

2024 Annual Report:

Youth Advisory Committee

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CHAIR, YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

JUNE 16, 2025



Presentation Overview

1. Information about
members and meetings

2. Committee priorities,
actions, and outcomes

Youth Advisory Committee

Committee met monthly,
except June & December

Meetings were in person
except May, September &
November

Current Committee members

- Zoya Hussain, Chair
- Cyril Jurdak O'Brien, Vice Chair
- Abraham Amusan
- Krystal Mutyabule
- Simone Boudreau
- Abdullah Ali
- Hania Ali
- Isabella Williams
- Hebah Eiman
- Damini Awoyiga

Former Committee members

- Jane Elliot
- James MacNeil
- Carter Bass

2024 Work Plan Priorities

Priority 1: Governance *with an emphasis on youth engagement*

Priority 2: Special Projects *with an emphasis on addressing colonial pasts and social supports.*

Priority 3: Economic Development and Supports for Youth *with an emphasis on youth prosperity.*

Priority 1:Priority
1: Governance
with an emphasis
on youth
engagement

Staff presentations
& Updates

- Overview of 2024 Municipal Election – *Liam MacSween, Manager, Elections and Special Projects and Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk*
- Housing and Homelessness Update – *Max Chauvin, Director, Housing and Homelessness*
- National Youth Week – *Adam Huffman, Community Developer, Youth Section*

Priority
1:Priority 1:
Governance
with an
emphasis on
youth
engagement

Discussions

- 2024 Work Plan Discussion
- Youth Advisory Committee – 2023 Annual Report
- Draft 2024 Work Plan
- Youth Advisory Committee 2023 Annual Report
- Discussion of 2024 Election
- Cyril Jurdak O'Brien – Future Planning Session
- Cyril Jurdak O'Brien – Committee Community Engagement

Priority 1:Priority 1: Governance with an emphasis on youth engagement

Outcomes

April 15, 2024:

- Motion approved that the Youth Advisory Committee approve the 2024 Work Plan as circulated and recommend that the Executive Standing Committee review and approve the Youth Advisory Committee 2024 Work Plan as amended.
- Motion approved that the Youth Advisory Committee review and approve the report dated March 22, 2024 and forward it to the Executive Standing Committee for information.

Priority 2:

Special Projects
with an emphasis
on addressing
colonial pasts and
social supports.

External
Presentations

- Overview of JustFOOD – *More Vail, Community Food Coordinator, Ecology Action Centre*

Priority 3:
Economic
Development and
Supports for
Youth with an
emphasis on
youth prosperity.

External
presentations

- Elizabeth Fry Society – *Gayle Collicutt, Manager of Supportive Housing, Elizabeth Fry Society*
- United Nations International Day of Play – *Alex Smith, International Play Associate – Canada*
- Pheonix Youth Outreach – *Patricia Mercer, Pheonix Youth Outreach*
- African Nova Scotian Justice Institute – *Mathew Dixon, African Nova Scotian Justice Institute*

Priority 3:

Economic
Development and
Supports for
Youth with an
emphasis on
youth prosperity.

Staff presentations
and Updates

- By-law M200 Respecting Standards for Residential Occupancies – Communication Strategy – *Allison Patriquin, Supervisor, Building Standards*
- HRM's Mobile Youth Support Team – *Olivia Polk, Youth Outreach Worker*
- Youth Advocate Program – *Christopher Saulnier, Youth Advocate Community Worker*
- Youth Services Plan – *Adam Huffman, Community Developer, Youth Section*

Thank you!

To HRM staff, especially 2024 staff supports:

- Adam Huffman, Community Developer
- Becca Henry, Former Social Policy Strategist
- Catie Campbell, Former Legislative Assistant
- Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant

Thank you
&
questions
