



**WOMEN AND GENDER EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 19, 2024**

PRESENT: Jacquie Gahagan, Chair
Councillor Becky Kent
Sonia Ikheloa
Liz Fraser
Doreen Redmond
Cheryl Copage-Gehue
Sherryl Murphy
Zoey Zhou

REGRETS: Councillor Pam Lovelace
Hannah Jackson, Vice Chair
Rhiannon Makohoniuk

STAFF: Carla John, Advisor Diversity & Inclusion, Office of Diversity & Inclusion
Baylee Brown, Coordinator 2SLGBTQ+/Gender Equity, Community
Engagement and Research, Office of Diversity & Inclusion
Amy Brierley, Social Policy Strategist, Programming & Partnerships
Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:32 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.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 28, 2024

MOVED by Sherryll Murphy, seconded by Cheryl Copage-Gehue

THAT the minutes of August 28, 2024 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- Item 10.1 – Letter re: GBA+ Training for Mayor and Regional Council

Deletions: None

MOVED by Doreen Redmond, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Later in the meeting, as provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Liz Fraser requested that Item 10.1 – Letter re: GBA+ Training for Mayor and Regional Council be considered prior to item 9.1.1.

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

7.3.1 Overview of Affordable Housing in HRM – Ren Thomas

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated September 19, 2024

Ren Thomas, Associate Professor, School of Planning, Dalhousie University gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant responded to questions of clarification from the Committee and noted the Committee was slated to receive a presentation from Halifax Regional Municipality's Planning & Development staff regarding housing at a future meeting.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Update re: Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 2019-004-GOV, Respecting the Women's Advisory Committee - Change to Terms of Reference

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff report to Regional Council dated August 26, 2024

Carla John, Advisor Diversity & Inclusion, Office of Diversity & Inclusion provided an update regarding the staff report that went before Regional Council at the September 10, 2024 meeting.

10. ADDED ITEMS

10.1 Letter re: GBA+ Training for Mayor and Regional Council

The following was before the Committee:

- Request for Consideration form from Jacquie Gahagan

Jacquie Gahagan stepped down from the Chair and Sherryll Murphy assumed the Chair.

MOVED by Jacquie Gahagan, seconded by Doreen Redmond

THAT the Chair of the Women and Gender Equity Advisory Committee write a letter on the Committee's behalf to encourage the newly elected Mayor and Regional Council to participate in the Federal Government's Gender-Based Analysis (GBA+) training provided by HRM.

Baylee Brown, Coordinator 2SLGBTQ+/Gender Equity, Community Engagement and Research, Office of Diversity & Inclusion, Amy Brierley, Social Policy Strategist, Programming & Partnerships and Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOVED by Jacquie Gahagan, seconded by Liz Fraser

THAT the motion be amended to remove "Federal Government" and "provided by HRM".

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Jacquie Gahagan, seconded by Doreen Redmond

THAT the Chair of the Women and Gender Equity Advisory Committee write a letter on the Committee's behalf to encourage the newly elected Mayor and Regional Council to participate in the Gender-Based Analysis (GBA+) training.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.

Jacquie Gahagan resumed the Chair.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – October 17, 2024

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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Elizabeth Macdonald
Legislative Assistant