



Hamilton

MINUTES

Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee

Tuesday February 17th, 2015

City Hall, 71 Main Street West, Room CH264
Hamilton ON, L8P 4Y5
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Present: Chair: Jackson Virgin-Holland
Vice-Chair: Vacant
Members: Martin Kaas, Camilo Galindo

**Absent with
Regrets:** John Ariyo

Also Present: Councillor Jackson, Paul Johnson, Joey Coleman, Waleed Aslam,
Suffia Mirza, Mark Weingartner, René Reid

- A. COMMITTEE SECRETARY/MINUTE TAKER & TIMEKEEPER/MANAGER – René/All**
- 1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**
 - It was decided by the group that the discussion items and action items would be discussed in order of priority and time.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
 - None
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**
 - Deferred
- 3.1 Attendance**
 - Deferred
- 4. PRESENTATIONS**
 - None

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS & Action Items:

5.1 **Joey Coleman Contact Info:** joey@thepublicrecord.ca

5.2 **Volunteer Opportunity**

- **Who:** Jessica Petis, A Child & Youth Worker student from Mohawk College and currently working at White Rabbit
- **What:** Seeking a youth volunteer & positive peer role model
- **Why:** Engage in a discussion with a group of youth boys about positive relationships and different issues within the community.
- **When:** A Tuesday to be determined, most likely an afternoon
- **Where:** To be determined. Please follow-up with Jackson
- **For more info:** <https://sites.google.com/site/fostercarewhiterabbit/>
- **Note:** This is not an official HYAC event or activity, but rather a volunteer opportunity in which HYAC members may want to participate.

5.3 **New name - Hamilton Youth City Council**

- Youth City Councillors - approved by those in attendance
- Establish mentorships between Councillors, Mayor, and HYCC members
- Build relationships between youth and Councillors from each of the Wards

5.4 **New website and logo-** deferred until a membership recruitment takes place. Support from graphic team may be available to draft a logo.

5.5 **HYAC's / HYCC's official Terms of Reference** - A meeting is scheduled for Monday March 9th, 6-7:30pm. Place TBD. Youth and adult allies will work on a draft of the proposed ToR for HYCC for Council approval by April.

5.6 **Movement under the Department** - All in attendance agreed to initiate the process to move HYAC from the Advisory Committee structure to Community Services Department. Formal passing required by Council. Budget, for move to department is available as are the same resources and supports. It is also important to note that the youth committee/council would be able to return to the Advisory Model if the committee decides to do so.

5.7 **HSR Information for McMaster University** - Mark to provide Jackson with contact information. Jackson to inquire with the HSR about the buses most used by Mac students. Mac and Mohawk students use a photo ID card with a semester sticker applied to it. No electronic swiping of bus passes (visual check by the driver) therefore bus use by students would be difficult to track.

5.8 **Youth Week Hamilton** - the community will be encouraged to acknowledge youth during Youth Week Hamilton by hosting events of interest to youth across the City. Mark and René to meet and finalize a community info bulletin on Thursday Feb. 19th. HYAC will not be hosting a launch or coordinating a formal event/activity of their own but will provide communication to the public about events being held.

- 5.9 Black History Month 2016: John C. Holland Awards** - Jackson would like to discuss participation in this event at a future date and following the recruitment of new members.

Other captured comments:

- Youth would like more freedom and autonomy in regards to recruitment, applications and the selection of committee members.
- Youth are seeking a more fluid process of engagement
- Consideration of looking at representative 'Hubs' rather than Wards and or boundaries
- Youth were encouraged by Councillor Jackson to look into raising the profile of the group in the community
- 'Moveable' meetings to be held at various venues of interest to encourage access and participation of youth across the City.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

Those needing bus tickets please see René

7. ADJOURNMENT

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

8. Next meeting March 17, 2015.