



Agenda
Mayor's Youth Advisory Council Meeting

December 3, 2024, 4:30 p.m.

Electronic and In-Person Participation - Mayor's Youth Advisory Council

The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville

(Chair and Secretary at Town Hall - 87 Broadway)

Orangeville, Ontario

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Pages

1. Call to Order

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

3. Land Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge the treaty lands and territory of the Williams Treaty Nations and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We also recognize that Dufferin County is the traditional territory of the Wendat and the Haudenosaunee and is home to many Indigenous people today.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Recommendations:

That the minutes of the following meeting are approved:

4.1 2024-09-10 - Mayor's Youth Advisory Council - Minutes

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5.1 Stevie Forbes-Roberts, Dufferin Child & Family Services, GLOWn Ups Keep it CLASSY, 2SLGBTQ+ Caregiver Group

- GLOW is a 2SLGBTQ+ social youth group that works to build self-esteem, a sense of connection to community, and pride about diverse sexual and gender identities. GLOW meets twice per week for two different age groups. GLOW Junior is for youth ages 11-14 and GLOW Senior is for youth ages 15-18.
- GLOWn Ups Keep it CLASSY is for caregivers who love, advocate for, and support 2SLGBTQ+ children and youth. There are free monthly meetings designed to foster a supportive environment where you can connect with fellow caregivers who understand the unique challenges faced.

Recommendations:

That the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, in conjunction with GLOWn Ups Keep it CLASSY, cosponsor a community skate, and

That \$150 be used from the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council budget, to fund half the cost of the community skate.

5.2 Ishika Singla - Youth Orangeville Proposal

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6. Items for Discussion and Reports

6.1 2025 Mayor's Youth Advisory Council Work Plan

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Recommendations:

That the proposed 2025 Mayor's Youth Advisory Council work plan, be approved.

6.2 2025 Mayor's Youth Advisory Council Meeting Schedule

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Recommendations:

That the proposed 2025 Mayor's Youth Advisory Council meeting schedule, be approved.

6.3 Council Updates

Mayor L. Post to provide updates on recent decisions made by Council.

7. Correspondence

8. Announcements

9. Date of Next Meeting

Tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. Subject to Committee approval of the 2025 meeting schedule.

10. Adjournment



Minutes of Mayor's Youth Advisory Council

September 10, 2024, 4:30 p.m.

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Members Present: A. Main, Chair
Mayor L. Post
A. Al-Shalchi
J. Barry
H. Robb
V. Servos

Members Absent: J. Bracken
L. Robinson
I. Singla

Staff Present: G. Brennan, Legislative Assistant, Corporate Services
A. Dukovski, Supervisor, Recreation Programs and Events,
Community Services
J. Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk, Corporate Services

1. Call to Order

Aislinn Main, Chair, called the meeting to order at: 4:34 p.m.

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Land Acknowledgement

Aislinn Main, Chair, acknowledged the treaty lands and territory of the Williams Treaty Nations and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. She also recognized that Dufferin County is the traditional territory of the Wendat and the Haudenosaunee, and is home to many Indigenous people today.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

2024-005

Moved By A. Al-Shalchi

That the minutes of the following meeting are approved:

4.1 2024-06-12 - Mayor's Youth Advisory Council - Minutes

Carried

5. Presentations

5.1 Jordyn Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk, Corporate Services, Town of Orangeville - Governance Refresher

Jordyn Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk, Corporate Services, provided the Committee with a Committee Governance Refresher presentation. Mrs. Lavecchia-Smith discussed the various Boards, Committees, and Task Forces that advise Council on important matters. She shared details on the roles and responsibilities for Committee Members, the Chair, the Staff Liaison, and the Committee Secretary. She advised the Committee on the effectiveness of having an agenda, and how that contributes to the efficiency of a meeting. Mrs. Lavecchia-Smith clarified the decision-making process for when a motion is up for consideration, and the various outcomes when a motion is being voted on. Mrs. Lavecchia-Smith advised the Committee on next steps and plans for 2025. The Committee will consult with staff on the development of their 2025 Work Plan that will outline various projects and initiatives, including the necessary budgets to be allocated.

5.2 Delegate, Grant Peters, Fare Free Transit Program

Grant Peters discussed the importance of having a Fare-Free Transit program operating in the Town of Orangeville. Mr. Peters shared details around the Town of Orangeville becoming one of the first municipalities to pilot a Fare-Free Transit program, and the blueprint it sets for surrounding municipalities. He discussed why transit needs to become more accessible – and affordable – for residents with the removal of the

financial barrier. The committee discussed the positive impact the Fare-Free Transit program has had on youth in Orangeville, and stressed the importance of having user groups that participated in the program have their feedback heard.

2024-006

Moved By J. Barry

That the correspondence regarding the Fare Free Transit Program be received, and

That the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee express their support of the Fare Free Transit Program through a letter, and

That the letter of support be included in the September 23rd Council Agenda.

Carried

5.3 Ishika Singla - Youth Orangeville Proposal

Ms. Singla was not in attendance, therefore this matter was deferred to the next meeting.

6. Items for Discussion and Reports

6.1 Council Updates

Mayor Post shared that the Staff Report relating to the Fare Free Transit Program will be listed on the September 23rd Council Meeting agenda for consideration. Mayor Post shared details on the Town Hall taking place at the Tony Rose Memorial Sport Centre on Wednesday October 9th at 6:30 p.m. The Committee discussed future Town Hall opportunities at both Orangeville District Secondary School and Westside Secondary School. Alislinn Main, Chair, discussed reaching out to respective staff at both schools regarding planning future Town Halls.

6.1.1 Fare-Free Transit Update

None.

6.2 Sub-Committee Updates

6.2.1 Committee Communication Forum - Confirm Next Steps

The Committee discussed the various platforms that would be best to form a Committee discussion forum. The Committee agreed that

the social media platform Snapchat, would be the most effective platform to use.

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Announcements

Allison Dukovski, Supervisor, Recreation Programs and Events, Community Services, announced the following:

- There is a new room at the Tony Rose Memorial Sports Centre called the Dufferin Room,
- There is a new Respect your Rec Campaign in the works with potential opportunities for Committee members to get involved,
- The Santa Claus parade is scheduled for Saturday, November 16, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. throughout downtown Orangeville.

Aislinn Main, Chair, invited Committee members to the Pink Day Community Breakfast at Westside Secondary School on Friday, October 25 at 7:30 a.m.

8.1 October Meeting Date

2024-007

Moved By J. Barry

That the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council schedule a meeting for a date to be determined in October 2024.

Carried

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3 at 4:30 p.m.

10. Adjournment

2024-008

Moved By J. Barry

That the meeting being adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Carried



Youth Orangeville Proposal

MAY 2024

Ishika Singla



Executive Summary

Youth Orangeville is a vibrant community initiative designed to empower and engage the young population of Orangeville. With a focus on fostering leadership skills, promoting civic engagement, and providing diverse opportunities for personal growth, Youth Orangeville aims to create a dynamic platform for the youth to thrive and contribute positively to their community.

Through a comprehensive array of activities and initiatives, Youth Orangeville will address various aspects of youth development and community involvement.

Objectives

- **Empowerment:** To empower youth by providing them with opportunities for personal growth, leadership development, and skill-building.
- **Engagement:** To promote active civic engagement and community involvement among people in Orangeville.
- **Education:** To offer diverse educational programs, workshops, and initiatives aimed at enhancing the academic, social, and personal development of youth.
- **Inclusion:** To foster a sense of belonging, diversity, and inclusivity within the community of Orangeville.

Methodology

Youth Orangeville will implement a multifaceted approach to achieve its objectives:

- **Community Service Projects:** Organize and participate in a variety of community service projects such as neighborhood cleanups, volunteering at senior centers, tutoring or mentoring programs for younger students, organizing donation drives, volunteering at food banks or shelters, and environmental conservation efforts like tree planting.
- **Youth Publication:** Create a youth-focused publication showcasing the talents, ideas, and experiences of young people in Orangeville. This publication will serve as a platform for youth expression and dialogue, distributed in local schools and community centers.



- **Youth Forum:** Host a youth forum bringing together high school students from across Orangeville to discuss and address topics of concern and interest to the youth demographic, fostering open dialogue, idea-sharing, and collaborative problem-solving.
- **Fundraising Events:** Plan and execute fundraising events to support youth-related development projects and charitable causes, such as educational scholarships, youth programs, and community initiatives.
- **Workshops and Educational Programs:** Offer workshops and educational programs on various topics relevant to youth, including financial literacy, career development, mental health awareness, personal well-being, and academic success. Also offer one-on-one tutoring for kids by high school students.
- **Youth Week:** Organize a week-long series of events and activities celebrating youth in Orangeville, including free Zumba classes, movie nights, baking workshops, talent showcases, and community service opportunities.
- **Talent Events:** Host talent events featuring performances by local youth in areas such as dancing, singing, poetry, drama, and visual arts, providing a platform for creative expression and talent recognition.
- **TEDx Youth Event:** Organize a TEDx Youth event showcasing inspirational talks and presentations by young speakers, entrepreneurs, innovators, and thought leaders from Orangeville and beyond, sparking conversations and ideas that matter to youth.

Partnerships

Youth Orangeville will seek partnerships and collaborations with schools, non-profit organizations and small businesses to maximize reach and resources . By leveraging the strengths, expertise, and networks of partners, Youth Orangeville aims to create synergistic relationships and sustainable solutions for youth empowerment and community development.

Organizational Structure

Youth Orangeville will establish a formal organizational structure to ensure efficient operation and governance. This structure will include key **leadership positions** such as President, Vice President, Secretary, social media coordinator and event coordinator responsible for different aspects of the organization's activities. Regular meetings will be held to discuss **planning, implementation, and evaluation of programs and initiatives**.

As an official organization, Youth Orangeville will seek endorsement and support from the Mayor of Orangeville, local government officials, and other relevant stakeholders. This endorsement will lend credibility to the organization and facilitate collaboration with city departments, schools, and community organizations.

Moreover, Youth Orangeville will need to establish a designated meeting place for its activities, preferably a centrally located community center or youth facility.

Outreach

Youth Orangeville will launch a comprehensive public awareness and outreach campaign to promote its mission, activities, and opportunities for youth involvement. This campaign will include social media promotion, website development and collaborations to raise awareness and attract participants, volunteers, and supporters.

By establishing a formal organizational structure, securing endorsement from the Mayor and local officials, and collaborating with key stakeholders, Youth Orangeville will position itself as a recognized and respected entity within the Orangeville community, dedicated to empowering and enriching the lives of its youth population.



Conclusion

By establishing a formal organizational structure, securing endorsement from the Mayor and local officials, and collaborating with key stakeholders, Youth Orangeville is poised to become a recognized and respected entity within the Orangeville community. Through a diverse range of activities and initiatives, including community service projects, educational programs, talent events, and special forums, Youth Orangeville will provide young people with the tools, resources, and opportunities they need to thrive and contribute positively to their community. With your involvement and collaboration, we are confident that Youth Orangeville will make a lasting impact on the lives of Orangeville's youth and the overall vibrancy and resilience of our community.

Mayor's Youth Advisory Council

2025 Committee Work Plan



If the Committee requires assistance from the Town's Communications Division for a program or initiative identified in this workplan, a minimum of eight (8) weeks' notice is required.

| Deliverable / Project | Description | Frequency | Scheduled Date | Location | Lead | Budget/Comments |
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| Special Project – Mayor's Youth Town Hall Meetings | A Town Hall like event designed to foster open dialogue between students, the Mayor, elected officials, and Town Staff in order to provide updates and solicit feedback on current Town initiatives and programs. | Bi-Annual | TBD | ODSS & Westside Secondary School | Mayor, Committee, Committee Secretary, Staff Liaison | Total budget: \$2,500 |
| Advertising and Promotion – Youth Engagement Initiatives | Identify and promote community events, programs, initiatives, and educational opportunities that are of interest to the younger population and foster deeper community involvement and interaction. | Ongoing | TBD | N/A | Committee, Committee Secretary, Staff Liaison | N/A |
| Advertising & Promotion – Town of Orangeville Promotional Campaigns | Offer guidance and assist in Town of Orangeville promotional campaigns and initiatives designed for youth, ensuring strategies are inclusive and impactful. | As Required | TBD | N/A | Committee, Committee Secretary, Staff Liaison | N/A |

2025 Mayor's Youth Advisory Council Proposed Meeting Schedule

- The Terms of Reference states that the meeting frequency is to be quarterly, or as required.
- In 2024, the Committee met in March, June, September, and December.
- Committee meetings are not to be scheduled during July or August.
- The Committee meetings are to take place in Council Chambers and start at 4:30 p.m.

Proposed 2025 Meeting Schedule

The Committee is to meet the first Wednesday of the respective month.

- Wednesday, March 5th at 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 4th at 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 3rd at 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 3rd at 4:30 p.m.