

# Youth Council Committee Meeting June 10, 2021 6:00 p.m Zoom (Virtual) Meeting

# - MINUTES -

**Present:** Mayor B. Young, Councillor L. Hansen, Councillor L. Tillack, A. Oliver, E. Hansen, E. Hawes, E. Whitefield, E. Lewis, H. Pfeil, M. Oliver, M. Smith, N. Ritchie, Q. Tilling, S. Suk

Regrets: B. Hartman, C. Barton, S. Klooster

# 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:02 p.m.

# 2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motioned by Hannah and Erika W. that the agenda be approved.

# 3.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motioned by Hannah and Erika W. that the minutes be approved.

## 4.0 NEW BUSINESS

# 4.1 Guest Speakers: Mayor Bob Young

 The Mayor shared he was a teacher for 36 years prior to working for the municipality as a previous city council member and Mayor. He also shared it is a rewarding experience to help local residents with various matters in the community.

Guest Speaker: Elana Hansen, Volunteer Resource Administrator

Elana shared youth engagement is one of the key priorities in her strategic planning and would like to be a part of the Youth Council and the subcommittee(s) to help carry out various projects. She also shared additional information on 'Volunteer Alberta' where youth from different organizations are



working collectively. Elana has a database to connect community volunteers to work with the Youth Council members to achieve project goals.

**ACTION:** The Chair, Vice-Chair and Community Facilitator to connect with Elana and discuss working collaboratively.

# 4.2 City Council Updates

- Councillor Hansen shared a few updates from the city council meetings.
- The council approved the installation of a solar PV system on the Leduc Recreation Centre Performance Arena. The city will apply for funding through the federal Infrastructure Canada Green and Inclusive Buildings (ICGIB) which will cover 80 percent of the project, and the provincial Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC) grant that would cover the remaining 20 percent.
- The move to an on-demand service was approved and expected to launch this summer to offer a variety of benefits for public transit users. On-demand service will offer trips within the city of Leduc and Nisku businesses park and operate during the same time periods as the existing routes. With no fixed schedule or route, transit users can choose their pick-up times and locations by booking their trip(s) through an app, online or through the call centre.

# 4.3 Subcommittee Updates

- Mackenzie on Health & Youth Mental Health: Mackenzie shared Dion from LCDAC will also have the option to record the presentation and share the presentation through the schools.
- Quinn on Elections Q & A Forum: Quinn created a youth survey to be conducted via schools to gather information on various topics related to youth interests. The Chair reached out to the social studies classrooms at the Leduc Composite High School and the school expressed an interest in taking a part in the YC's survey in September, 2020. The Mayor also suggested reaching out to the local or provincial politicians with any concerns the youth might have and communicate directly to the decision-makers.
- Erika W. on Community Clean-up: No changes with the dates or location. The Youth Council's annual community clean-up is scheduled on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm at Fred Johns Park. The Community Facilitator will conduct an online survey for the YC members to participate and the outcome of the survey will help the group decide on an in-person event planning as the pandemic is still ongoing.
- Erika H. on the Mayor's #Influencers Event: Erika met with the Mayor, FCSS Manager, Communications Department and the Community Facilitator regarding the Mayor's #Influencers event scheduled on September 10<sup>th</sup> at the MacLab Centre. The Mayor was interested to hear the members' opinion on how the youth want the event to look like as the province announced its new 'summer plans', and lifted many covid-19 restrictions in place. The mayor was also



- interested in hearing additional ideas on what the youth would like to see happen at the event.
- Quinn on Virtual Programming: Quinn was working on partnering with the Leduc Recreation Centre but the most recent covid-19 lockdown changed the plans with Yoga/Meditation Programming. Councillor Tillack suggested Quinn to continue to reach out to the LRC staff and Jackie Kamlah as they are planning fall programming soon.

**ACTION:** The Youth Council members to reach out to Erika H. and share additional ideas on the format of the event, activities and prize options.

# 4.4 Elections Hub

Councillor Hansen shared a central election hub weblink with all the candidates' contact information and information related to the general elections in 2021 fall. The Community Facilitator will share the 'Elections Hub' link (elections.leduc.ca) via group email. The Mayor also shared that after the elections, the council gathers to develop a strategic plan for the upcoming 4 years. Quinn shared the hub link could also be embedded in the online youth survey she developed for the YC's Elections Candidate Forum.

## 4.5 International Youth Week

There are no regular YC meetings in July and August. 'International Youth Week' will begin on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Leduc Arts Foundry provided a quote for AJ's community mural project and the detailed quote will be forwarded to the members, and the members will vote if the YC wants to go ahead with participating in the event. The Boys and Girls Club expressed they did not want to be a part of the community mural project with the Leduc Arts Foundry/Youth Council.

### 4.6 COVID-19 Youth Vaccine Information

Abby shared AHS data on the youth vaccination rate of the age group between 12-19 years which was identified to be the lowest. She asked members for feedback on sharing youth vaccination info to encourage more youth to get vaccinated through sharing them on the YC's social media. The Vice-Chair suggested sharing data from reputable sources such as CDC - Centres for Disease control and Prevention, WHO - World Health Organization, and Health Canada as there are inaccurate information being circulated across various channels of social media.

**ACTION:** The Community Facilitator to reach out to the communications department and get approval to re-share/post the data on youth vaccination.



# 5.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Next meeting: September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. – Via Zoom Meeting