



## **Youth Council Committee Meeting**

**April 8, 2021**

**6:00 p.m**

**Zoom (Virtual) Meeting**

### **- MINUTES -**

**Present:** Councillor L. Hansen, Councillor L. Tillack, A. Oliver, B. Hartman, C. Barton, E. Hawes, E. Whitefield, E. Lewis, H. Pfeil, J. Barron, M. Hormazabal, M. Oliver, M. Smith, M. Youngren, Q. Tilling, S. Klooster, S. Davis, S. Suk.

**Regrets:** N. Ritchie

#### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:03 p.m.

#### **2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motioned by Hannah and Erika that the agenda be approved.

#### **3.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Motioned by Hannah and Sam that the minutes be approved.

#### **4.0 NEW BUSINESS**

**4.1 Guest Speakers:** Johanna Barron, FRN Facilitator and Megan Youngren, FCSS Youth Outreach Worker

- Megan shared info on 'Virtual Youth Self-Care Kit Night' which is scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm - 8:30 pm for youth aged 12-17; allowing up to 25 participants.
- Registrations will be open on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> and the kits will be available for either pick-up or delivered to individual participants.
- The advertisement for this event will begin next week and the Youth Council can help share the event.

- Johanna shared info on the 'Community Helpers' program by AHS that will be offered to local youth in grades 10 to 12. This program is beginning on May 6<sup>th</sup>, and will be facilitated by Johanna for 6 sessions.
- 'Community Helpers' program will support youth to develop a variety of skills including dealing with stress, improving communication, helping peers, making referrals to appropriate professionals, suicide awareness and more.
- The Community Facilitator will share both presenters' contacts for FRN Facilitator and FCSS YOW for the members to reach out for further info.

#### 4.2 **Guest Speakers:** Sandra Davis, City Clerk and Macarena Hormazabal, Deputy City Clerk

- Sandra shared info on the municipal elections - takes place every four years and the upcoming elections is on October 18<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be 8 voting stations on the election day as well as advanced voting opportunities which will be from October 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>.
- There is something new coming up as the provincial government has indicated there will be questions added to our ballots as well as the Senate vote. The city will ensure the municipal government elections is seen as a separate and distinct event from anything coming through from the provincial government.
- There will be 2 ballots: one for the municipal government/school board elections and the other for which the provincial government will bring forward.
- On average municipal elections expect about 25-30% turnout rate but expecting a higher turnout rate for the upcoming municipal elections.
- Macarena shared additional info on the opportunity for the Youth Council to work with the elections team. There will be various paid positions available; those YC members who are still in school will have to be excused from school/get permission from their parents/guardians to participate.
- The application forms will be available and sent to the Youth Council - those who are interested could complete the form and share this opportunity with peers as Leduc Youth Council's first term began in 2020.
- There is a separate project for the Youth Council - to host the Q & A forum for the Council prior to the elections. Macarena recommended planning this event to brainstorm on the main goals, what the YC would like to achieve through this event, and prepare separate questions for the Mayor and the Council.
- Both Sandra and Macarena would be more than happy to share further ideas and support the Youth Council in planning the Q & A forum.
- There will be extended opportunities for the Youth Council to participate and experience how the local governance functions by attending the City Council meetings (virtually). It would be most ideal to have two members from the Youth Council to attend the meetings weekly as there are three council meetings per month.

- The upcoming Council meetings are on April 12, 19 & 26<sup>th</sup> at 5pm and the meeting agenda is uploaded on previous Thursdays and open for review.
- During the attendance, the YC members could voice their questions or comments at the beginning of the meeting and be introduced by the Mayor.
- In addition, the Youth Council could also bring any updates from the group as the group represents youth in the community.
- Macarena informed on April 12, there will be an amendment to the city's bylaw where questions outside the meeting agenda item could be asked unlike before.

**ACTION:** The Community Facilitator to forward a list of YC members interested in attending the City Council meeting to the Deputy City Clerk.

#### 4.3 Subcommittee Updates

- Cassidy: Researched local businesses to support the Mayor's #Influencers event and asked more members to join the subcommittee or to share ideas.
- Erika W: Community Clean-up is rescheduled during the 'International Youth Week' between August 9-15<sup>th</sup>. It was challenging to schedule the event for April 23<sup>rd</sup> after the most recent community trauma involving youth. The event format will depend on the province's health restrictions with the variant cases escalating in our communities. Last term, the Youth Council kicked off the clean-up event at the Leduc Skate Park and the public participated virtually as a registered event.
- Quinn, Abby and Sam: Virtual Programming/Professional Resources group drafted an email to be forwarded to LRC. Abby also spoke at the Library Board Meeting and shared that the YC would be interested in developing partnerships. Sam shared there is a local artist /group that the YC could support/invite for a performance potentially at the Maclab centre. The subcommittee will gather and discuss the next steps with programming ideas.
- Mackenzie: Health & Mental Health pillar invited to speak at the parent-teacher council at the Composite High School and waiting for a response from the principal for approval of the presentation from LCDAC (Dion) drafted to move forward. The school Assistant-Principals supported the project. Cassidy and Hannah suggested the survey should cover both youth mental health and the substance abuse presentation. This would help the YC expand on the groups' goal on mental health as well. Bailey will assist the Chair in analyzing the collected Youth Mental Health survey data. The school(s) participating in the Youth Mental Health surveys are also interested in having the YC present/share the findings of the survey.
- Niall: Elections Q & A forum with Erika H with Sam - This subcommittee will update the group at the upcoming meeting.
- Matthew: also sits on the FCSS Board could provide Youth Council updates as multiple projects moving forward this term.
- Councillor Hansen offered to provide Council reports/updates to all the board i.e. LEAB, Library or the PRC members and inquired if the YC would be interested.

The majority of the members voted in favour to receive the updates from the Council.

**ACTION:** Councillor Hansen to provide the Youth Council with any update(s) from the City Council.

#### 4.4 Social Media Contents

- The Community Facilitator forwarded the photo consent form and Instagram guidelines to all the members. Only about half of the members submitted their forms and bio for release at this point.
- The Communications Department requested for a minimum of two months of the content calendar including detailed messaging, photos or images and accounts that YC would like to follow.
- With the most recent incident involving a city employee in the facilities, a YC member inquired about the city's procedure for releasing social media contents and expressed concerns about the safety of the YC group utilizing the social media account. Councillor Tillack shared not all employers are required to complete a criminal record check for their employees unless they are required to work with minors. Councillor Hansen also made it clear that signing the photo consent form for the social media account is not mandatory to be part of the Youth Council.
- The Vice-Chair suggested the YC account follow local municipalities, the Mayor and Council of the city of Leduc, non-profit organizations, and youth-serving organizations.

## 5.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

**Next meeting:** May 13, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. – Via Zoom Meeting