



**YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 21, 2019**

PRESENT: Adrian White, Interim Chair
Harrison Paul
Ellen Smith
Shelby Baxter
Chaz Garroway
Cheyenne Hardy
Taylor James Hudson
Jake Ivany
Jocelyn Paul
Alissa Provo
Nevell Provo

REGRETS: Arthur Huang

STAFF: Sharon Martin, Manager Youth Programs
Amanda Reddick, Community Developer – Youth Programming
Kevin Arjoon, Municipal Clerk
Phoebe Rai, Legislative Assistant

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

The agenda, reports, supporting documents, and information items circulated are online at halifax.ca.

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m. and the Committee adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m. at the Power House Youth Centre, 1606 Bell Road, Halifax.

The Legislative Assistant called for a motion to appoint an interim Chair to lead the meeting.

MOVED by Jake Ivany, seconded by Chaz Garroway

THAT Adrian White be appointed interim Chair for the March 21, 2019 meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NONE

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

The Committee agreed to consider item 9.1.1 after item 9.1.3.

MOVED by Harrison Paul, seconded by Nevell Provo,

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 – NONE

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Youth Summit – Sunday, April 7, 2019, 2:00 p.m. in the Paul O'Regan Hall, Halifax Central Library

Amanda Reddick, Community Developer Youth Programming spoke to the planning process for the upcoming Youth Summit.

The Committee held a discussion regarding the content and organization of the Summit including the following suggestions for further consideration by staff:

- Having a formal introduction followed by group discussions on specific topics;
- Options for accessibility including sign language interpreters or real-time translation (CART) captioning;
- Including a note on the poster to let us know if attendees require accommodations re: accessibility or transportation;
- Including an age range (13-24) on the poster;
- Municipal departments to be included:

- Transportation
- Transit (resource support & development)
- Parks and Recreation
- The Office of Diversity and Inclusion
- Emergency (fire or police) re: mental health issues
- Grants (Finance and Special Events)
- Planning and Development (Centre Plan and Large Projects)
- Cogswell Project Team
- Indigenous-led acknowledgement of Mi'kma'ki

9.1.2 Youth Advisory Committee Workplan

The following was before the Youth Advisory Committee:

- A handout entitled "Department Action Items for YAC" circulated by Sharon Martin

Sharon Martin, Manager of Youth Programming, facilitated a work planning session with the Committee.

The Committee developed six groupings of issues they would like to focus on in the work plan.

Group 1:

Common knowledge skills information
Election knowledge
Getting youth involved with voting

Group 2:

Electric car charging stations
Public transit accessibility and safety
Electric cars, infrastructure, and bus fleet
Transit improvements including more bus stops and safety
Ride sharing (e.g. Uber/Lyft)
Public transportation, particularly for youth
Free bus passes for ages 14-19

Group 3:

North American Indigenous Games 2020
More awareness around Indigenous youth holistic health

Group 4:

Bringing more interest and accessibility to education
Environmental issues / racism
Climate change awareness
Recycling
Supporting youth initiatives acting on environmental issues (e.g. iMatter Enrich Project)
Engaging underprivileged communities; education

Group 5:

Accessibility to buildings
Accessibility: built space, transit
Queer spaces
Alternatives for single-use plastics

Group 6:

Mental health outlet for men / end the stigma
Mental health support
Mental health services, particularly for high school & university students

9.1.3 2019 Committee Meeting Schedule

The following was before the Youth Advisory Committee:

- A proposed 2019 Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule circulated by the Legislative Assistant

The Committee held a discussion regarding the proposed schedule noting that meeting in December can be difficult for youth due to exam schedules.

MOVED by Harrison Paul, seconded by Jake Ivany

THAT the proposed 2019 Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule be amended to remove the December 19, 2019 meeting.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.

A further discussion ensued, with members noting that meetings in the summer may be difficult to schedule as summer plans are uncertain. The Committee agreed to a friendly amendment that the proposed meetings in June, July and August be marked "tentative" to be confirmed at a later date.

MOVED by Harrison Paul, seconded by Chaz Garroway

THAT the proposed 2019 Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

The Legislative Assistant called for nominations for Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Adrian White, seconded by Taylor James Hudson

THAT Harrison Paul be nominated for the position of Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Nevell Provo, seconded by Chaz Garroway

THAT Ellen Smith be nominated for the position of Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee.

The Legislative Assistant called three times for further nominations; there being none it was MOVED by Cheyenne Hardy, seconded by Shelby Baxter

THAT nominations for Chair be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Following further discussion, the Committee agreed to appoint Co-Chairs in lieu of a Chair and Vice-Chair.

MOVED by Jake Ivany, seconded by Cheyenne Hardy

THAT Harrison Paul and Ellen Smith be appointed Co-Chairs of the Youth Advisory Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - April 18, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in Halifax Hall

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Phoebe Rai
Legislative Assistant