

Youth Advisory Committee

Minutes

Date: Monday, September 16, 2019
Time: 4:30 pm
Location: Tecumseh Town Hall - Sandwich South Room

Present:
Councillor Rick Tonial
Member Jacob Altenhof
Member Michael Altenhof
Chair Brendan Froese
Treasurer Kristi Koutros
Member Kurtis Hengl Lachance
Member Ava Ruuth
Member Cameron Skinner

Absent:
Secretary Tamsyn King
Member Tia-Lynne McCann
Vice-Chair Suzie Sawicki

Also Present:
Manager Committee & Community Services, Christina Hebert

A. Call to Order

The Chairperson calls the meeting to order at 4:36 pm.

B. Roll Call

C. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None reported.

D. Delegations

1. WindsorEssex Community Foundation

Re: RBC Future Launch Community Challenge Grant and Vital Conversation

Ms. Anna Maruska, WindsorEssex Community Foundation (WECF), together with Ms. Andrea Schuld, RBC provides the Members with an overview of the RBC Future Launch Community Challenge Grant (Grant). The Grant is a call to action for youth age 15-29 to make application for the Grant, valued up to \$15,000 for youth-led projects that respond to an urgent local need.

Youth and a Partner organization are encouraged to experiment with new ideas focusing on urgent local needs such as: employment, learning, health and wellness.

The deadline for submission is September 18, 2019. Projects must take place between November 15, 2019 and August 1, 2020.

The Members engage in table dialogue with WECF and RBC surrounding challenges facing youth in our community, ideas to help youth improve these challenges and how youth can work towards making changes.

The Committee extends appreciation to WECF and RBC for their presentation this evening and opportunity to share challenges from youth's perspective.

The Treasurer reviews the YAC grant proposal in respect of wellness workshops during exam time for secondary students, as circulated via email. Options for the project title are provided and the Members agree with using the title "Mind Break Before Study Break". No further changes to the proposal are suggested. Appreciation is given to the Treasurer for her efforts in drafting the YAC grant application.

The Manager Committee & Community Services reminds the Members an application in partnership with l'Essor High School is also being submitted for a community garden at l'Essor.

E. Communications

- 1. Youth Advisory Committee Minutes - April 15, 2019**
- 2. Youth Advisory Committee Minutes - May 27, 2019**
- 3. Youth Advisory Committee Minutes - June 17, 2019**
- 4. Youth Advisory Committee Minutes - July 15, 2019**

Motion: YAC - 13/19

Moved By Treasurer Kristi Koutros

Seconded By Member Kurtis Hengl
Lachance

That the minutes of the April 15, 2019, May 27, 2019, June 17, 2019 and July 15, 2019 meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee as were duplicated and delivered to the Committee members, are accepted.

Carried

5. City of Windsor News Release

Re: Calling All Young Artists

Motion: YAC - 14/19

Moved By Member Michael Altenhof

Seconded By Member Jacob Altenhof

That Communications - For Information Item E as listed on the September 16, 2019 Youth Advisory Committee Agenda be received.

Carried

F. Reports

G. Unfinished Business

1. Local Government Week

The Manager Committee & Community Services advises planning is underway for the Local Government Week activities, including tours of the Town Centre (Town Hall, OPP Station and Fire Hall Station No.1) and contests to be held in October.

In celebration of Tecumseh's 20th Anniversary, the Manager Committee & Community Services suggests the following contest ideas:

- Elementary: write a futuristic essay describing what the Town will look like in 20 years and design a time capsule
- Secondary: creating a time capsule photo collage, along with a brief written explanation

The Members concur with the contest ideas.

The Committee will assist in promoting the activities on social media and at their respective schools, once details are finalized.

2. Recreation Events

a. Canada Day Celebration

b. Outdoor Movie Night

c. Tecumseh Corn Festival and End of Summer Community Bonfire/Fireworks

d. Family Game Night

Appreciation is extended to the Members who volunteered for the Canada Day Celebration, Outdoor Movie Night, Tecumseh Corn Festival and End of Summer Community Bonfire/Fireworks.

The Manager Committee & Community Services seeks the Members input regarding potentially scheduling the annual Outdoor Movie Night in September when it gets dark earlier to accommodate young families who may not attend the later movie start time during the summer. The Members agree September may be an ideal time for young families as well as not conflict with various summer initiatives. When scheduling the 2020 Outdoor Movie Night, September dates will be considered.

Discussion ensues regarding scheduling Family Game Nights (FGN) for Fall 2019/Winter 2020. The Members suggest hosting FGN on the 3rd Friday of the month for October and November and resume after the Christmas holidays in January. Treasurer Kristi Koutros and Member Ava Ruuth volunteer to supervise the October FGN. The schedule will be circulated for November volunteers. A reminder is provided regarding set up/clean up duties and that it is the Member's responsibility to coordinate coverage of their shift amongst the other Members should a matter arise.

H. New Business

1. Youth Career Fair

The Members are apprised the annual Youth Career Fair will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2019 in the Auditorium at l'Essor High School. The afternoon of November 6 has also been reserved for set up purposes.

The event has been scheduled from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm this year to accommodate students and parents who wish to attend with their child(ren) and are unable to do so during the daytime.

Invitations are being sent to last year's participating vendors, together with local business sectors and area high schools.

Members are encouraged to share suggestions for participating vendors and well as ideas for this year's event. Promotion of the Youth Career Fair with the Member's respective schools is appreciated.

2. 2020 Budget

The 2019 Budget is reviewed and project initiatives for 2020 is discussed.

The Members concur with maintaining the Youth Advisory budget allocation for 2020.

3. Call for Committee Applications

The Members are advised applications are being received from residents interested in serving on the Town's Committees. Details, together with the applications forms, may be found on the Town's website.

Nominations are also being accepted for the Dr. Henri Breault Community Excellence Award, the Donald "Donny" Massender Memorial Volunteer Award and the Ontario Senior of the Year Award.

The deadline for submission is October 31, 2019.

The Members are encouraged to share the information with persons who may be interested and help promote on the YAC social media.

I. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee will be held on October 21, 2019.

J. Adjournment

Motion: YAC - 15/19

Moved By Treasurer Kristi Koutros

Seconded By Member Ava Ruuth

That there being no further business, the September 16, 2019 meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee now adjourn at 6:03 pm.

Carried

Brendan Froese, Chair

Christina Hebert, Manager Committee
& Community Services