

**REGIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

January 21, 2008

PRESENT: Ms. Mhari Lamarque, Chair
Councillor Linda Mosher
Ms. Tina Babineau
Ms. Judy MakMillen
Ms. Jaqueline Wigle
Mr. Ryan Dodge
Ms. Shannen Lumsden
Mr. Lucian Mustain
Mr. Callum Dunphy
Mr. Ben Murray

REGRETS: Councillor Gloria McClusky
Ms. Rachel Eisner
Mr. Andrew Pumphery
Mr. Kevin Hazelhurst

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 6:43 p.m. at the Halifax Regional School Board Office, 90 Alderney Drive.

2. COMMUNITY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Babineau informed the Committee that Spryfield had recently held it's Hype Day with the help of her school's leadership class. She stated that the event did not run as smoothly as those involved had hoped; that it was too short and that twice as many youth showed up as expected. Most notably, a conflict arose between two (2) junior high school students which led to one boy being badly injured. Ms. Babineau also pointed out the lack of security at the event as being an issue.

Mr. Hugh MacDonald, Area Coordinator, informed the Committee that HRM staff had received an incident report regarding the Hype Day event and that a follow up was done.

MOVED BY Councillor Mosher, seconded by Ms. Babineau that a staff report be drafted in regards to the conflicts which arose at the Spryfield Hype Day event including recommendations to mitigate such conflicts from happening at future events. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Ms. MakMillen informed the Committee that she attended the YouthScape launch on January 19th. The group painted a mural inside the Salvation Army building on Barrington Street.

Ms. Wigle informed the Committee that Mayor Kelly would be coming to Caledonia Junior High to conduct a roundtable on violence.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - May 14, 2007 & November 19, 2007

MOVED BY Ms. Wigle, seconded by Mr. Dunphy that the minutes of May 14, 2007 and November 19, 2007, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5.1 Website Launch Event - Mr. Lee Moore

Mr. Lee Moore, Community Developer, informed the Committee that the HRM Youth website was nearly complete. He has added a sidelink which will allow members to post events and youth activities. Mr. Moore also has a band booked for the website launch event. He will send an e-mail to Committee members with dates for a conference planning meeting and for the website launch event itself. Both of these meetings will take place after exams are over.

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

6.1 Meeting Location

MOVED BY Ms. Wigle, seconded by Mr. Dodge that the Committee meet alternately between Dartmouth and Halifax. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6.2 Sub - Committees

The Committee asked that this item be deferred until the next agenda.

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

7.2 PETITIONS - NONE

7.3 DELEGATIONS

7.3.1 Captain William Spry Centre - Mr. Hugh Mac Donald

Mr. Hugh MacDonald, Area Coordinator, provided the presentation on the Captain William Spry Centre renovations. Highlights of his presentation were as follows:

- C A real community need for more youth recreation has been identified over the past several years;
- C About two hundred and seventy-five (275) surveys of junior high school students in the area have been compiled over the last year;
- C Council decided to renovate the Centre;

- C The grounds are being improved and a pedestrian entry way from Herring Cove Road will be implemented;
- C A number of summer camps are run from the Centre, therefore, play areas may also be implemented;
- C A skate board park will be completed by 2009. The Centre is currently waiting on the decision of a final site;
- C The interior of the Centre will include more youth programming. There will be two (2) rooms; one (1) existing and one (1) additional;
- C There will be more community space in the lobby area including a café and vending machines;
- C There will be a viewing area for parents to watch their children in the wave pool;
- C There will be an arts studio on the second floor;
- C There will be a soundproof multi purpose room outfitted with sound recording equipment and a fitness area;
- C The Centre would like to keep the youth involved in these renovations with their input and ideas.

A discussion ensued with Mr. MacDonald responding to question. The following comments were noted:

- C Committee members raised concerns regarding the dangerous and unlit trails around the Centre. These areas will be cleaned up and properly lit;
- C Renovations are going to commence in April;
- C Phase two (2) of the renovations may include a gym;
- C Committee members were invited to visit the Centre;
- C The Committee was particularly impressed with the implementation of a soundproof multi purpose room.

The Committee thanked Mr. Mac Donald for his presentation.

8. REPORTS

9. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 18, 2008.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

The following items were added as information:

1. E-mail from Sabrina Poirier, Coordinator, YouthScape HRM, re: A Big Thank You
2. Tentative Meeting Schedule for 2008
3. HRM Photo Release Form
4. Regional Youth Advisory Committee amended Terms of Reference