



**WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 3, 2022**

PRESENT: Jane McKay-Nesbitt, Chair
Christine Qin Yang, Vice Chair
Haneen Al-Noman
Sonia Ikheloa
Jacquie Gahagan
Maggie Hua

REGRETS: Councillor Iona Stoddard
Councillor Lisa Blackburn
Liz Vickers-Drennan
Hannah Jackson
Kim MacDonald

STAFF: Tracey Jones-Grant, Manager, Diversity & Inclusion
Baylee Brown, Gender Equity Advisor, Diversity & Inclusion
Amy Brierley, Program Coordinator, Safe Cities & Public Space, Government
Relations & External Affairs
Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 4:42 p.m. The Committee adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair advised that the Committee did not have quorum, but could move forward with discussions and defer any items requiring decisions until quorum was achieved.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:42 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.
Item 9.3.1 Council Update – Iona Stoddard was moved to the next meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 8, 2022

MOVED by Maggie Hua, seconded by Christine Qin Yang

THAT the minutes of September 8, 2022 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Haneen Al Noman, seconded by Sonia Ikheloa

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

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

7.1 Correspondence – None

7.2 Petitions – None

7.3 Presentation – None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Women's Advisory Committee Proposed 2023 Meeting Schedule

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff recommendation report dated October 28, 2022

MOVED by Maggie Hua, seconded by Haneen Al-Noman

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve the proposed 2023 Women's Advisory Committee meeting schedule as circulated.

Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant and Tracey Jones-Grants, Manager, Diversity & Inclusion responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOVED by Christine Qin Yang, seconded by Haneen Al-Noman

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee defer Item 9.1.1 Women's Advisory Committee Proposed 2023 Meeting Schedule to the December 1, 2022 meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.

9.1.2 Update from Safe Cities and Public Safety Office

Amy Brierley, Program Coordinator provided an update on the Race and Gender Data and the Safety of Asian Women and Non-Binary People staff report and the upcoming staff report regarding Muslim women and non-binary residents' safety and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

9.2 WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

9.2.1 Discussion on Case 22020: A By-law Respecting Hours of Opening of Food Service Businesses in Residential Neighbourhoods in the Regional Centre

The following was before the Committee:

- Request for committee's consideration form from Haneen Al-Noman

MOVED by Haneen Al-Noman, seconded by Maggie Hua

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee recommend that the Executive Standing Committee request a staff report and recommendations for ultimate consideration by Regional Council:

- 1. Examining the negative gendered effects of restricting commercial business's hours of operation in certain areas and how to minimize such effects;**
- 2. Examining how proposed by-law changes may be consistently reviewed from gendered lens; and**
- 3. Reviewing how existing zoning by-laws may adversely impact the safety of women and gender diverse individuals in the HRM area.**

Tracey Jones-Grant, Manager, Diversity & Inclusion and Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

As provided for in section 90 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the motion was separated for voting purposes.

MOVED by Haneen Al Noman, seconded by Maggie Hua

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee defer part one of Item 9.2.1 Discussion on Case 22020: A By-law Respecting Hours of Opening of Food Service Businesses in Residential Neighbourhoods in the Regional Centre to a future meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee:

- 1. Examining the negative gendered effects of restricting commercial business's hours of operation in certain areas and how to minimize such effects;**

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Haneen Al Noman, seconded by Maggie Hua

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee recommend that the Executive Standing Committee request a staff report and recommendations for ultimate consideration by Regional Council:

- 2. Examining how proposed by-law changes may be consistently reviewed from gendered lens; and**
- 3. Reviewing how existing zoning by-laws may adversely impact the safety of women and gender diverse individuals in the HRM area.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2.2 Action Regarding Basic Income in HRM

MOVED by Haneen Al-Noman, seconded by Jacquie Gahagan

THAT the Chair of the Women's Advisory Committee write a letter of support to Halifax Regional Council regarding their decision to send a request to the Government of Canada to implement a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income, which would ensure that everyone has sufficient income to meet their needs.

Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2.3 2023 Workplan Brainstorm Discussion

The Chair advised that the Committee did not have quorum and move forward with the presentations and defer any items requiring decisions to the end of the meeting or until quorum was achieved.

9.3 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

9.3.1 Council Update – Iona Stoddard

The Committee agreed to defer this item to their next regular meeting.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – December 1, 2022

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Catie Campbell
Legislative Assistant