



MINUTES

**Corporation of the City of Cambridge
Youth Advisory Committee to Council
Zoom
60 Dickson Street, Cambridge, Ontario
May 13, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.**

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

Members with Regrets: Ozioma Offiah, Aliyan Awan, Fatima Awan

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

Guest: Jordan Bellingham, Tammy Bellingham, Bill Kirby, Kaminda Musumulwa, Vanessa Lopak, Michelle Walt

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 5:35 p.m.

Disclosure of Interest

No disclosure of interest

Approval of Thursday, April 8 2021 YACC minutes

Moved by: Abigail Vivian

Seconded by: Madeleine Braga

THAT the minutes of April 8, 2021 YACC minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Melody was introduced as the chair of tonight's meeting. Introductions of committee members were made and agenda items were reviewed.

Eid Mubarak was acknowledged as a religious holiday worldwide celebrated today. Sujude provided a brief description of the festival.

May Youth Award Recognition

Jordan Bellingham was recognized for his achievements and was introduced as the winner for April's Environmental Stewardship Youth Award.

June will focus on nominations for the Bill Struck Award. Please provide any nominations to Heather or complete the application found at www.cambridge.ca/youth

Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities

Vanessa Lopak and Kaminda Musumulwa joined the meeting on behalf of the City of Cambridge' Accessibility & Diversity Division.

Discussion was held as to what the City is currently doing for inclusion and diversity. It was noted that Cambridge made a commitment to providing inclusive services amongst their community. The Accessibility Division is looking for a representative from YACC to sit on the Diversity Services Sub-Committee. Vanessa and Heather will further discuss details offline.

Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee, Youth and Older Adults Subcommittee

Bill Kirby was introduced a lead member of the Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee. This committee assists the City to promote accessibility wellbeing. Bill also sits on the Youth and Older Adults Subcommittee, providing opportunities to youth and older adult engagement. This committee evaluates current local options while identifying gaps through research. The pandemic has highlighted cracks in the youth and older adult system, most directly impacting those facing isolation and those with depression. Bill advised that YACC's input would be important in identifying steps to close the gaps. Currently meetings are held bi-weekly on Monday mornings at 10:00am. The next meeting takes place on Monday, May 17. Bill will provide Heather with the necessary information for anyone who may want to join the committee.

Pride Prom

Michelle from KW Counselling discussed the hosting of Pride Prom in June. Ideas were shared amongst committee members acknowledging that this year would not be able to be held in person. Breakout rooms were noted as being a positive feature for socialization amongst community members. Please reach out to Michelle or Heather with any additional ideas or theme for the event.

Program Update

There are currently 44 people being placed for the PeopleCare program.

Staff are currently confirming operations for Thursday Night Live.

The Bike Park is temporarily closed due to COVID restrictions with the hopes of it reopening after June 2, 2021.

Other Business

Councillor Ermeta advised there were no council updates and reminded committee members to stay active within the community. He recommended that the youth provide

any recommendations or feedback they may have regarding youth specifics for the recreation complex. Councillor Ermeta also addressed speed control tactics on Saginaw Parkway.

Next Meeting

Formal

Thursday, June 10, 2021 – 5:30PM

Held via Zoom

Informal

Thursday, June 24, 2021 – 5:30PM

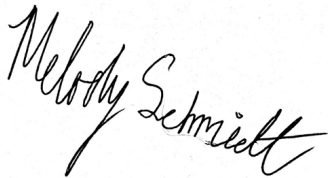
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Close of Meeting

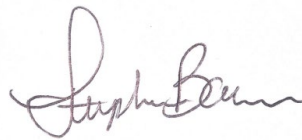
Moved by: Abigail Vivian

Seconded by: Jenna Haveman

THAT the Youth Advisory Committee to Council meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Chairperson
Melody Schmidt



Recording Secretary
Stephanie Backes