

## **Priorities Committee Meeting\_May26\_2020**

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### **STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE**

#### **Youth Advisory Committee 2019 Annual Report**

##### **Report Purpose**

To update the Priorities Committee on the 2019 activities and accomplishments of the Youth Advisory Committee, as required by Strathcona County Bylaw 31-2018.

##### **Our Prioritized Strategic Goals**

Goal 1 - Build strong communities to support the diverse needs of residents

Goal 7 - Provide opportunities for public engagement and communication

##### **Report**

The purpose of the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is to provide advice and recommendations to Council on issues and opportunities involving or affecting youth. The YAC's work is in alignment with Council's Strategic Plan, Strathcona County's Social Framework and key strategies and policies of the county. The YAC provides a youth lens on Strathcona County policies, programs and services and provides advice to Council and Administration on policies and programs to improve outcomes for youth in Strathcona County.

The following are mandate items for the YAC, and the activities undertaken in 2019:

- Recreation and Culture Strategy: reviewed the draft Recreation and Culture Strategy and contributed input to inform implementation planning for the strategy.
- Engagement of youth in democracy: planned and implemented a federal election youth forum on October 18, 2019 targeting youth and young adults.
- Youth Needs and Assets Assessment: participated as a focus group for this initiative and provided advice on the recommendations proposed for the final report. Key issues identified through these discussions included affordable housing, mental health issues and transit issues.
- Diversity and Inclusion: provided input on engagement for the draft policy and provided input on actions that will be important to implement this policy.
- Community Cemetery: while this was not a mandate item, the Community Living Advisory in its work on this item recommended the YAC be consulted. The YAC participated in a discussion to help inform the community cemetery report to Council and are supportive of a community cemetery.

Mandate items to be completed in 2020 include:

- Effective youth engagement
- Engage on matters such as post-secondary education, diversity and inclusion, and the Community Drug Strategy
- Connect with others successfully engaging with youth for shared learning

The 2019 YAC consisted of six public voting members and two Councillors who are non-voting members.

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Public Voting Members	Non-voting Members
Cody Hanson	Councillor Dave Anderson
Emilia Housch (Chair)	Councillor Bill Tonita (alternate)
Destiny Meilleur	
Katherine Prior	
Sydney Shymko	
Kiara Vroman (Vice-chair)	

**Council and Committee History**

September 25, 2018      Council approves third reading of the bylaw establishing the Youth Advisory Committee

**Other Impacts**

**Policy:** N/A

**Legislative/Legal:** Strathcona County Bylaw 31-2018

**Interdepartmental:** Recreation, Parks and Culture, Intergovernmental Affairs

**Master Plan/Framework:** 2013-2030 Strategic Plan, Strathcona County Social Framework, Recreation and Culture Strategy, Transit Master Plan

**Enclosure**

1      Youth Advisory Committee 2019 Annual Report Presentation