



MINUTES

**Corporation of the City of Cambridge
Youth Advisory Committee to Council
Zoom
60 Dickson Street, Cambridge, Ontario
April 8, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.**

Committee Members in Attendance: Melody Schmidt, Abigail Vivian, Fatima Awan, Julia Duarte, Ozioma Offiah, Sujude Kabbar, Madeleine Braga, Jenna Haveman, Aliyan Awan, Maanas Naik, Harry Sharma

Members with Regrets:

Staff Members in Attendance: Heather Melo, Stephanie Backes

Guest: Tanishi Naik, Shannon Markle

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. Heather Melo, staff liaison welcomed everyone present and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Disclosure of Interest

No disclosure of interest

Approval of Thursday, March 11 2021 YACC minutes

Moved by: Melody Schmidt

Seconded by: Jenna Haveman

THAT the minutes of March 11, 2021 YACC minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Heather discussed Youtube livestreaming and the challenges faced during the start of the meeting. The group was advised that next month's meeting would be held live on Youtube.

Abigail was introduced as the chair of tonight's meeting. Attendance and agenda items were reviewed.

Shannon joined the meeting.

Abigail welcomed Tanishi to the meeting as the recipient of the March Youth Individual Achievement Award.

Shannon Markle described the projects that Tanishi had previously focused on and the leadership role she has taken on. Councillor Ermeta congratulated Tanishi on behalf of council.

Abigail read congratulatory comments sent in by members of the committee.

Tanishi and Shannon left the meeting at 5:49pm.

Nicholas provided the committee with a council update.

2SLGBTQ+ Youth Recommendations for Change in Ontario

Heather introduced the 'Do Better' data report, provided by Diversity and Inclusion Services. Members of the group read the 7 youth recommendations.

Abigail reviewed the 2SLGBTQ+ acronym for those who weren't familiar with the term.

Melody discussed the various recommendations and how the Youth Committee could contribute to these within the community. Abigail expressed similar feelings towards these.

Further information can be found at <http://dobetter.youthline.ca/>

Pride Prom

Heather discussed a history of the previous success with KW Counselling and their OK2BME program being offered in Kitchener. The City of Cambridge asked for a partnership with KW Counselling so that the OK2BME program could be offered within Cambridge. Pride Prom was not offered last year due to COVID restrictions. The previous year was offered within the Toyota Room at the Cambridge Centre for the Arts.

OK2BME has reached out to inquire if YACC would be interested in partnering with KW Counselling and the OK2BME program to do a virtual Pride Prom experience.

Melody motioned the support for Pride Prom this year and provided feedback from the previous event.

Members of the committee supported the motion.

Heather will invite a staff member from OK2BME to an upcoming meeting for further discussion to take place.

April Youth Award Recognition

April's Youth Award was introduced as the Environmental Stewardship Award. Nominations have currently been received.

Program Update

PeopleCare report went to council and was supported. The City is currently looking for 22 volunteers to assist with programming. Volunteer orientation will take place on April 20th with training on April 22nd. Programming will begin on April 26th.

Volunteers will be expected to participate in a 5-30 minute weekly conversation with one of the residents.

Thursday Night Live occurs every Thursday night in July starting from either 7-8pm or 8-9pm. Programming is limited to a one-hour timeframe and will take place in Forbes Park. The space to set to accommodate a maximum of 100 individuals. Circles will be drawn on the grass 6ft apart. Currently staff are working towards the development of operating guidelines. This year is limited to one performance per evening. Volunteers are needed at both entrance and exit pathways as well as with screening.

The Cambridge Bike Park went to council as a re-introduction and was approved. Staff are moving forward with annual maintenance. The Bike Park is well used by the community. Residents are starting to show lots of interests.

Other Business

No other business was addressed.

Next Meeting

Formal

Thursday, May 13, 2021 – 5:30PM

Held via Zoom

Informal

Thursday, April 22, 2021 – 5:30PM

Held via Zoom

Close of Meeting

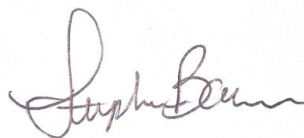
Moved by: Melody Schmidt

Seconded by: Jenna Haveman

THAT the Youth Advisory Committee to Council meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.



Chairperson
Abigail Vivian



Recording Secretary
Stephanie Backes