



REQUEST FOR DECISION

MEETING DATE: March 20, 2023

TITLE: Council Delegation - Youth Advisory Committee - 2023 Work Plan

DIVISION: Corporate Services

SUMMARY:

To present the Youth Advisory Committee's 2023 Work Plan, and to recommend that the Committee of the Whole review the Work Plan and recommend the Work Plan to Council for approval.

PROPOSED MOTION:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend Council approve the 2023 Youth Advisory Committee Work Plan.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is required under C-1208-22 - Youth Advisory Committee Bylaw to develop an annual work plan that identifies key priorities and goals based on its mandate.

Under the bylaw, the YAC has been tasked with engaging with youth in the community to represent a youth perspective on a variety of municipal issues and provide recommendations to Council on these issues. Specifically, the Committee is asked to:

- coordinate youth specific initiatives that profile local youth issues;
- develop and maintain relationships with individuals and organizations addressing issues or opportunities relating to youth;
- research and provide input into policy proposals for Council's consideration in reference to matters that directly impact youth in the community;
- receive direction from Council on work or reports Council requires on youth matters;

- provide a youth lens on youth-oriented City policies, programs or services; and
- engage with Administration and other organizations supporting youth initiatives and other municipalities.

At their meeting of March 2, 2023, the YAC reviewed and approved their 2023 Work Plan. Based on interest from YAC members and input from Administration, the following items have been prioritized by the YAC as items to receive further documentation/information, presentations, discussion:

1. Creating social spaces for youth;
2. Exploring opportunities for youth-oriented activities and events;
3. Connecting with and protecting the environment;
4. Building a community that supports vulnerable people and people in need, and has opportunities for all residents to feel connected to their community; and
5. Supporting local arts, culture, and small businesses.

In addition, the YAC has made connections between the priorities they have identified in their Work Plan, and goals in the City of Spruce Grove Strategic Plan. Through these connections, as well as through other opportunities that may arise throughout the year, the YAC will aim to represent a youth perspective on a variety of municipal issues as directed under the bylaw.

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

The Committee of the Whole may provide feedback that the YAC revise their Work Plan to add or remove items.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT:

The YAC will look for opportunities to engage youth in the community, consistent with the duties outlined in the bylaw, to gain insight into items identified in the Work Plan.

The YAC will also look for opportunities to engage with Council throughout their term, both through working with the two Council members of the YAC, as well as attending events with Council, providing input into items at Council's request, and other opportunities for partnership that may arise.

IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNICATION:

The Administrative Liaison for the YAC will work with Administration to suggest opportunities based on the mandate identified in the bylaw for the YAC to work towards progress on items identified in their Work Plan.

At the end of their term, the YAC will prepare a report of the work they have accomplished throughout their term and present that report to Council.

IMPACTS:

The YAC will coordinate initiatives, participate in events, review policies and make recommendations on items related to youth in Spruce Grove in alignment with the items identified in the Work Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

n/a