

# Youth Initiatives Update

Priorities Committee Meeting  
May 17, 2016



# Community Youth Initiatives

- Youth Council
- Youth ROCK
- Strathcona County Youth Documentary
- Youth Mentoring Program





# Youth ROCK



# Strathcona County Youth Documentary





# The Youth Mentoring Program



# Program Overview

- The Youth Mentoring Program connects young people with adult mentors in Strathcona County departments.
- Strength-based program.
- All youth needs are unique and matches are made with the interests and skills of the youth participant in mind.
- Primary program goal is that the young person develop a positive relationship with an adult.

# Program Overview

- Helps youth develop confidence while learning valuable work and life skills.
- Youth shadow Strathcona County mentors for three and a half hours each week for 10 weeks.
- Not only is the program helpful to youth, it provides a sense of accomplishment for the mentors, who show the work done throughout the entire department rather than just their own.

# Program History

- Strathcona County Family and Community Services piloted the Youth Mentoring Program in 2012.
- Since 2012, 27 youth have completed the program.
- Our goal each year is to match each and every referral.





# Program History

- Participating departments in the past 4 years include:
  - Utilities
  - Family and Community Services
  - Emergency Services
  - Recreation Parks and Culture
  - RPC – Parks Compound
  - Strathcona County Library
  - RCMP
  - Facility Services
  - Corporate Planning and Intergovernmental Affairs
  - Human Resources



# Program Evaluation

- After each round of mentoring, we ask for feedback from all participants. Some changes made in the last 4 years include shortening the length of the program as well as modifications to orientation and training.
- To date, every mentor said they would recommend the program to other staff.
- The youth involved in the program state they all had positive and meaningful experiences.



# How did Shafir and Kelly discover the Program?

And why did they join?



**Achievements that Shafir and Kelly  
have accomplished in the program.**

# How can Shafir and Kelly leverage the opportunity?

# The Mentoring Program:

Our thoughts for the future



# Thank you!

