

Youth Advisory Committee 2023 Work Plan

Awareness and Understanding

As the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is new to the City, it will be important for Committee members to spend a significant portion of their work in the first part of the year gaining an understanding of a wide array of issues and background information that will provide a strong foundation for recommendations to Council. Additionally, the Committee will spend time exploring issues that are important to them and learning about the work of Council and Administration.

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

- 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,
- engage with Administration and other organizations supporting youth initiatives and other municipalities.

The following list has 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
5. Supporting local arts, culture, and small businesses

Review and Analysis

This section of the work plan lays out the items that could be reviewed and analyzed for possible recommendations and/or considerations. This was formulated with suggestions from

administration (things they have heard from Council, the community, or desire input on themselves), Committee Council member(s), and the Committee members. Throughout their term, the Youth Advisory Committee will review and consider these options, as well as other opportunities that may arise, to work to achieve their mandate.

1. Creating social spaces for youth
 - a. Work to advance Strategic Plan goal 3 B.1: Explore how outdoor municipal space could be leveraged to deliver recreation programming or spontaneous, community driven activities with a focus on affordability and increased opportunities.
 - b. Work to advance Strategic Plan goal 3 B.2: Explore how indoor municipal space, as well as public institutions such as schools, could be leveraged to deliver recreation programming with a focus on affordability and increased opportunities.
2. Exploring opportunities for youth-oriented activities and events
 - a. Work to advance Strategic Plan goal 3 A.2: Provide additional accessible recreation programming opportunities for youth.
 - b. Provide input into Strategic Plan goal 4.A.1: Determine new culture programming for residents that provide diverse culture experiences while leverage existing spaces.
3. Connecting with and protecting the environment
 - a. Participate in the Spruce Up Spruce Grove initiative
 - b. Work to advance Strategic Plan goal 7 B.1: Review recommendations from the City's Climate Change Action Plan and develop a subsequent implementation plan for specific recommendations.
 - c. Work to advance Strategic Plan goal 8 C.2: Develop an education program for residents about local climate change impacts.
4. Building a community that supports vulnerable people and people in need, and has opportunities for all residents to feel connected to their community
 - a. Work to advance Strategic Plan goal 1 A.2: Work with local organizations that focus on addressing inequities in the community and understanding the needs of underrepresented and equity deserving groups.
 - b. Work to advance Strategic Plan goal 1.C: Provide opportunities for residents to actively engage in the governance and future of their city.
 - c. Suggest opportunities for the City to increase representation of diverse cultures and identities in municipal events, facilities, and policies.
5. Supporting local arts, culture, and small businesses
 - a. Work to advance Strategic Plan goal 4 A: Leverage existing infrastructure spaces to incorporate culture experiences and artifacts.
 - b. Provide input into Strategic Plan goal 4 A.5: Develop a new Public Art Policy

As issues arise, and where the Committee has time, there will be additional input and feedback sought where necessary as it relates to the mandate of the Committee.