HALIFAX

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 20, 2025

PRESENT:	Zoya Hussain, Chair Cyril Jurdak O'Brien, Vice Chair Abraham Amusan Hania Ali Hebah Eiman Bianca Marzan Gabriel Milhet Krystal Mutyabule
REGRETS:	Damini Awoyiga Simone Boudreau Isabella Williams
STAFF:	Olivia Davis, Community Developer Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:08 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.

1.1 Annual Election of Chair

This matter was deferred during the approval of the Order of Business.

1.2 Annual Election of Vice Chair

This matter was deferred during the approval of the Order of Business.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 18, 2025

MOVED by Hania Ali, seconded by Cyril Jurdak O'Brien

THAT the minutes of September 18, 2025 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 – Discussion of 2026/27 Municipal Budget

Deletions: None

Deferred to the January 22, 2026 meeting of Youth Advisory Committee:

- Item 1.1 – Annual Election of Chair
- Item 1.2 – Annual Election of Vice Chair

MOVED by Abraham Amusan, seconded by Hebah Eiman

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

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
7.3.1 Recruiting for the Nova Scotia Youth, Nature, and Wellbeing Survey – *Maddie Kwan and Agustina Cohen*

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated November 20, 2025

- Handout dated November 20, 2025

Maddie Kwan, Researcher, Dalhousie University and Agustina Cohen, Researcher, Dalhousie University gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

Olivia Davis, Community Developer and Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant responded to questions of clarification from the Committee. Macdonald outlined options for the Committee to submit correspondence to Halifax Regional Council.

Zoya Hussain stepped down from the Chair and Cyril Jurdak O'Brien assumed the Chair.

The Chair exited the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION
9.1 STAFF
9.1.1 Proposed 2026 Meeting Schedule

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff memorandum dated November 20, 2025

MOVED by Krystal Mutyabule, seconded by Hania Ali

THAT the Youth Advisory Committee approve the proposed 2026 Youth Advisory Committee meeting schedule as outlined in the staff memorandum.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1.2 Update on Youth Services Plan for Parks and Recreation

Olivia Davis, Community Developer provided an update on the Youth Services Plan Team and spoke to the Halifax Regional Municipality's annual Volunteer Conference on November 21, 2025.

10. ADDED ITEMS
10.1 Discussion of 2026/27 Municipal Budget

The Committee discussed the November 19, 2025 Budget Committee meeting and noted the importance of the municipality's climate initiative and HalifACT: Acting on Climate Together. The Committee asked staff to request information from HalifACT staff on the potential impacts to the initiative if funding were reduced. The Committee discussed the possibility of writing a letter to Budget Committee and holding a special meeting to discuss the impacts of the 2026/27 Municipal Budget.

The Committee expressed an interest in receiving a presentation on the proposed Bus Rapid Transit Network from Halifax Transit staff at a future meeting.

Olivia Davis, Community Developer and Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant responded to questions of clarification from the Committee. Macdonald outlined options for the Committee to communicate with Budget Committee by submitting correspondence and registering for public participation.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 22, 2026

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Elizabeth Macdonald
Legislative Assistant