



**YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 20, 2020**

PRESENT: Ellen Smith, Chair
Arthur Huang
Shelby Baxter
Sabrina Hussein
Chaz Garroway

REGRETS: Alissa Provo
Jocelyn Paul
Nevell Provo
Gracie (TJ) Hudson
Cheyenne Hardy

STAFF: Becca Bishop, Community Developer
Eliza Jackson, Transportation Demand Management Coordinator
Johnathon Goldson, Transportation Demand Management Intern
Robyn Dean, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m. and adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Legislative Assistant called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. in the Youth Power House, 1606 Bell Road, Halifax.

ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR

The Committee agreed by consensus to defer the election of Chair and Vice Chair to their meeting on April 16, 2020.

2. COMMITTEE MEMBER CHECK-IN

Members of the Youth Advisory Committee provided updates on their activities since the January 23, 2020 meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 21, 2019 & January 23, 2020

MOVED by Arthur Huang, seconded by Shelby Baxter

THAT the minutes of November 21, 2019 & January 23, 2020 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Arthur Huang, seconded by Shelby Baxter

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

6. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS – NONE

9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

10. REPORTS

10.1 STAFF

10.1.1 Staff Presentation – Fire Services

The Committee agreed by consensus to defer this presentation to their meeting on April 16, 2020.

10.1.2 Staff Presentation – Planning & Development

The following was before the Youth Advisory Committee:

- A presentation entitled “Transportation Demand Management Strategy”

Eliza Jackson, Transportation Demand Management Coordinator, gave a brief presentation on transportation demand management. Jackson explained that their main goal is to work with people and encourage them to use more sustainable modes of transportation. Additionally, Jackson expressed

interest in understanding the barriers in place for youth to access sustainable transportation and in learning how to better engage youth within the Transportation Demand Management Strategy.

The Committee discussed the presentation with staff and focused their conversation on the main barriers for youth in using sustainable transportation. Additionally, the Committee also discussed ideas about how the Transportation Demand Management Team could reduce these barriers and encourage new behaviours. Specifically, the Committee expressed the following concerns:

- Safety and/or security while cycling and using public transit
- Price
- Frequency of public transit
- Availability of public transit in rural areas
- Coin-based payment system

The Committee suggested the following ideas to eliminate barriers associated with youth access to sustainable modes of transportation:

- Partner with Halifax Regional Centre for Education to find a way to get public transit to schools in rural areas
- Provide student discounts for public transit
- Promote security and raise awareness of safety mechanisms provided in sustainable modes of transportation
- Implement an online payment system (i.e., Presto Cards) to eliminate the need for coin-based payment
- Increase the frequency of public transit (especially on the weekends)
- Provide public bicycles for rent

10.1.3 2020 Work Plan

The Committee discussed their future work planning meeting. To accommodate various schedules, it was agreed that this meeting should be held over the weekend sometime in March. Becca Bishop, Community Developer, informed the Committee that a Doodle Poll would be sent out to determine the best time and location.

10.2 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES – NONE

11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 26, 2020

13. COMMITTEE MEMBER CHECK-OUT

Committee members discussed lessons learned from the presentations and agenda items at the meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Robyn Dean
Legislative Assistant