

Youth Council Monthly Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2023
6:00pm – 8:00pm
Hybrid: TEAMS and Lang Rm City Hall

In Attendance

Ava Bendick
Colby Mask
Kristi Wahl, City Liaison
Ceb Delaney
Councillor Jib Abitoye
Sparrow Leanord
Iryna Kennedy, Legislative Services

Regrets

Sorrow Donkin

1.0 Welcome, Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement

Call to Order Motion by Colby Mask called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm. Seconded by Sparrow Leanord. CARRIED.

2.0 Approve Agenda

MOTION by Colby Mask to approve the agenda. Seconded by Ava Bendick. CARRIED.

3.0 Approve Meeting Minutes

MOTION by Colby Mask to approve the October Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Sparrow Leanord. CARRIED.

4.0 City of Fort Saskatchewan Council Update

- a. Capital Budget presentations.

5.0 Youth Advisory Committee Update

- a. Youth Advisory Committee is fundraising for local youth, currently selling candy during lunch hours at various schools.
- b. November 20th YAC will be hosting the movie Jumanji at Fort Cinema as a fundraiser for local youth, tickets are \$6 for regular sets and \$8 for premium seats.
- c. YAC will be selling Taylor Swift bracelets at Fort Cinema November 3rd and 4th.
- d. Sparrow Leanord and Colby Mask have offered to help volunteer in the fundraising efforts.

6.0 Youth Council Terms of Reference

- a. Reviewed changes the Youth Council had brought forward and some updated changes that Legislative Services provided.
- b. Will approve new changes to Terms of Reference next meeting.

7.0 Youth Council Action Items

- a. Policing Committee collaboration on Safer Community.
 - i. Look at the possibility of one more garbage picking date before the snow sets in.
 - ii. Kristi Wahl will follow up with the Policing Committee on collaborating.
 - iii. Kristi Wahl will follow up with catching the voices of those groups missed in the first round of safer community discussions.
- b. Engaging Parks and natural spaces.
 - i. Updated on conversation with Rae Madge from U of A, Fyrefly Institute for Gender and Sexual Diversity.
 - ii. Youth Council is interested in working with the City to create playground park maps and updated trails maps.
- c. Transportation within Fort Saskatchewan and regionally.
 - i. Kristi Wahl has a meeting set up with Transit to discuss the new ARC card.
- d. Recreation and Culture
 - i. Truth and Reconciliation and the City presentation, Kristi Wahl will ask Jessica Weller to return to share an update.
 - ii. Fort Heritage Precinct presentation and Youth Council input session, Kristi Wahl will work out a date in the new year.
 - iii. Harbour Pool presentation, lifesaving water activity and a session on “How to Become a Lifeguard”, Kristi Wahl will work on a date in the new year.

8.0 Mental Health and Doctor Access

- a. Mental Health and Doctor access in Fort Saskatchewan is limited, Youth Council would like to advocate for increased access and options. Youth Council will write a letter to Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk, MLA to Fort Saskatchewan/Vegreville to advocate.
- b. Youth Council will work on another letter to Government of Alberta Ministries to advocate for increased access.
- c. Youth Council will share letters with other Regional Youth Councils.

9.0 Food Bank Challenge

- a. Due to the upcoming Holiday Season the Youth Council wants to wait until the new year prior to sending out the challenge to the local schools.

10.0 Fort Family Violence Coalition

- a. Youth Council will create a placement for the display at City Hall for Family Violence Prevention month.

11.0 Fort Saskatchewan Public Library

- a. Youth Council will provide a prize for the 2024 Summer Reading program.
- b. The Youth Council would like to have the Fort Saskatchewan Public library attend and present on what the library does. Kristi Wahl will reach out to the Director of the library.

12.0 Holiday Celebration

- a. Location: TBD
- b. Date: January 2024

13.0 Roundtable

14.0 Next Meeting

December 6, 2023

15.0 Adjournment

MOTION by Colby Mask to adjourn the meeting at 8:01pm. Seconded by Ava Bendick.
CARRIED.