



YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 20, 2019

PRESENT: Harrison Paul, Co-Chair
Shelby Baxter
Cheyenne Hardy
Arthur Huang
Gracie (TJ) Hudson
Jocelyn Paul
Alissa Provo
Nevell Provo
Adrian White

REGRETS: Ellen Smith, Co-Chair
Chaz Garroway
Jake Ivany

STAFF: Lee Moore, Manager, Youth Live
Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m. and adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Harrison Paul, Co-chair called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. at the Youth Power House, 1606 Bell Road, Halifax.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 18, 2019

MOVED by Adrian White, seconded by Nevell Provo

THAT the minutes of April 18, 2019 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions: None

MOVED by Adrian White, seconded by Cheyenne Hardy

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS – NONE

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Update on Municipal Clerk's Office Initiatives including Elections

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff memorandum dated May 8, 2019 re: Update on Municipal Clerk's Office Initiatives including Elections
- A staff presentation dated June 20, 2019

Kevin Arjoon, Municipal Clerk, Patricia Smith, Election Coordinator and Hannah Forsyth, Board and Committee Analyst provided a presentation to the Committee on Municipal Clerk's Office Initiatives and Elections.

Arjoon, Smith and Forsyth highlighted the following initiatives and activities being under taken by the Municipal Clerk's Office

- Civics Education Programming in Schools
- Engagement – the Municipal Clerk's Office's Get Involved Guide
- Open Government – Lens which is used when beginning new initiatives
- Review of Board Support and Training

- Public Appointment Policy Review
- Campaign Finance By-law
- Methods of Voting – Procurement of E-Voting platform
- Candidate Materials
- Voter Engagement

The Committee held a discussion on the information provided by the Municipal Clerk's Office. Key highlights of the discussion include:

- The importance of engaging youth in municipal government by demonstrating how it impacts their daily lives and clearing up any gaps in understanding.
- Engaging junior high/high school students through mock elections
- The promotion of e-voting through social media applications like Instagram to enhance voter engagement/candidate recruitment.
- The creation of a short (two minute or less) Instagram video that illustrates young people engaging in everyday activities and then voting through their mobile devices.
- The use of "character stories" in public outreach material (Board/Committee or Elections) which relate to young people as a manner of enhancing interest.

Hannah Forsyth, lead the Committee through an activity developed by the Municipal Clerks Office to help identify manners to engage youth in civic outreach, elections, and volunteer recruitment.

9.1.2 Youth Advisory Committee Work Plan

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated June 10, 2019

MOVED by Gracie (TJ) Hudson, seconded by Nevell Provo

THAT the Youth Advisory Committee recommend that Executive Standing Committee receive the Youth Advisory Committee Work Plan for Committee activities from June 2019 through to March 2020 as attachment A of the June 10, 2019 staff report.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1.3 Administrative Issues

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff memorandum dated June 20, 2019 re: Y.E.S Camp 2019 & YAC Hoodie Order

Lee Moore, Manager of Youth Live led the committee in a discussion regarding Parks & Recreation's annual Y.E.S. Camp. Moore advised that the camp brings together Youth Leadership Program youth from all over the municipality for a 3-day overnight camp at Camp Mockingee in Windsor, NS. The youth who attend gain leadership experience through games, activities and learning sessions. Approximately 75 youth attend this event.

Moore advised of staff's intention to formally invite members of the YAC to take part in this learning event as part of the committee's outreach and engagement.

Moore provided further commentary regarding the YAC Hoodie order.

9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

9.2.1 Committee Participation at 2019 Mawita'jik Conference

Harrison Paul, Co-Chair provided an overview of the Committee's participation at the 2019 Mawita'jik

Conference taking place June 21-22, 2019 at the Zatzman Sportsplex. Harrison advised that Jocelyn Paul will also attend the conference as a Committee representative. The Committee discussed the public outreach information that will be available at the table hosted by the Youth Advisory Committee.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – July 18, 2019 (if required)

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Liam MacSween
Legislative Assistant