

**REGIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

February 18, 2008

PRESENT: Ms. Mhari Lamarque, Chair
Councillor Gloria McClusky
Ms. Tina Babineau
Ms. Judy Makmillen
Mr. Ryan Dodge
Ms. Shannen Lumsden
Mr. Lucian Mustain
Mr. Kevin Hazelhurst
Ms. Rachel Eisener
Mr. Ben Murray

REGRETS: Mr. Callum Dunphy, Vice-Chair
Councillor Linda Mosher
Mr. Andrew Pumphery
Ms. Jaqueline Wigle

STAFF: Mr. Lee Moore, Community Developer
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. at the Bloomfield Centre, 2786 Agricola Street.

2. COMMUNITY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notes were submitted on Ms. Wigle's behalf from the Mayor's Open Table Discussion at Caledonia Junior High School, dated February 7, 2008.

Ms. Babineau informed the Committee that the Halifax United Nations was being held at Halifax West High School. The opening gala will be on February 27th in the evening and the event will take place on February 28th and 29th. She advised that there would be guest speakers and students coming from New Brunswick to participate. Ms. Babineau stated that she was selling tickets for the opening gala at a cost of five (5) dollars.

Ms. Eisener informed the Committee that her community had just held it's Winter Fest and over two hundred (200) people attended.

The Chair advised that all Committee members will be asked to give a small update at the next meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - January 21, 2008

Corrections - Mr. Ben Murray was present at the meeting.

MOVED BY Ms. Eisener, seconded by Mr. Dodge that the minutes of January 21, 2008, as corrected, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions :

- 9.1 Discount Card - Mr. Moore
- 9.2 HRM Youth Website - Mr. Moore
- 9.3 Budget - Mr. Moore

Deletions:

- 7.3.2 Recreation Facilities Master Plan - Ms. Betty Lou Killen, Community Development

MOVED BY Mr. Murray, seconded by Ms. Babineau that the agenda, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

6.1 Meeting Location

Mr. Moore advised that he would look into booking a room at Citadel High to serve as a potential permanent meeting place on the Halifax side.

6.2 Sub - Committees

Mr. Moore made clarifications regarding the sub-committees. He encouraged members to get information for these sub-committees and advised that he would help in any way he could.

Ms. Babineau put forward the idea of having a sub-committee that liaises with schools throughout HRM. The members agreed that everyone would serve on this sub-committee.

The following sub-committees were noted:

Youth Events and Website - Mr. Dodge, Mr. Murray and Ms. Makmillen will help Mr. Moore with the website. However, Mr. Moore encouraged all members to post events and updates.

Recreation Programs and Services/ Facility Development - Ms. Lumsden, Ms. Makmillen, Ms. Eisener, Mr. Hazelhurst and Mr. Murray will serve on this sub-committee

Transportation - Mr. Mustain, Mr. Hazelhurst and Mr. Dodge will serve on this sub-committee.

Arts & Culture - Ms. Makmillen, Ms. Babineau and Ms. Lumsden will serve on this sub-committee.

MOVED BY Ms. Eisener, seconded by Ms. Babineau that the Regional Youth Advisory Committee approve the above noted sub-committees and membership. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

7.2 PETITIONS - NONE

7.3 DELEGATIONS

7.3.1 Youth Volunteering - Ms. Katy Kemp

Ms. Katy Kemp provided the presentation on Youth Volunteering and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award . Highlights of her presentation were as follows:

- C The award program has been in place since the 1950's and is available to youth in over one hundred and fifty (150) countries;
- C It is a self driven award program which requires youth to have the initiative to get their own award through volunteer work, by learning a skill, by physical activity or by an adventure journey section;
- C There is a registration fee of thirty (30) dollars but this is not a barrier as youth who are unable to pay this fee will be accommodated;
- C There are bronze, silver and gold time frames to be reached throughout the program;
- C The award program has partnered with the Department of Education;
- C The bronze award ceremony takes place with a special presentation from local MLA's;
- C The silver award ceremony takes place annually and the Lieutenant Governor makes a special presentation as she is the official representative for the organization;
- C The gold award is granted by the Governor General and is presented by royalty, therefore, it takes place less frequently;
- C The age range for the program is fourteen (14) to twenty five (25) years;
- C The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a non-profit organization.

Ms. Kemp distributed brochures and registration forms to the Committee.

A discussion ensued with Ms. Kemp responding to questions. The following comments were noted:

- C Youth are not required to register with a group to take part in the program;
- C The organization offers a number of back packing trips for a fee of sixty (60) dollars to help independent participants obtain their camping skill.

The Chair thanked Ms. Kemp for her presentation.

7.3.2 Recreation Facilities Master Plan - Ms. Betty Lou Killen, Community Development

This item was deleted as the presenter could not attend.

8. REPORTS

9. ADDED ITEMS

9.1 Discount Card

Mr. Moore suggested that the Committee create an HRM Youth student discount card and target businesses to support it. He stated that since transportation was an important issue to youth that perhaps Metro Transit would look into endorsing the card as well. Mr. Moore also advised that he would like the card to be free and distributed at local libraries and recreation centres around HRM. He also advised that he would have more information when the budget comes out.

The Committee was supportive of Mr. Moore's suggestion.

Councillor McCluskey noted that she would help in any way she could.

9.2 Website

Mr. Moore advised the Committee that the website was almost ready and that a video had been made featuring the local band, In the Style. He advised that there would be a meeting on March 5th, 2008 at the Bloomfield Centre and anyone who would like to attend and help out is welcome. He distributed posters for the event to the Committee.

Mr. Hazelhurst encouraged fellow Committee members to display posters at their respective schools.

9.3 Budget

Mr. Moore advised the Committee that he was going to use the last of the Regional Youth funds on the HRM Youth website, however, he had been asked to put that on hold until the new budget. He will inform the Committee regarding whether or not dinner will be provided at the next meeting.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 17, 2008.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant