

Minutes of a Meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee held remotely via Zoom on the above date at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Councillor Watkins
K. Ferguson
J. Rushton
T. Harvey
R. Fitzner (arrived at 6:44 pm)
C. Hajek
M. Jackson
K. Love
S. Mankotia
D. Cayanga
R. Cayanga
M. Waldron
G. Janke

Staff:

J. Becker, Youth Asset Development Coordinator, Community Services
R. McDonald, Legislative Officer, Legislative Services

Welcome and Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and welcomed the Committee members and staff in attendance.

Treaty Statement

The Treaty Statement was read by K. Ferguson.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

R. McDonald, Legislative Officer, assumed the role of Chair and called for nominations for the position of Youth Advisory Committee Chair for the 2021 term. M. Jackson self nominated. D. Cayanga self nominated. M. Jackson was elected Chair by majority vote on an electronic secret ballot.

R. McDonald relinquished the Chair to M. Jackson.

M. Jackson called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee for 2021. D. Cayanga self nominated. S. Mankotia self nominated. D. Cayanga was elected Vice-Chair by majority vote on an electronic secret ballot.

R. Fitzner arrived to the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Moved by K. Love

That the distribution of the Youth Advisory Committee members' contact information be shared with the Youth Advisory Committee members for the purpose of carrying out committee business pursuant to Part 2 the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adoption of Agenda

The Chair declared the agenda adopted as presented.

Adoption of Minutes

The Chair declared minutes of December 2, 2020 adopted as presented.

Council Liaison and Social Media Coordinator Positions

M. Jackson called for nominations for the position of Council Liaison of the Youth Advisory Committee for 2021. D. Cayanga self nominated and assumed the role of Council Liaison.

M. Jackson called for nominations for the position of the Social Media Coordinator of the Youth Advisory Committee for 2021. K. Love self nominated and assumed the role of Social Media Coordinator.

Youth Committee Orientation

J. Becker provided an overview of the Youth Advisory Committee Bylaw and Code of Conduct.

Vacant Committee Member Positions

The Committee discussed the vacant positions and decided that it would be beneficial to have additional members on the committee.

Moved by M. Jackson

The Youth Advisory Committee recommends to Administration to advertise for the 2 vacant positions on the Youth Advisory Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion on Annual Priorities

M. Jackson and K. Ferguson provided an overview of last year's priorities. The Committee discussed issues of interest and decided to focus on 4 primary issues for the 2021 year as follows:

- Mental Health and Disability Accessibility
- Communications
- Environment and Recreation
- Covid Effects on Secondary and Post- Secondary Education

Four Subcommittees were formed with a lead member for each subcommittee.

Council Update- Councillor Watkins and YAC Council Liaisons

Councillor Watkins provided an update on items of interest including:

- COVID-19 Health Orders
- Feasibility Study for Energy Regulation
- Regional Transit

Round Table

The Committee members introduced themselves as there are several new members.

K. Ferguson discussed his progress with the new Cultivate the Conversation platform, a page for the Youth Advisory Committee will be launched in the coming weeks.

Next Meeting Date

Wednesday February 3, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


Matthew Jackson (Feb 10, 2021 15:13 MST)

CHAIR


Brittany Switzer (Feb 10, 2021 15:18 MST)

DESIGNATED OFFICER