



Youth Council Committee Meeting

October 21st, 2021

6:00 p.m

Zoom (Virtual) Meeting

- MINUTES -

Present: Councillor L. Hansen, A. Oliver, B. Hartman, C. Barton, E. Hansen, E. Hawes, E. Whitefield, E. Lewis, H. Pfeil, M. Oliver, M. Smith, N. Ritchie, S. Klooster, S. Suk

Regrets: Q. Tilling

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:07 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motioned by Niall R. that the agenda be approved.

3.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motioned by Erika W. that the minutes be approved.

4.0 OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Notice of Intent/Recruitment

- The Chair reminded all the members to submit their 'Notice of Intent' forms to the city clerk by the deadline on October 29th. The Community Facilitator will continue to share the city board/committee recruitment postings on the Youth Council's Instagram as the contents were provided by the communications department. *One member will be aged out according to the youth council committee bylaw and will not be able to reapply for the upcoming term.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Municipal Elections Candidate Forum Feedback

- The moderator at the Chamber of Commerce all candidates' forum reached out and would like to connect with both Youth Council MCs for hosting the forum successfully. The Youth Council members shared they appreciated MCs for hosting the event professionally and by addressing issues that affect youth. The members further shared they felt very empowered through hosting such an important event for our municipality and felt that many young voters were positively impacted. Councillor Hansen was impressed by how it was organized and enjoyed the 'wildcards' that provided each candidate additional time to respond to some complex questions. The recorded forum link was shared with other youth councils including the city of Edmonton, the city of Calgary, the city of Lethbridge and Beaumont. The Chair suggested sharing the recorded link with not only the high school classrooms that participated in the survey for the forum questions but also continue to target younger grades – junior high classrooms as grade 9 social studies curriculum included watching the municipal elections forum hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. Erika W. suggested conducting a mock poll for voters in the upcoming elections who may not be eligible/too young to vote and get an opportunity to learn to participate in local political processes, and to share the forum link with the younger grades participating in the city's mock council as well.

5.2 Professional Resources/Virtual Programming Update

- Kyra McCarthy, (Former Youth Council member) Employment Specialist presented on 'Career Webinar' idea for the Youth Council in September meeting. The Community Facilitator connected with Kyra planning for the event and inquired if most members would be available to attend the virtual event with a peer on October 9th for approximately an hour. The completed poster will be shared via group email/Instagram messenger with the group members only as it will not be offered to the public at the moment. In addition, all the members will be provided with an opportunity to participate in Mental Health First Aid training provided by the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) and the cost will be covered by the remaining Youth Council budget for the current term.

ACTION: The Community Facilitator to share the MHFA training registration link with all the members and inquire group training opportunities.

5.3 Preparation for the City Council Presentation

- The Chair and Vice-Chair will present on all the projects executed by the Youth Council this second term at the city council meeting scheduled on December 6th. A PowerPoint will be prepared with the Community Facilitator for review, feedback/discussions and for the final submission. All the members are encouraged to tune in on the day of the presentation and provide support.

5.4 LRC Youth Experience Enhancement

- Michael Warchol, Manager at Recreation Services reached out to all the city employees on looking for ideas/suggestions that would enhance the youth experience utilizing LRC. The Chair suggested the 'Water Safety' course and the Vice-Chair suggested the 'Fitness Safety' course for youth utilizing the facility. Additional feedback and or suggestions included increasing staff capacity as there was a staff shortage at the pool, especially over the summer months with many fully registered courses which could be challenging for some of the staff causing a mental and/or physical strain.

ACTION: The Community Facilitator to share youth council members' feedback with Michael before the requested deadline on October 27th.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Next meeting: November 10th, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. – Via Zoom Meeting