



## **MINUTES**

### **Corporation of the City of Cambridge Youth Advisory Committee to Council Zoom Meeting Cambridge, Ontario September 9, 2021 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Abigail Vivian, Maanas Naik, Julia Duarte, Ozioma Offiah, Sujude Kabbar, Madeleine Braga, Jenna Haveman, Abdullah Awan, Kiki Everett, Melody Schmidt

**Members with Regrets:**

**Staff Members in Attendance:** Heather Melo, Councillor Nicholas Ermeta, Zita Tavares

**Guest:** There were no external guests.

#### **Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee to Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge was held on Zoom. Abigail, co- chair welcomed everyone present and called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Heather welcomed new members and introductions took place of members present.

#### **Disclosure of Interest**

No disclosure of interest

#### **Approval of Thursday, July 8, 2021 YACC minutes**

Moved by: Madeline Braga

Seconded by: Sujude Kabbar

THAT the minutes of July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 YACC minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

#### **Approval to start the meeting of Thursday, September 8, 2021**

Moved by: Abigail Vivian

Seconded by: Abdullah Awan

#### **The Bill Struck Scholarship Award**

The Bill Struck Scholarship Award recipient is Maria Tatatu. Maria will be recognized at the September 14 City of Cambridge Council meeting.

We have provided our appreciation to all other applicants for applying.  
Please view the meeting using the City of Cambridge YouTube Channel.

Heather will provide more details once city council agenda schedule is available.

### **September Multicultural Award**

Awarded to a young person who has made significant efforts to promote unity and encourage positive multicultural relationship within the community. Currently accepting nominations. Applications will close at midnight on Wednesday September 22<sup>nd</sup> and will review with the subcommittee.

### **Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee**

The committee is invited to be a part of the Youth and Older Adult Subcommittee. The next subcommittee meeting will be on Monday September the 13th at 6 pm.

The committee meets weekly and usually run a little over an hour.

Members who have shown interest but are not available for this Monday meeting are Julia, Kiki, Maanas

Member interested that can attend the Monday meeting are Madeline & Sujude

### **Community Clean Ups**

September the 18th will provide opportunity for Cambridge residences and organizations to participate in a Community Clean-up. Community Clean-up posters were attached to the last email sent by Heather. Everyone is encouraged to help promote to friends, family, school and social media channels.

City Green will be at the next meeting. You are invited to participate in the event as an individual. The Community Clean-up booths are at Riverside (Entrance Area), Riverbluffs Park, Hespeler Arena. Community members are welcome to pick up supplies at these locations from 9am-12 pm.

### **2021 Goals**

YACC began sharing personal annual goals in 2020 and would like to continue this activity.

Committee Goals shared:

- Creating more opportunities for youth
- Meeting in person, host more community events (Melody)
- Volunteer more (Ozioma)
- Work on communication, share more ideas (Julia)
- Involved more in person community (Jenna)
- Involvement of environmental issues (Maanas)
- Sense of community with events (Madeleine)
- Getting more youth involved/interested in Council, keep up good work (Nicholas)

- Participate in person, community to come celebrate together (Sujude)
- Learn more about the committee, new member (Kiki)

Personal Goals shared:

- Read more books
- Accepted at top choice university (Melody)
- Get good grades, continue leaning to play oboe (Ozioma)
- Get a research internship (Julia)
- Get involved in city community more clubs (Jenna)
- Better at basketball (Maanas)
- Better at art, enjoy painting (Madeleine)
- Explore nature, more hikes (Sujude)
- Contribute to committee where I can (Kiki)

## **Program Updates**

PeopleCare

Youth community membership volunteer their time to connect with older adults. This continued program need is recognized by the City of Cambridge and PeopleCare.

Youth Park Space Ambassador

One Youth Park Space Ambassador was hired for summer. Luke engaged with the public to help ease people coming back to the park spaces. Luke focused on community buiding efforts. Lots of games and activities supported through Luke at the park spaces. Received positive feedback from community. Will be hiring position again.

Fall Programming

Feedback from community regarding the need and interest to reestablish Students Promoting the Arts.

Cooking

Culinary instructors have applied and interviews will be next week.

School Visits

Thoughts about doing virtual opportunity, sign up to learn about youth services and programming. Newsletter circulated to individuals who sign up and share with parents.

## **Council Update**

Internal discussion on Place Making, will share more information. Communicate with schools for feedback.

Public engagement on Rec Centre

Preston arena expansion sent back to staff, to add more areas.

Council approved several soccer fields on Fountain Street and Linden Street

**Other Business**

No other business was addressed.

**Next Meeting**

**Formal**

Thursday, October 14, 2021 – 5:00PM

Held via Zoom

**Informal, Youth Group Meeting**

Thursday, September 23, 2021 – 5:00PM

Held via Zoom

Formal YACC meeting

Thursday, October 14, 2021 – 5:00PM

Held Via Zoom

**Close of Meeting**

Moved by: Madeleine Braga

Seconded by: Julia Duarte

THAT the Youth Advisory Committee to Council meeting adjourned at 6:30pm



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Chairperson  
Abigail Vivian



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Recording Secretary  
Zita Tavares