



**YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2021**

PRESENT: Ellen Smith, Chair
Jocelyn Paul
Cheyenne Hardy
Alissa Provo
Stacie Smith
Shelby Baxter
Sabrina Hussein

REGRETS: Chaz Garroway

STAFF: Becca Bishop, Community Developer
Annie Sherry, Legislative Assistant
Haruka Aoyama, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. and adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

2. COMMITTEE MEMBER CHECK-IN

The Committee members shared how they have been doing.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 19, 2020 and March 25, 2021

MOVED by Stacie Smith, seconded by Jocelyn Paul

THAT the minutes of November 19, 2020 and March 25, 2021 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Cheyenne Hardy, seconded by Jocelyn Paul

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION OUT 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

8.1 Correspondence

The Legislative Assistant noted that there was no correspondence received.

8.2 Petitions - NONE

8.3 Presentations – NONE

9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

10. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

10.1 STAFF

10.1.1 Youth Services Plan Update – Becca Bishop, Community Developer

The following was before the Committee:

- A copy of presentation dated May 20, 2021

Becca Bishop, Community Developer provided an update of Youth Service Plan and introduced five areas of focus for Youth Service Plan 2 and invited the Committee members to take surveys and share with their network.

10.1.2 Proposed 2021 Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

The following was before the Committee:

- Proposed 2021 Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Sabrina Hussein, seconded by Alissa Provo

THAT the Youth Advisory Committee approve the 2021 meeting schedule as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.5 Work Plan Discussion

The Legislative Assistant provided an overview of the Youth Advisory Committee Terms of Reference as an introduction to the Work Plan session.

The Committee reviewed issues of interest discussed during the Work Plan session at the September 24, 2020 meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee to determine three priorities the Committee will focus in 2021.

The Committee suggested voting through a poll to determine the top 3 priorities of the Committee.

The Legislative Assistant conducted the vote using a polling feature in Zoom and the following three topics were identified as the Committee's 2021 priorities in the Work Plan.

- Mental health accessibility for youth especially with COVID-19
- Systemic racism for Indigenous, Black, African, and African Nova Scotian communities
- Lack of access to programming and opportunities for youth in rural and lower income communities

The Chair encouraged Committee members to do some research before the next meeting and identify community organizations that work within the three priority areas. The research or work of community organizations identified may be shared with the Committee members for further discussion.

11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – *June 17, 2021*

13. COMMITTEE CHECK OUT

The Committee recognized that the three priorities identified in item 10.1.5 intersect, are important and impactful. The Committee shared excitement for further discussion on the 3 priorities in the work plan and potential actions that the Committee might make.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Haruka Aoyama
Legislative Assistant