

**Youth Advisory Committee 2022 Work Plan**

The duties of the Youth Advisory Committee are outlined in sections 6-9 of Administrative Order 2017-011-GOV (AO 2017-011-GOV)<sup>1</sup>, as indicated below:

***Duties of the Committee***

6. *The Committee shall advise Council, through the Executive Standing Committee, on matters related to youth as follows:*

- (a) identify and advise on youth access to existing and proposed municipal services and facilities;*
- (b) advise and make recommendations about strategies designed to achieve the objectives of the Committee; and*
- (c) receive and review information directed to it by Council and its committees, and to make recommendations as requested.*

7. *To advise business units in responding to issues and concerns of youth, when requested to do so by the Chief Administrative Officer.*

8. *To host community consultations related to youth in the Municipality, including an annual Town Hall Meeting, and report to the Executive Standing Committee on the issues identified through such community consultations.*

9. *Significant municipal matters, plans and programs having an impact on youth shall be referred to the Committee for its consideration and recommendations to Regional Council through the Executive Standing Committee*

To effectively carry out the duties specified above, it is important for YAC members to be informed about programs and services that impact youth in the HRM, and to gain a broad understanding of issues facing youth in the HRM.

The three items listed in the Subcategories/Action column listed below were identified at a brainstorming session by the Youth Advisory Committee in April 2022.

Subcategories/Action	Alignment with Terms of Reference <sup>i</sup>	Person/Group Responsible	Resources required other service providers, Government, Funds, etc.	Time Frame	Desired Outcome	Performance Indicators: How will you measure your accomplishments
<p><b>Priority 1: Youth Perspective and Engagement on the HRM's Social Policy Priorities<sup>ii</sup></b>, with emphasis on access to food insecurity and housing, and the Public Safety Office.</p>	<p>Sections 5(a)-(d) and 6(a)</p>	<p>All Committee Members</p>	<p>Expertise of Committee Members, staff members of HRM (representatives from Government Relations and External Affairs, Community Developers, Parks and Recreation, Diversity and Inclusion</p>	<p>2022</p>	<p>Invite Business Units and Organizations in the HRM working in this area to present to the committee, compile information and pass recommendations along to Executive</p>	<p>Example: Committee Members will receive # of presentations from Business Units/Organizations presented, information gathered and passed along to the Executive Standing Committee through a report.</p>

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			Office, Public Safety Office) and HRM Community organizations (Nova Scotia Farmer's Market Organization) with specialized knowledge on items 6 b and 6 c of the HRM's Social Policy Areas of Focus: food security and housing.		Standing Committee through a report.  Committee members will become more knowledgeable about issues and solutions on housing and food security issues in the HRM so that they may effectively perform their role as an Advisory Committee.	Example: The Youth Advisory Committee will plan a Town Hall/Forum on this topic and its impact on Youth in the HRM, and pass this information along to Ex
<b>Priority 2: Climate Action</b> - Advise the Executive Standing Committee on how to continually incorporate input from youth of all races, genders, and ability levels in HaliFACT, Halifax's climate action plan.	Sections 5(a)-(d), and 6(a)-(b)	All Committee Members	Expertise of Committee Members, staff members of HRM (Public Safety Office) and HRM Community organizations (Ecology Action Centre, Dal Sustainability Society) with specialized knowledge the topic.	2022	Invite Business Units and Organizations in the HRM working in this area to present to the committee, compile information and pass recommendations along to Executive Standing Committee through a report.  Committee members will become more knowledgeable about HaliFACT and its impact on youth in the HRM so that they may	Committee Members will receive # of presentations from Business Units/Organizations presented, information gathered and passed along to the Executive Standing Committee through a report.

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<b>Priority 3: Supporting Youth Self-Reliance -</b> Raising awareness about and advocating for sustainable and affordable resources for youth in the HRM, especially when transitioning to self-reliance.	Sections 5(a)-(d), and 6(a)-6(b)	All Committee Members	Expertise of Committee Members, staff members of HRM and HRM Community organizations (Mental Health Association of Nova Scotia, African Culture Centre, Dal SU) with specialized knowledge the topic.	2022	Invite Business Units and Organizations in the HRM working in this area to present to the committee, compile information and pass recommendations along to Executive Standing Committee through a report.	Committee Members will receive # of presentations from Business Units/Organizations presented, information gathered and passed along to the Executive Standing Committee through a report.

<sup>i</sup> [Administrative Order 2017-011-GOV - Respecting the Youth Advisory Committee | Halifax.ca](#)

<sup>ii</sup> [Administrative Order 2020-002-GOV, Social Policy Administrative Order | Halifax.ca](#)