

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

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**Present:**

R. Fitzner  
M. Jackson - Chair  
D. Cayanga – Vice Chair  
R. Cayanga  
M. Waldron  
G. Janke  
J. Baniak

**Absent:**

Councillor Watkins  
K. Ferguson  
J. Rushton  
T. Harvey  
C. Hajek  
S. Mankotia

**Guests:**

R. Olson  
B. Hahn  
R. Wolstenholm

**Staff:**

J. Becker, Youth Asset Development Coordinator, Community Services

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:37 and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**TREATY STATEMENT**

M. Jackson read the Treaty Statement.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Chair declared the agenda adopted as presented.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

The Youth Advisory Committee and the Seniors' Advisory Committee introduced themselves, as this was the first joint meeting for the two committees this year.

## **MENTORING PROGRAM FOR YOUTH AND SENIORS**

The committees discussed developing a pilot project for connecting youth and seniors with similar interests. A subcommittee will be formed to further plan this initiative.

## **CONNECTING WITH OUR DEMOGRAPHICS**

The committees discussed how they are currently reaching youth and seniors in the community. New ideas included the possibility of distributing a newsletter, or leaflet in the Gazette, and for the Seniors' Committee to investigate social media options, and the Youth Committee to connect with student councils at local schools.

## **IMPACTS OF COVID-19 ON SENIORS AND YOUTH**

The committee members shared examples of how COVID-19 has impacted their lives. There were some overarching themes as many seniors and youth felt that they were missing out on cherished times of their lives. For youth this includes milestones such as graduation, and beginning University. For seniors, retirement, travelling, and time with family have been impacted. Resiliency and excitement for some normalcy in the future were also discussed.

## **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

The committees expressed an interest in learning more about the Homeshare program and receiving updates on the Homeland Housing plan to build facilities in St. Albert. Both committees are interested in writing letters to the government to advocate for additional affordable housing in St. Albert and the Province.

## **ROUND TABLE**

Committee members expressed overall appreciation for this opportunity to meet and discuss issues of shared interest.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

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CHAIR

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DESIGNATED OFFICER