

Date: November 4

**DRAFT CEYC General Assembly November Meeting Minutes**

Minutes written by Ian Smith

In Attendance:

1. Ravina Anand
2. Thomas Banks
3. Marina Banister
4. Kelly Bennett
5. Amy Boyd
6. Liza Chaterjee
7. Saga Darnell
8. Genna DiPinto
9. Tianna LeBlanc
10. Alex MacRae-Korobkov
11. Angelika Matson
12. Kabir Nadkarni
13. Jo Picard
14. Marlene Rong
15. Armaan Somani
16. Cam Somerville
17. Quinten Starko (5:39)
18. Jasmine Wang
19. Lauren White

Excused Absence: n/a

Late: Quinten Starko (5:39)

Unexcused Absence: n/a

Others In Attendance:

1. Cllr. Andrew Knack
2. Ian Smith
3. Guest Speaker Marni Panas
4. 3 Youth At Large members and 4 other guests

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Marina B. and seconded Cam S.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved with no changes
3. **Approval of Minutes:** September 9 and October 7 Minutes were reviewed and passed

4. **Presentation: Marni Panas (30 min)** When one marginalized population feels safer and more welcome, an entire community feels more safe and welcome. What can we do, as individuals and leaders to make our community safer for our gender diverse population. What it means to be an supporter and ally, community engagement and education is key, spoke and shared involvement with ECSD policy and learnings, form of discrimination, social activism important to remind of roots and core reasons “why” doing it,

→ Q&A occurred following presentation with members

5. **Chair Updates:**

→ Setting up subcommittees was very successful, each sub has 4-6 members of both YAL and YC standing members, outlined responsibilities and role of sub, each sub has a tab on website to house minutes/meeting dates and outline mandate/goals of their work.

→ We have business cards for youth members, members see Marina for cards.

→ Sustainability Item outcome update: received for information by Council Services committee, successful model of engagement where sparked a dialogue within diverse demographics. Continue to provide recommendations and input through City Council as per our mandate.

→ Met with NextGen Initiative within COE to discuss potential collaboration ideas across ages.

6. **Vice Chair Updates:**

→ Assisted Marina in setting up sub-committees

◆ Congratulations to everyone whom has become involved on subcommittees.

→ Website pages are live and a channel to share information on work/progress, all Chairs send a intro blurb to Cam for your subcommittee

◆ If any members wish to see changes to information to the website, contact Cam

→ City Hall event on Saturday to learn about the role and processes within municipal government, encourage to attend.

→ Engaged with multiple student councils at schools across school districts to discuss collaboration and current issues, all members let Cam know if groups you want him to connect with

→ Cam will be on CTV Alberta Primetime on Friday to discuss CEYC mandate and updates

*Committee Took a 5 Minute Recess to reconvene at 6:15*

7. **Motions:**

→ Angelika, Jo, Amy, Lauren brought forward motions and letter as they were leads on this work.

→ Extensive discussion occurred around both motions to support transgender youth community, influence other school boards across Alberta.

◆ City of Edmonton Youth Council committee agrees to send an open letter to ECSD in regards to transgender policy.

◆ Marina, Amy

◆ Carried 18-1-0

- ◆ **CEYC agrees to send an open letter to ECSD titled CEYC Sexual Orientation Gender Identity Policy Stance in regards to transgender policy.**

- ◆ Amy, Jo

- ◆ Carried 18-0-1

→ Following discussion of each item the above motions passed. Project Team will work together to determine final version and incorporate edits. All members to send feedback and minor edits within two days to Angelika. Marina, Cam & Ian will then format and complete the final steps and send

#### 8. **Subcommittee Updates:**

→ View all draft minutes under subcommittee tab on webpage to view ideas formed/discussed and whom was elected as members.

##### → **Arts (Thomas)**

- ◆ Lots of ideas and enthusiasm, view minutes on website

##### → **City Planning & Infrastructure (Kelly, Kabir)**

- ◆ Will create mandate/vision and goals at next meeting to determine planning and areas of focus, research ideas and topics

##### → **Engagement (Genna, Marlene)**

- ◆ Planning to build ties with partner organizations, we are here to support CEYC engagement activities and consultation, linkages and collaboration a key element

##### → **Health and Wellness (Tianna, Noella)**

- ◆ Nov 12 will be next meeting where goals and projects will be developed.

##### → **Social Equity (Amy, Jasmine)**

- ◆ Common themes are Indigenous people's consultation and education on issues.

#### 9. **Current Issues**

##### → **Voting Age Decrease to 16 (Cam)**

- ◆ Youth at age of 16 use city roads, transportation, facilities and many other services so they should be allowed to have a say.
- ◆ Presents an opportunity to increase voter turn-out
- ◆ Also in turn lower voting age for school trustees which have a direct impact on youth's education experience

→ In depth discussion with committee members occurred

##### → **Motion**

- ◆ **CEYC supports Vice Chair to continue research surrounding lowering the municipal voting age to 16, and to bring back findings to CEYC.**

- ◆ 18-0-0

- Carried

##### → **Impact Measurement (Kabir)**

- ◆ Conversation around what is success and how do we measure it as a committee, some ideas were discussed and captured as to what metrics we could use and how to prioritize work of committee and subcommittees:

- Engage diverse population
  - Successfully mentor and guide youth in community
  - Meaningful change for any youth in City

- Bringing forward policy or input to City Council's attention
- Youth Voice is actually heard and change is brought forward or considered as valued.
- Numbers and metrics of youth applied following years for YC/YAL and turnout at all meetings-leads to increased engagement from numbers

10. **Check Out With All Members**

11. Meeting Adjourned at 8:01 by Marina B.

Next meeting December 2nd General Assembly Committee Meeting
What needs to be accomplished for next meeting See <u>underlined text</u> in Minutes with names and action

## Appendix 1- Inclusive Language Supporting Material

### Motion

**City of Edmonton Youth Council adopts using inclusive language in committee meetings, sub-committee meetings, communication with the public, and all Youth Council publications.**

**We recommend and encourage members to make an active effort to research best practices surrounding inclusivity.**

**We will actively role model inclusivity as members in the public.**

### Supportive Material Items

- Inclusive language can include (but is not limited to):
- Capitalizing all terms referring to a specific Aboriginal ethnic group (Aboriginal art, Metis, Indigenous communities, etc.)
- Use the neutral "Ms." when referring to women, unless the woman has indicated that she prefers "Miss" or Mrs."
- -Using the abbreviation of LGBTQ where possible to ensure inclusion of all sexual orientations and gender identities.
- - Avoid defining people by their diagnosis or depersonalizing them by using terms for diagnosis in a derogatory manner. Examples: terms for disorders as adjectives: bipolar, schizophrenia, OCD, etc.
- -Avoidance of stereotypes based on race, sexual orientation, gender identity, etc.
- - Racial slurs will not be tolerated by the Edmonton Youth Council
- -Use of proper and preferred pronouns (for example, he/him, she/her, they/them, ze/zir, etc.)
- If a member of the CEYC or a sub- committee is uncomfortable with terminology used in meetings, they are encouraged but not required to clarify preferred names, language, or phrases. If preferred, the member can speak only to a chair or co-chair via any means of communication and action should be taken as soon as possible.
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## Appendix 2- Common Themes Expectations

Sunday, September 20, 2015

### Expectations of Marina

#### Common Themes

- -Timely Communication & accessibility
- -Organization
- -Honesty
- -Guidance
- -Providing feedback

### Expectations of Cam

#### Common Themes

- - Communication with sub-committees
- - Ensure we follow our mandate
- - Hold Marina accountable
- - Providing guidance
- -Honesty
- - Feedback
- - Timely Communication

### Expectations of Ian

#### Common Themes

- - Take Minutes
- - Timely Communication
- - Assist Youth Council members
- - Liaison to City Administration

### Expectations of Councilor Knack

#### Common Themes

- -Communication
- -Inform/Guide
- -Ensure we remain accountable