

Priorities Committee Meeting_May11_2021

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE**YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE****Annual Report to Priorities Committee****Report Purpose**

In compliance with Bylaw 46-2015, this report summarizes annual activities and accomplishments of the Youth Advisory Committee.

Report

The following are mandate items for the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) and the activities undertaken in 2020:

- Youth Engagement
 - Provided input to Strathcona County's Public Engagement Team about how to best engage youth in Strathcona County.
- Post Secondary Education
 - Submitted questions to the October mixed-topic SCOOP survey about post-secondary access in Strathcona County.
 - Organized a roundtable discussion in partnership with the Community Living Advisory Committee about opportunities to enhance post-secondary education access in Strathcona County.
- Community Drug Strategy
 - Received information from the Strathcona County Vaping Advisory Committee about the impacts of vaping and actions that can be taken on the issue of vaping.
- Learning from youth focused organizations
 - Learned about the Fort Saskatchewan BRIDGE Wellness Hub for youth and the ways they are supporting youth.
 - Provided input to the Strathcona County Library as part of creating their new Plan of Service.
- COVID-19 Impacts and Youth Mental Health
 - Provided input to Strathcona County's Emergency Social Services team about what impacts youth are facing as a result of COVID-19 and how to best communicate to youth about supports.
 - Received information about the actions Family and Community Services and its partners are taking to support youth mental health and provided feedback around how to better support and communicate to youth about mental health.
- Strathcona County Waste Management Roadmap
 - Provided input and advice to Strathcona County Utilities department about the Strathcona County 2021-2031 Waste Management Roadmap.

Mandate items to be completed in 2021 include:

- Provide input and advice on the development of a community-led youth strategy, including supports for youth mental health and wellbeing.
- Create and champion opportunities to engage Strathcona County youth and young adults in the October 2021 municipal election.

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- Provide input and advice on Strathcona County's Environmental Sustainability Framework and advise on opportunities that support youth/young adult engagement in environmental sustainability in the County.
- Identify features and characteristics of gathering spaces that would support the wellbeing of youth and young adults and provide advice to council on how the County might maximize use of current assets to increase connection and wellbeing for youth and young adults.
- Participate in engagements related to the concept and design of a potential Fieldhouse and engagements related to the Boys and Girls Club potential expansion to ensure consideration of a youth/young adult lens.
- Provide input on the implementation of the diversity and inclusion policy from a youth/young adult perspective.
- Participate in engagement opportunities and provide advice to Council on Community Safety and well-being related to youth and young adults.
- Provide advice to Council on pandemic impacts and potential solutions as they relate to youth and young adults within the County.

The 2020 YAC consisted of eight public voting members and two Councillors who are non-voting members.

Public Voting Members	Non-voting Members
Sydney Courville	Councillor Dave Anderson
Cody Hanson	Councillor Bill Tonita (alternate)
Emilia Housch (Chair)	
John Perozok	
Katherine Prior	
Zachary Stoddard	
Patrick Tonita	
Kiara Vroman (Vice-chair)	

Enclosure(s)

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