

Report

Subject: Mayor's Youth Advisory Council 2024 Annual Report &

Proposed 2025 Work Plan

Department: Community Services

Division: Recreation

Report #: CMS-2024-028

Meeting Date: 2024-12-16

Recommendations

That report CMS-2024-028, Mayor's Youth Advisory Council 2024 Annual Report & Proposed 2025 Work Plan, be received; and

That the 2025 Work Plan for the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, be approved.

Background and Analysis

The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council Committee (the "Committee") is comprised of one (1) member of Council and up to ten (10) members of the public up to the age of 20, who bring passion, enthusiasm, unique perspectives, and demonstrate an understanding and desire to promote youth initiatives in the Town of Orangeville.

The Committee plays a vital role in assessing municipal offerings and advises Council on recreational and social issues that are essential to Orangeville's younger population. The Committee works to strengthen community relations by acting as a communication channel by gathering insight and feedback from the community, creating meaningful dialogue, and advocating for decisions made by Council to actively reflect young people's concerns and needs. Additionally, the Committee provides leadership opportunities and provides an avenue for youth to acquire knowledge in local governance

Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference outline the meeting frequency for the Committee. The Committee was to meet quarterly or as required. In 2024, the Committee will have met a total of four (4) times.

2024 Achievements

Council approved the Committees 2024 work plan on November 13, 2023. The terms of reference outlines that the Committee is to provide an annual report to Council. Listed below are the Committees projects and initiatives that have been achieved from the 2024 work plan:

- On November 23rd, 2023, hosted a Mayoral Town Hall event at the Orangeville District Secondary School (ODSS).
- Advocated to Council for the continuation of the Town of Orangeville's Fare Free Transit Program.
- Participated and assisted in the October launch of the Town of Orangeville's "Respect YOUR Rec" campaign.
- Hosted various community partners and organizations at Committee meetings to share resources and raise awareness of ongoing initiatives, programs, and educational opportunities.

2025 Work Plan

The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council has prepared a 2025 work plan (Attachment 1) which outlines the various projects that will be focused on during the term.

At their meeting on December 3rd, the Committee passed a motion recommending approval of their 2025 work plan.

Resolution Number: 2024-011

Moved by: J. Berry

That the proposed 2025 Mayor's Youth Advisory Council work plan, be approved.

Carried

Corporate Implications

The Committee is provided with an annual budget of \$2,500. The proposed 2025 Mayor's Youth Advisory Council work plan (Attachment 1) outlines the projected expenses for 2025.

Strategic Alignment

Strategic Plan

Strategic Goal: Community Vitality

Objective: Build a more inclusive community and ensure citizen involvement.

Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan

Theme: Social Well-being

Strategy: Provided accessible social and community program options that support health,

wellness, and learning,

Notice Provisions

Not applicable.

Respectfully submitted, Reviewed by:

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Attachment(s): Proposed 2025 Mayor's Youth Advisory Council Work Plan