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Item No. 13.2.1
Executive Standing Committee
October 20, 2025

TO: Mayor Fillmore and Members of Executive Standing Committee

FROM: Zoya Hussain, Chair, Youth Advisory Committee

DATE: September 18, 2025

SUBJECT: 2025/26 Youth Advisory Committee Work Plan

ORIGIN

September 18, 2025 meeting of Youth Advisory Committee, Item 9.1.1.

RECOMMENDATION

The Youth Advisory Committee recommends that Executive Standing Committee review and approve the 2025/26 Youth Advisory Committee Work Plan.

BACKGROUND

The Youth Advisory Committee discussed and identified priorities for their 2025/26 Work Plan. The Committee identified 3 main priorities and the desired outcomes and performances indicators for each priority.

For further information refer to the attached staff report dated September 18, 2025.

DISCUSSION

The Youth Advisory Committee considered the staff report dated September 18, 2025 and approved the recommendation to the Executive Standing Committee as outlined in this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications identified.

RISK CONSIDERATION

No risk considerations identified.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Youth Advisory Committee is comprised of 11 citizen members. Virtual meetings are live webcast on Halifax.ca. The agenda, reports, video, and minutes of the Committee are posted on Halifax.ca.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

No environmental implications identified.

ALTERNATIVES

The Youth Advisory Committee did not provide alternatives.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Administrative Order Number 2017-011-GOV, *Respecting the Youth Advisory Committee in Halifax Regional Municipality*

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.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – 2025/26 Youth Advisory Committee Work Plan

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Approved 2025/26 Youth Advisory Committee Work Plan

Subcategories/Action	Alignment with Terms of Reference	Person/ Group Responsible	Resources required other services providers, government, funds, etc.	Time Frame	Desired Outcome	Performance indicators: How will you measure your accomplishments
Priority 1: Health and Wellness with an emphasis on resources for youth <i>The following topics have been identified as being especially important:</i> • Engaging with organizations to address food insecurity for youth in HRM • Connecting youth to mental health supports • Learning about Active opportunities for youth in HRM (focus on urban and rural areas) • Housing Resources for youth living rough.		All Committee Members	Expertise of Committee Members, staff members of HRM, and Halifax community organizations with specialized knowledge in support for youth and community on relevant topics	2025-26	Committee members will become more knowledgeable about resources available for youth wellness Committee Members will review the existing policy relevant to this priority and provide any relevant recommendations to Executive Standing Committee.	Committee Members will review at least (1) existing policy that impacts wellness for youth in HRM. Committee Members will make 1-3 motions for action to the Executive Standing Committee pertaining to youth health and wellness. Committee Members will receive presentations from community organizations with information on health and wellness resources in HRM.
Priority 2: Meaningful Employment and Volunteer Opportunities with an emphasis on lifelong skills.		All Committee Members	Expertise of Committee Members, staff members of HRM, and Halifax	2025-26	Committee members will become more knowledgeable about resources	Committee Members will review at least (1) existing policy that impacts wellness for youth in HRM.

Attachment 1

<i>The following topics have been identified as being especially important:</i> • <i>Training Opportunities</i> • <i>Resume/Interview skills</i> • <i>Access to job opportunities/postings</i> • <i>Support for youth entrepreneurship</i> • <i>Grants for volunteer hours</i>			<i>Community organizations that support youth employment and volunteer opportunities.</i>		<i>available for youth employment.</i> <i>Committee will provide information and resources and guidance for opportunities, training, and skill building for employment.</i>	<i>Committee Members will receive presentations from community organizations with information on health and wellness resources in HRM.</i> <i>Committee Members will use their website and online platforms to connect resources to youth.</i>
Priority 3: Engagement and Outreach with an emphasis on online and in person community building <i>The following topics have been identified as being especially important:</i> • <i>Develop an engagement strategy (website updates, social media posts, etc.)</i> • <i>Promotion of Youth Serving Organizations through website and social media</i> • <i>Engagements with youth in community</i>		<i>All Committee Members</i>	<i>Expertise of Committee Members, staff members of HRM, and Halifax Community organizations.</i>	2025-26	<i>Committee Members will be present for youth both online and offline.</i>	<i>Committee Members will receive presentations from community organizations with information on health and wellness resources in HRM.</i> <i>Committee Members will regularly update website with resources and opportunities for youth.</i> <i>Committee Members will host at least 1 event to connect youth with local governance.</i>

Promotion of youth participation in governance						
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