

Date: October 7

CEYC General Assembly October Meeting Minutes

Minutes written by Ian Smith- Approved on :

In Attendance:

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

Excused Absence:

1. Liza Chatterjee

Late: n/a

Unexcused Absence: n/a

Others In Attendance:

1. Cllr. Andrew Knack
2. Ian Smith
3. Guest Speaker Irfan Chaudhry
4. MLA Lorne Dach
5. 4 youth guests from the community

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Marina Banister at 5:32 and seconded by Cam Somerville

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved

3. **Presentation: Irfan Chaudhry**(20 min) Municipalities are taking a greater role in guiding immigration and settlement strategies. With support from Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC), the City of Edmonton is taking a lead role in developing a Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) in Edmonton. LIPs are a strategy to coordinate local settlement initiatives and support the needs of newcomers. LIPs seek to engage various stakeholders, including youth. This discussion will be a chance for the EYC to learn about LIPS and suggest how the EYC can help shape the LIP in Edmonton.

→ Q&A occurred following presentation

4. Sustainability Motion

→ Marina B. presented the following motion:

◆ City of Edmonton Youth Council committee adopts:

- Vegan Catering for all committee meetings-Alex M. seconded
- Paperless Meetings-Armaan S. seconded
- Waste Free Activities when possible-Kelly B. seconded

→ Following discussion of each item the above motion passed and was carried. This motion applies to all General Assembly committee meetings.

5. Inclusive Language Motion

→ Angelika M. and Lauren W. brought forward the following motion with supporting detailed material in [Appendix 1](#)

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

→ During discussion the following amendments were brought forward and passed

- ◆ 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.

→ Above motion with amendments was passed and carried.

→ Important note to remind members that we are supporting each other and this motion shows our leadership across the City for demonstrating inclusivity best practices.

6. Chair Updates

→ Aura Leddy stepped down due to time commitments and met with Chair and Vice-Chair to discuss in a positive and supportive manner, our committee now consists of 19 appointed members.

→ **Chair training** was a great success and shared structure updates, leaderships tools and skills and how subcommittees will support the overarching mandate of CEYC. , if anyone else wants to participate please contact **Marina B.**

→ **Youth At Large** applications are live online now, deadline of Oct 14 5:00 PM for any youth ages 13-23 to apply for all of the subcommittees. All subcommittees will aim to have 4-6 YAL members.

- Each subcommittee is aiming to have approximately a total of 12 members to serve an effective model of youth engagement and structure.
- Subcommittees aim to cover large overarching themes and may have many different opportunities and activities to occur.
- **Future presentations:** each month we will have a few presentations to share knowledge from inspiring leaders. In November Cristina Stasia will attend to speak on gender based issues and from 4:45-5:30 we have been offered a tour of City Hall by City Hall School teacher Linda Hut. In December a panel from TEC Edmonton will speak on the role of startup technology in a city.
- Let Marina B or Cam S. know if you have an idea for a presenter or topic, also for subcommittees to allow discussion on a more focused level.
- MLA (Lorne Dach) offered members a tour of Alberta Legislature and to sit in on a session, Marina B/Cam S. to follow up.
- All meetings are open to the public as a reminder.

7. **Vice Chair Updates:**

- Website/Blog: Cam is leading the work of revitalizing website with other members and updates are moving forward. Share any ideas for website with Cam S.
 - ◆ Aim to have biweekly blog posts showcasing the work we do, youth issues in the community and other ideas, share any thoughts with Cam S or Ian S.
- Multiple meetings are being set up with youth organization representatives as well as community leaders to discuss the role/mandate and structure of YC and promoting what we do.
- Business Cards will be distributed in November so we can spread our contact information when meeting with any folks.
- Expectations were discussed and exercise completed at strategic planning, see [Appendix 2](#) for overarching themes and expectations of Marina/Cam/Ian & Cllr. Knack.
- Social Media posts have been excellent, seeing lots of diverse ideas and thoughts being posted, thanks for the coordinated support and dedication to spreading our message on youth issues. Post reach and engagement levels have continued to increase on Facebook.

Committee Took a 5 Minute Recess to reconvene at 7:05

- Quin S spoke about council item surrounding heritage preservation Mitchell and Reed Auction House, final report to Council on Oct 20th.
- City of Edmonton and heritage community have found a collaborative solution for the transportation LRT laydown to occur at a different site.
- Final decision and solution for the buildings has yet to be determined. Effective collaboration and democratic process where youth input was involved.

8. **Subcommittee Leadership Appointment**

- Need to determine what members will serve as interim leaders to assist schedule and organize first subcommittee meetings with Marina B. and Cam S.
- At first subcommittee meeting the following will occur:
 - ◆ Chair will be selected from all members to ensure fair and appropriate selection (and Vice Chairs or Co Chairs if needed)
 - ◆ Sitting members and YAL members will be selected

◆ Structure will be discussed and set

- Engagement (Marlene/Jo/Genna)
- Arts (Thomas/Alex/Saga/Liza/Jasmine)
- Health and Wellness (Alex/Saga/Tianna/Ravina)
- Social Equality: (Jasmine/Amy/Saga/Jo)
- City Planning Infrastructure (Quin/Kelly/Kabir)

- Above members will work to assist and lead the creation of first meeting for subcommittees, they are not the formal or long term leaders or Chair.

9 **Slack Vote:**

- Discussion occurred, agreed that all members need to commit and dedicate to check Slack each day and embrace the technology, Kabir N. is the go to troubleshooting person
- Vote passed by all members to continue using Slack as primary major communication channel

10 **Current Issues**

- Catholic School Board: Angelika, Jo, Amy and Lauren. to draft an open letter for review at November meeting
- Uber: Discussion occurred around youth role and perspective in Uber issue in Edmonton and across the world.
- Action was a Uber specific channel was added to Slack.

11. **Check Out with Members**

12. Adjourn meeting at 8:06

Next meeting : November 4th General Assembly Committee Meeting
5:30 PM Heritage Room (first Wednesday of month)

What needs to be accomplished for next meeting
See bold text in Minutes with names and action

Appendix 1- Inclusive Language Supporting Material

Motion

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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