



## Minutes of Mayor's Youth Advisory Council

June 12, 2024, 4:30 p.m.

Electronic and In-Person Participation - Mayor's Youth Advisory Council

The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville

(Chair and Secretary at Town Hall - 87 Broadway)

Orangeville, Ontario

Members Present: A. Main, Chair  
Mayor L. Post  
A. Al-Shalchi  
A. Wetton  
J. Barry  
L. Robinson  
P. Knight

Members Absent: J. Bracken, Vice-Chair  
B. Peters  
C. Shaw

Staff Present: A. Dukovski, Supervisor, Recreation Programs and Events,  
Community Services  
D. Smith, Chief Administrative Officer  
G. Brennan, Legislative Assistant, Corporate Services  
J. Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk, Corporate Services  
N. Leece, Project Co-ordinator, Corporate Services

### 1. Call to Order

Aislinn Main, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

### 2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None.

### **3. Land Acknowledgement**

Aislinn Main, Chair, acknowledged the treaty lands and territory of the Williams Treaty Nations and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Aislinn Main, Chair, also recognized that Dufferin County is the traditional territory of the Wendat and the Haudenosaunee, and is home to many Indigenous people today.

### **4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**2024-003**

**Moved By** A. Wetton

That the minutes of the following meeting are approved:

#### **4.1 2024-03-06 - Mayors Youth Advisory Council - Minutes**

**Carried**

### **5. Presentations**

#### **5.1 Lynette Pole-Langdon & Sonja Vukovic, Chair & Co-Chair of Dufferin Caledon Drug Strategy: Committee Workplan Feedback**

Lynette Pole-Langdon & Sonja Vukovic, Chair & Co-Chair of the Dufferin Caledon Drug Strategy Committee, provided an overview of their ongoing community initiatives and current educational opportunities. They discussed the like-minded agencies that are working together to support and coordinate the development and implementation of local, cross sector strategies to reduce the harms related to substance abuse and addictive behaviours.

The strategy has the following goals:

- to raise awareness about the resources available in the community for those who are struggling with drug use,
- to educate the community about the stigmas associated with drug use, and
- to highlight their seventh annual International Overdose Awareness Day event and health fair that is currently being planned for the end of August 2024.

Members of the Committee provided solutions on the most effective ways to communicate with youth about substance abuse, to promote community initiatives to youth, to discuss substance abuse prevention further.

The committee agreed school assemblies, along with linking information on school websites, would be the best forum for resources to be shared with youth.

**5.2 Kylie-Anne Grube, Climate Engagement Specialist, Dufferin County: Youth Climate Activation Circle**

Kylie-Anne Grube, Climate Engagement Specialist for Dufferin County, shared that Dufferin County's Climate and Energy Division is now accepting applications to the 2024/2025 Youth Climate Activation Circle (YCAC). She shared details of YCAC, including that YCAC is a 10-month volunteer program designed to empower up to eight (8) Dufferin youth aged sixteen to twenty-five (16-25) with the knowledge and skills to champion climate solutions in their community. Participants in YCAC will receive training, collaborate with fellow volunteers to create a local climate action project, and explore green career pathways. Volunteers in the program would be offered: a \$500 allowance or volunteer hours, a youth climate ambassador certificate, and exposure to green career pathways.

**5.3 Jennifer Hamilton, Director, Communications & Stakeholder Relations, Headwaters Health Care Centre: Focus Group Opportunity**

Jennifer Hamilton, Director, Communication & Stakeholder Relations, Headwaters Health Care Centre advised members of the Committee of an opportunity to participate in a focus group to help identify strengths, weaknesses, and gaps in Headwaters new website. She outlined that the focus group is specifically looking for the perspectives of patients, families and caregivers in the community who represent the Dufferin-Caledon region's demographic. She invited interested and available participants to contact their communications specialist by Friday, June 14, 2024.

**6. Items for Discussion and Reports**

**6.1 Council Updates**

None.

**6.1.1 Fare-Free Transit Program**

Mayor Post shared that the fare-free transit program is coming to an end. The Committee discussed the success of the program, areas to improve, and future promotional opportunities. The Committee requested to revisit this topic during their next meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

### **6.1.2 Community Group Pavement Markings**

The Committee discussed the removal of the three community group pavement markings (crosswalks). Mayor Post shared details on the necessary winter maintenance that has caused the markings to be unrecognizable, thus, being unable to honour these groups as originally intended. She shared details on the ongoing discussions with the three community groups, and shared details about future initiatives around equity, diversity, and inclusion. Highlighted by the Celebrate your Awesome event held on Second Street and in Alexandra Park in Orangeville on June 15, 2024.

### **6.2 Sub-Committee Updates**

The Committee discussed the best forum for ongoing discussions for members of MYAC. The Committee decided to confirm next steps at their next meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

## **7. Correspondence**

### **7.1 Youth Orangeville Proposal, Submitted by Ishika Singla**

The Committee reviewed and discussed Ishika Singla's Youth Orangeville Proposal and discussed the similar details between her proposal and MYAC's current workplan. Ms.Singla will be providing a presentation to MYAC at their next meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

## **8. Announcements**

Allison Dukovski, Supervisor, Recreation Programs and Events, advised the reopening of the new Alder Recreation Centre pools and the free swim programming currently being offered until the end of June, 2024.

She advised the Committee of the following events that will be schedule at the Alder Recreation Centre:

- Movie in the Park, Friday June 21, 2024, and
- Canada Day Celebration, July 1, 2024

## **9. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

## **10. Adjournment**

**2024-004**

**Moved By** A. Wetton

That the meeting be adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

**Carried**