

## **Minutes of Mayor's Youth Advisory Council**

# September 10, 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

J. Barry H.Robb V. Servos

Members Absent: J. Bracken

L. RobinsonI. Singla

Staff Present: G. Brennan, Legislative Assistant, Corporate Services

A. Dukovski, Supervisor, Recreation Programs and Events,

**Community Services** 

J. Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk, Corporate Services

#### 1. Call to Order

Aislinn Main, Chair, called the meeting to order at: 4:34 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. She 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

2024-005

Moved By A. Al-Shalchi

That the minutes of the following meeting are approved:

#### 4.1 2024-06-12 - Mayor's Youth Advisory Council - Minutes

Carried

#### 5. Presentations

# 5.1 Jordyn Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk, Corporate Services, Town of Orangeville - Governance Refresher

Jordyn Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk, Corporate Services, provided the Committee with a Committee Governance Refresher presentation. Mrs. Lavecchia-Smith discussed the various Boards, Committees, and Task Forces that advise Council on important matters. She shared details on the roles and responsibilities for Committee Members, the Chair, the Staff Liaison, and the Committee Secretary. She advised the Committee on the effectiveness of having an agenda, and how that contributes to the efficiency of a meeting. Mrs. Lavecchia-Smith clarified the decision-making process for when a motion is up for consideration, and the various outcomes when a motion is being voted on. Mrs. Lavecchia-Smith advised the Committee on next steps and plans for 2025. The Committee will consult with staff on the development of their 2025 Work Plan that will outline various projects and initiatives, including the necessary budgets to be allocated.

# 5.2 Delegate, Grant Peters, Fare Free Transit Program

Grant Peters discussed the importance of having a Fare-Free Transit program operating in the Town of Orangeville. Mr. Peters shared details around the Town of Orangeville becoming one of the first municipalities to pilot a Fare-Free Transit program, and the blueprint it sets for surrounding municipalities. He discussed why transit needs to become more accessible – and affordable – for residents with the removal of the

financial barrier. The committee discussed the positive impact the Fare-Free Transit program has had on youth in Orangeville, and stressed the importance of having user groups that participated in the program have their feedback heard.

#### 2024-006

Moved By J. Barry

That the correspondence regarding the Fare Free Transit Program be received, and

That the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee express their support of the Fare Free Transit Program through a letter, and

That the letter of support be included in the September 23rd Council Agenda.

Carried

#### 5.3 Ishika Singla - Youth Orangeville Proposal

Ms. Singla was not in attendance, therefore this matter was deferred to the next meeting.

## 6. Items for Discussion and Reports

#### 6.1 Council Updates

Mayor Post shared that the Staff Report relating to the Fare Free Transit Program will be listed on the September 23rd Council Meeting agenda for consideration. Mayor Post shared details on the Town Hall taking place at the Tony Rose Memorial Sport Centre on Wednesday October 9th at 6:30 p.m. The Committee discussed future Town Hall opportunities at both Orangeville District Secondary School and Westside Secondary School. Alislinn Main, Chair, discussed reaching out to respective staff at both schools regarding planning future Town Halls.

#### 6.1.1 Fare-Free Transit Update

None.

## 6.2 Sub-Committee Updates

#### 6.2.1 Committee Communication Forum - Confirm Next Steps

The Committee discussed the various platforms that would be best to form a Committee discussion forum. The Committee agreed that the social media platform Snapchat, would be the most effective platform to use.

## 7. Correspondence

None.

#### 8. Announcements

Allison Dukovski, Supervisor, Recreation Programs and Events, Community Services, announced the following:

- There is a new room at the Tony Rose Memorial Sports Centre called the Dufferin Room,
- There is a new Respect your Rec Campaign in the works with potential opportunities for Committee members to get involved,
- The Santa Claus parade is scheduled for Saturday, November 16, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. throughout downtown Orangeville.

Aislinn Main, Chair, invited Committee members to the Pink Day Community Breakfast at Westside Secondary School on Friday, October 25 at 7:30 a.m.

## 8.1 October Meeting Date

2024-007

Moved By J. Barry

That the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council schedule a meeting for a date to be determined in October 2024.

Carried

# 9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3 at 4:30 p.m.

#### 10. Adjournment

2024-008

Moved By J. Barry

That the meeting being adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Carried