

Windsor, Ontario October 29, 2014

A meeting of the **Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee** is held this day commencing at 5:30 o'clock p.m. in Room 407, 400 City Hall Square East, there being present the following members:

Aditi Goswami, Chairperson
Prakash Pandya, Vice Chairperson
Timothy Au-Yeung
Eileen Chen (arrives at 5:37 p.m.)
Alexander Deans

Guest in attendance:

Ahana Goswami

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Mary Ellen Bernard, Manager of Social Policy & Planning
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson calls the meeting to order at 6:35 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule "A" ***attached*** hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT

None disclosed.

3. MINUTES

Moved by T. Au-Yeung, seconded by A. Deans,
That the minutes of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee of its meeting held July 30, 2014 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

4. PRESENTATION

A. Deans provides an overview of the "BluePrint Windsor: Fast Forward 2020" workshop event as follows:

- Engagement of young people is an integral part of our city's success so offering opportunities for young people to grow is an essential part of this process.
- Investigate a conversation where students and business leaders can have a dialogue relating to the types of opportunities and challenges they can expect to face in the next five years.
- The day would include exhibitions, incredible speakers, workshops
- Suggestion to hold the event in the new Museum/Art Gallery building
- Need to see more youth oriented businesses - what youth should expect when they begin working.
- Event to be held in early spring 2015
- Involves 10 Windsor area secondary schools (7 students from each school), 5 MYAC members and 15 business leaders.
- Letters of invitation will be sent to the Principals of the 10 schools and to the speakers/business leaders.

M. E. Bernard states the event should exemplify what youth would like to see changed and to determine a "vision". She notes it is prudent to contact the school boards in advance of the event. She suggests a "clear idea" of what MYAC wants the speakers to talk about be communicated to the business leaders.

It is generally agreed a new website hosting service be investigated as the agreement with Go-Daddy will expire in early 2015.

M. E. Bernard suggests county-based schools also be invited to attend the event.

Moved by P. Pandya, seconded by T. Au-Yeung,

That consideration **BE GIVEN** to the continuation of the Youth Leadership Awards and to host the BluePrint Windsor: Fast Forward 2020 event in 2015.

Carried.

Moved by P. Pandya, seconded by A. Deans,

That representation on the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee by a member of City Council **BE ENCOURAGED**.

Carried.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

5.1 Pan Am Games - Youth Summit

The Chairperson indicates the Pan Am Games - Youth Summit will be held on March 21-22, 2014 in Toronto.

5.2 Mayoral Debate - October 18, 2014 held in conjunction with The Urbanite and Pathway to Potential

E. Chen reports she and the Chairperson attended the Mayoral Debate held on October 18, 2014. She notes ten Mayoral candidates were present and issues of discussion included transportation, youth retention in Windsor and the Windsor International Aquatic & Training Centre/Adventure Bay.

P. Pandya states he has received complaints relating to the inability of home schooled students to obtain the student discount when riding a Transit Windsor bus.

5.3 MYAC Annual ReQort

The MYAC 2014 Annual Report is distributed and attached as Appendix "A".

M. E. Bernard suggests the winners of the Youth Leadership Awards and the BluePrint Windsor initiative be added to the MYAC Annual Report.

5.4 Financial Statement

The balance of the MYAC Operating Budget for the period ending October 31, 2014 is \$4,122.

Moved by A. Deans, seconded by T. Au-Yeung,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$1,000 (including applicable taxes) for the purchase of promotional items as giveaways at MYAC events.

Carried.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Tribute to Mayor Francis

A Tribute to Mayor Francis will be held on November 8, 2014 in the Augustus Room, Caesar's Windsor. The ticket cost is \$75.00. T. Au-Yeung and the Chairperson note they may attend.

6.2 Vote Now Vote Then Debate

The Chairperson provides an overview of the Vote Now Vote Then Debate held with Mayoral candidates on October 16, 2014.

The members provide information relating to their personal accomplishments in 2014.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 7:26 o'clock p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR

AGENDA
and Schedule "A"
to the minutes of the meeting of the
**MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**
held Wednesday, October 29, 2014
Room 407, 400 City Hall Square East
5:30 o'clock p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT**
3. **MINUTES**
Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held July 30, 2014- *(previously distributed)*.
4. **PRESENTATION**
Alex Deans to provide information relating to "BluePrint Windsor". The document entitled "BluePrint Windsor: Fast Forward 2020" is *attached*.
5. **BUSINESS ITEMS**
 - 5.1 **Pan Am Games- Youth Summit**
A. Goswami, Chair to provide a verbal update.
 - 5.2 **Mayoral Debate- October 18, 2014 to be held in conjunction with The Urbanite and Pathway to Potential**
A. Goswami, Chair to provide an update.
 - 5.3 **Annual Report**
The "Draft" 2014 MYAC Annual Report - *to be distributed*.
 - 5.4 **Financial Statement**
The Financial Summary Variance Report for the period ending October 31, 2014 is *attached*.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 6.1 **Tribute to Mayor Francis**
A tribute to Mayor Francis will be held on November 8, 2014 in the Augustus Room, Caesar's Windsor. The deadline to purchase a ticket (\$75.00) is October 31, 2014.
 - 6.2 **Vote Now Vote Then Debate**
Backgrounder relating to the "Vote Now Vote Then" Debate is *attached* for information.
7. **ADJOURNMENT**

MYAC would like to highlight three aspects of Youth Engagement /Improvement in 2014

2014 Youth Leadership Awards

2014 marked the third annual Youth Leadership Awards presented by Mayor Eddie Francis at the City Birthday Celebration in May. The committee worked hard to promote the awards to attract applicants, work with the external selection committee, and organize all logistics surrounding the Awards Ceremony. This was our first year using an online registration system to encourage youth to nominate themselves or others for a Youth Leadership Award. We received a record number of applicants and now have the mechanisms in place to continue to improve upon a process which has already shown results.

Myac involvement with Mayoral Debate and other local organisations

The continuation of our relationships with various local organizations as we collaborate on issues regarding youth engagement has seen a significant improvement. MYAC members had the opportunity to meet with members of YKNOT Windsor-Essex members, Transit Windsor, City of Windsor Elections officials, the Mayor's Office, as well as the members of our selection committee and our eventual YLA winners. By networking with these accomplished individuals, MYAC was able to create strong relationships with the leaders of our community.. The Mayoral Debate was held on October 15TH 2014. It was a youth impacted debate and there was encouragement for young people to go out and vote. Myac was asked to participate in this event. Myac was represented on the literature of the event as a participant. Myac members were asked to distribute flyers and spread the word of the debate.

MYAC Website

With a new Chair and Vice Chair on the committee, MYAC worked hard in developing a new website to give a refreshed look to the accomplishments and future goals of the committee on a more user-friendly interface. Alex Deans, with the help of Corinne Despierre-Corporon (IT Department, City of Windsor), took on the role of site coordinator and managed to successfully transfer all our information to the new hosting service.