<p><i>Expertise of Committee Members, staff members of HRM, and Halifax Community organizations with specialized knowledge about youth prosperity, guidance for renters, economic development and youth events.</i></p>	<p><i>2024</i></p>	<p><i>Committee Members will become more knowledgeable about guidance for renters, tourism, events, economic development and</i></p>	<p><i>Committee Members will review at least 1 existing HRM policy or procedure that impacts guidance for renters, tourism, events, economic development and free safe spaces for youth.</i></p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Building safe communities to promote youth prosperity</i> • <i>Tourism, events and economic development; and</i> • <i>Free safe spaces for youth and alcohol-free events.</i> 					<p><i>safe spaces for youth.</i></p> <p><i>YAC will provide information and resources about guidance for renters, tourism, events, economic development and free safe spaces for youth.</i></p> <p><i>Particular attention will be paid to data concerning these issues that has been collected or should be collected in the future.</i></p>	<p><i>Committee Members will receive presentations from community organizations concerned with guidance for renters, tourism, events, economic development and safe spaces for youth.</i></p> <p><i>When ideas and recommendations are generated, YAC will forward motions to the Executive Standing Committee.</i></p>
