

Frequently Asked Questions...

What is the Youth Advisory Committee?

The Youth Advisory Committee will be a team of 12 youth from across the municipality of Halifax who will provide input to and advise HRM Council's Executive Standing Committee on municipal issues such as policies, programs and services.

What is the Executive Standing Committee?

The Executive Standing Committee of Council has 7 members, including the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and a representative of each of Council's Standing Committees.

Who can apply?

Any youth who lives within the municipality and is between 15 -24 years old.

The municipality has designated at least 1 YAC seat for a youth from each of the following communities: *Persons with Disabilities, Mi'kmaq, African Nova Scotian, Francophone/Acadian community, Newcomer and LGBTQ2S*. Also, the Council will strive to include up to two youth from each Community Council area.

What is expected of members of the Committee?

The Youth Advisory Committee members will have an important role advising HRM Council and Senior officials on youth issues, municipal policies and practices and the relationship with the larger youth community. Working at the Municipal level, each Committee member will:

- Be available to attend each meeting
- Be active and responsible
- Work as part of a team to provide input on various municipal matters
- Commit to address and reduce youth identified barriers, as well as be advocates for youth issues

What is the time commitment for members?

Committee members will serve a one year, 10-month term – September to June (school year). They will attend face -to-face meetings once per month in the evening and be prepared to socialize with each other outside of these meetings for further discussions and ideas as determined by the team whether face-to-face, or with the use of technology. Meetings can be held at the Youth Section Building (close to Spring Garden Rd.), however, City Hall will be used most frequently.

Are members responsible for their own travel to the meetings?

No. bus tickets and snacks/refreshments will be provided at each meeting. If you are coming from an area without access to public transit, the municipality will cover your travel costs as well. Child care is also being taken into consideration for meetings.

HOW DO YOUTH APPLY?

We're currently in the early stage of exploring options for an inclusive, accessible and youth specific application process, which will likely include both traditional and more creative options. We'll keep you informed.

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