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STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Youth Advisory Committee 2021/2022 Annual Report to Priorities Committee

Report Purpose

In compliance with Bylaw 28-2021, this report summarizes the annual activities and accomplishments of the Youth Advisory Committee.

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. YAC's work aligns with Council's Strategic Plan, Strathcona County's Social Framework and the County's key strategies and policies. 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 youth outcomes in Strathcona County.

The following are mandate items for the YAC and the activities undertaken in 2021/2022:

- **Participate in engagement opportunities and provide advice to Council on community safety and wellbeing as it relates to youth and young adults.**
 - Provided input and advised on the development of the Strathcona County Community Safety and Wellbeing Strategy.
 - Received information from Strathcona County RCMP regarding the impacts of the School Resource Officer Program.
- **Provide advice to Council on pandemic impacts and potential solutions as the relate to youth and young adults within the County.**
 - Received information about the mental health impacts of COVID-19 from the Saffron Sexual Assault Centre.
- **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.**
 - Provided input and advice to Strathcona County administration about the Strathcona County 2021-2031 Waste Management Roadmap.
 - Received information about and provided input to the Strathcona County Environmental Sustainability Framework.
 - Received information about The New Grocery Movement, an organization committed to restructuring the food system by incentivizing a shift towards local and sustainable grocery alternatives.
 - Received information and provided feedback on the Centre in the Park Area Redevelopment Plan and the Bremner Area Development Plan.
- **Create and champion opportunities to engage Strathcona County youth and young adults in the September 2021 municipal election.**
 - Hosted and moderated an online Mayoral Candidate Forum.
- **Identify features and characteristics of gathering spaces that would support the wellbeing of youth and young adults and provide advice to council on**

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how the County might maximize use of current assets to increase connection and wellbeing for youth and young adults.

- Provided feedback to administration on how to utilize county assets for youth needs.
- Provided feedback and advice to inform the Integrated Transportation Master Plan project.
- **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.**
 - Engaged in conversation with BGC representatives related to the CanTeen Youth Hub.
 - Provided feedback to administration to help inform the development of the proposed multipurpose indoor fieldhouse project.
- **Provide input on the implementation of the diversity and inclusion policy from a youth/young adult perspective.**
 - Received information about and provided input regarding the implementation of Strathcona County's Diversity and Inclusion policy.
 - Received information from altView about their programs and services for youth and young adults.
 - Received information about County initiatives and actions supporting Truth and Reconciliation.
- **Provide input and advice on the development of a community-led youth strategy, including supports for youth mental health and wellbeing.**
 - Guests representing different community organizations provided the committee with an update on the progress of the Community Led Youth Strategy initiative.

The committee has summarized its activities on the progress of the mandate items and has provided their recommendations in the attached enclosure.

The 2021/2022 YAC consisted of eight public voting members and two Councillors who are non-voting members.

Public Voting Members

- Michael Frank
- Gabriella Hartwick
- Teren Hazzard
- Keegan Kirchen
- Jonah Peters
- Seth Ryning
- Eva Tomashewski
- Patrick Tonita

Non-voting Members

- Councillor Dave Anderson
- Councillor Corey Ann Hartwick

Council and Committee History

February 26, 2019 Council approved mandate letters for the Accessibility, Seniors and Youth Advisory Committees.

September 25, 2018 Council approved third readings of the bylaw establishing the Youth Advisory Committee.

Enclosure(s)

1 Youth Advisory Committee 2021 2022 Annual Report Presentation