



MINUTES

**Corporation of the City of Cambridge
Youth Advisory Committee to Council
Zoom
60 Dickson Street, Cambridge, Ontario
October 14, 2021 – 5:00 p.m.
Held via Zoom**

Committee Members in Attendance: Melody Schmidt, Julia Duarte, Sujude Kabbar, Madeleine Braga, Jenna Haveman, Aliyan Awan, Abdullah Awan, Harry Sharma

Members with Regrets: Abigail Vivian, Maanas Naik, Ozioma Offiah, Fatima Awan

Staff Members in Attendance: Heather Melo, Stephanie Backes, Councillor Nicholas Ermeta

Guest: Paul Willms, Ian Lupton

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. Melody Schmidt, chair of YACC welcomed everyone present and called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

Disclosure of Interest

No disclosure of interest

Approval of Thursday, September 9, 2021 YACC minutes

Moved by: Jenna Haveman

Seconded by: Julia Duarte

THAT the minutes of September 9th, 2021 YACC minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

September Youth Award Recognition

September's award was given to an individual who had made significant efforts to promote unity and encourage positive multicultural relationships within the community. The nominator and individual receiving the award could not be in attendance.

October Youth Award – Equity Champion Award

October's youth award is awarded to a young person who has taken a stand to bring awareness to a cause or communal issue through a proactive and solution-focused approach.

The City is currently accepting nominations. Please direct those interested to

www.cambridge.ca/youth to submit an application.

City Green

Paul Willms, Sustainability Planner from the City of Cambridge, provided a presentation to the committee on behalf of City Green.

Twice a year, City Green presents to YACC committee members. Items are jointly discussed on how the two groups can work together. A copy of the powerpoint will be provided to committee members for reference.

Projects include: education training, Cambridge community litter cleanup and tree planting.

Other volunteer opportunities include Reep Green Solutions, Sustainable Waterloo and ClimateActionWR.

Paul left the meeting at 6:01pm.

Placemaking

Ian Lupton, Executive Assistant, Community Development, spoke on the placemaking initiative Council introduced in summer 2021. Staff are soliciting ideas from Citizen Advisory Committees, organizations and individuals for placemaking project ideas to improve public spaces, increase vibrancy and enhance civic life in the City's three core areas.

An online survey was shared with the Committee prior to the meeting. Members discussed a range of ideas, including street closures, winter activities such as skating, lighting projects and street furniture, interactive games, murals and public art, leveraging the Grand River with sport, activity and business, as well as social media promotion. A full list of detailed ideas will be shared with Council and the public. Members are encouraged to share their ideas using the engageCambridge platform, and will discuss further at a future meeting.

Ian left the meeting at 6:28pm.

Other Business

No other business was addressed.

Next Meeting

Formal

Thursday, November 11th, 2021 – 5:00PM

Held via Zoom

Informal

Thursday, October 28th, 2021 – 5:00PM

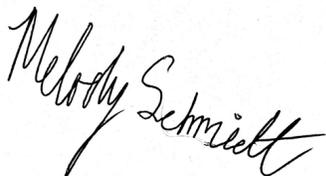
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Close of Meeting

Moved by: Madeleine Braga

Seconded by: Harry Sharma

THAT the Youth Advisory Committee to Council meeting adjourned at 6:31pm.



Chairperson
Melody Schmidt

Recording Secretary
Stephanie Backes