



MINUTES

Corporation of the City of Cambridge Youth Advisory Committee to Council Zoom Meeting Cambridge, Ontario November 11, 2021 – 5:00 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance: Abigail Vivian, Jenna Haveman, Ozioma Offiah, Julia Duarte, Madeleine Braga, Harry Sharma, Maanas Naik

Members with Regrets: Sujude Kabbar, Melody Schmidt, Aliyan Awan, Abdullah Awan

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

Guest: Mya, Olga Vigil Letang – Diversity Coordinator, Adrianna Williams and family, Ulfa Al-Baar, Urub Al-Baar and family

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 of the committee, welcomed everyone present and called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.

The committee shared their thoughts on what Remembrance Day meant to them.

Disclosure of Interest

No disclosure of interest

Approval of Thursday, October 14, 2021 YACC minutes

Moved by: Jenna Haveman

Seconded by: Julia Duarte

THAT the minutes of October 14, 2021 YACC minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Approval to start the meeting of Thursday, November 11, 2021

Moved by: Ozioma Offiah

Seconded by: Madeleine Braga

Contact Information

The Youth Recreation Coordinator has moved onto a new role. The group will be notified when a new staff member steps in.

Introduction – Diversity Coordinator

The committee welcomed Olga as the City's new Diversity Coordinator.

Role – supporting internal staff and working towards creating anti-racism and inclusive culture in the workplace. Externally supporting equity of the community to build capacity. Neighbourhood associations are closely worked with to find out how they are working towards inclusivity and diversity in the community. Olga works with the City's accessibility coordinator to support AODA compliance and inclusion while supporting newcomers, particularly youth and older adults.

October – Equity Award

The committee recognized three youth community members for the Youth Equity Champion Award: Adrianna Williams, Ulfa Al-Baar and Urub Al-Baar. A brief background was presented on each recipient. Family members joined in the celebration.

November – Community Champion Award

The Community Champion Award recognizes selfless acts that have occurred in our community. Nominations are open to the community and will close on November 24th. The committee will review nominations on November 25th. Award recipients will be honoured at the next YACC meeting on December 8, 2021.

December – Healthy Living Award

Awarded to a young volunteer who has promoted healthy living and active movement through community sports and/or recreational programming.

Youth Award Mix and Mingle

The Mix and Mingle is an event held at City Hall recognizing youth within the community.

The committee had previously mentioned that there was desire to host a Mix and Mingle for all 2021 youth award recipients as well as community partners/officials in early 2022.

Unsilent Night

Due to COVID restrictions, Unsilent Night will not be occurring this year.

YACC Schedule – 2022

The City of Cambridge' Transportation Strategy will be presented in the new year when staffing permits.

The committee was asked to bring forward any ideas to December's meeting.

Program Update

PeopleCare – still going well. Currently have a waitlist of individuals working through training.

Culinary Program – has been successful in the past. A new individual has been hired to assist in organizing and supporting the redevelopment of programs.

DJ Program – The instructor will not be available until spring/summer 2022.

Basketball Program – attendance is currently low.

Photography Program – Instructor is looking forward to getting this program back and running.

YACC Application

The YACC application can be found online at

<https://cambridge.formbuilder.ca/Clerks/Statutory-Boards-and-Advisory-Committees>

Council Update

Council continues to look into the Recreation Complex. If the committee thinks of any youth ideas they would like to see in their community, please feel free to bring it forward.

Other Business

Abigail brought up the opportunity of volunteering with the Food Bank as a committee in December. Heather advised of the challenges of meeting in person due to COVID and will reach out to her colleague at the Food Bank for an opportunity in the new year.

Next Meeting

Formal

Thursday, December 9, 2021 – 5:00PM

Held via Zoom

Informal, Youth Group Meeting

Thursday, November 25, 2021 – 5:00PM

Held via Zoom

Close of Meeting

Moved by: Julia Duarte

Seconded by: Ozioma Offiah

THAT the Youth Advisory Committee to Council meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

Abigail Vivian

Chairperson
Abigail Vivian

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie Backes', written in a cursive style.

Recording Secretary
Stephanie Backes