



## **Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

March 31st, 2025 at 4:30 pm

### **1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:35pm

### **2. Roll Call**

The Chair gave the roll call.

**Present:** Mackenzie Arts, Rileigh Arts, Paige Henneberger, Linkyn Willick, William Connor, Athena Bozich, Mojeed Fayemi, Queen Ndibwami, King Ndibwami, Grace Wang, Erica Zhou, Adelaide Dy, Giulia Piazza, Alyssa Poulin, Dario Costa

**Absent:** Addison Wighman, Hailey Hudson, Nicholas Mete, Alexis Isaacs

**Staff:** Cole Patton, Mayor Redekop, Bill Connor, Krista Connor

### **3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None.

### **4. Adoption of the Agenda**

**That:** The Agenda for March 31st, 2025 be adopted as presented.

Moved by: Adelaide Dy

Seconded by: Erica Zhou

**Carried**

### **5. Adoption of Minutes**

**That:** The Minutes for February 24th, 2025 be adopted as presented.

Moved by: Linkyn Willick

Seconded by: Athena Bozich

**Carried**

### **6. Correspondence**

## **7. Presentations and Delegations**

- a. none

## **8. Mayor's Report**

- Mr. Mayor reported on how multiple groups in the community are interested in doing Community Clean Ups so they are looking at running two during the year.
- He also noted that there will be some of them joining us for our clean up and photos for social media.
- Lastly, he encouraged us to send our Earth Day social media campaign to Cole to be posted on the Town socials as well.

## **9. Business Arising From Minutes**

- a. Free Skate Recap
  - Mackenzie noted that there was a good turnout of families and children but we are hoping to have more MYAC members attend as last time it was just her and Rileigh.
- b. March Tween Dance (April 5th, 6-8pm)
  - Our Tween Dance is this Saturday, April 5th from 6-8pm.
  - Mackenzie instructed MYAC members to come at 5:30pm to set up.
  - Committee decided on no balloon arch and instead to do a photo booth/wall and have a DJ booth.
  - The Connors will deal with purchasing pop and ordering pizza ahead of time.
  - Wear MYAC hoodies!
- c. Community Volunteering Events
  - Erica and Will reported on local volunteering events that MYAC can help with for Easter.
  - The Fort Erie Library is running an Egg Hunt on April 17 from 4-5pm. Erica and Adelaide will look into how MYAC can help with this.
- d. Earth Day Clean Up
  - Tuesday, April 22 at Sugar Bowl Park, starting at 3:30pm.
  - Mackenzie will be in touch with Sean Hutton to provide supplies.
  - All of MYAC is to attend, Mackenzie passed around the sign up sheet. Community members and other youth are also invited.
- e. Tree Planting
  - Mr Connor reported that we will partner with Friends of Fort Erie Creeks to plant 10 trees at the Stevensville Conservation Area.
  - The tentative date is Thursday, April 24 at 3:30pm.
- f. Earth Day Social Media Campaigns
  - Athena will send out a form to sign up for making posters. A different Earth Day tip or fact will be on each one.
  - Post from April 15-22.
  - Posts done by next Friday and sent to Athena.
  - Rileigh, Erica, Will, Adelaide, Dario, Paige, Mackenzie signed up to make posters.
  - Mackenzie and Rileigh will format them so they all match and are cohesive.
  - Mr. Mayor suggested we send posters to Cole to be posted on Town socials as well.
- g. Food Drive Competition
  - Will revisit more in May
  - Mackenzie explained that our previous prize was \$500 worth of arts/sports supplies, Mackenzie and William will look at the budget to see where we see room for that.
- h. Talent Showcase (June 11th)
  - On Wednesday June 11 at 4pm (ending time TBD)

- Mackenzie explained that we need a liaison at each school to talk to the art/ music teachers. Lakeshore: Erica and Adelaide, NCC: Queen, GFESS: Linkyn
- The committee agreed we should hold more MYAC meetings for getting work done and preparing for our Talent Showcase. Mackenzie will email Diana Kelley to book the Conference Room.
- Mackenzie suggested we partner with the library, Erica and Adelaide will look into this.
- Committee also suggested a bake sale and will revisit this idea.

## **10. Sub-committee Reports**

- a. Promotions
- b. Communications
- c. Miscellaneous
- d. Activities
- e. Attendance
- f. Meeting Preparation

## **11. New Business**

- a. MYAC Scholarships
  - Mackenzie has poster we can use from last year to send this out ASAP to Guidance Counsellors and schools.
  - Adelaide will send information to Guidance Counselor at Lakeshore and Mackenzie will do the same for GFESS.
  - Scholarship will be due on May 23rd to vote on May 26th meeting.
  - Secondary Scholarship is \$500, same criteria as last year (volunteerism, community service, over 80% average, attending post secondary).
  - Elementary Scholarship is \$50, nominated by each school.
- b. End of Year Celebration
  - Mackenzie explained that typically the MYAC does an end of year celebration to celebrate all of our accomplishments during the year.
  - Ideas were: Ice cream party, candy salad, bowling (lucky strikes), go for dinner, and movie night.
  - Mackenzie will look into cost of these events and update the committee.

The next meeting of MYAC will be held on April 28th at 4:30pm in Conference Room #1.

## **12. Adjournment**

**That:** The Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee adjourns at 5:11pm

Carried by: Paige Henneberger

Seconded by: Rileigh Arts

**Carried**

*Mackenzie Arts*

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Mackenzie Arts, Chair

*Paige Henneberger*

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Paige Henneberger, Vice Chair  
(Acting Secretary)