



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memo No.  
2020-M-073

Memorandum to Council

**Subject:** Youth Advisory Committee

**Agenda Date:** July 16, 2020

**Attachments:**

**RECOMMENDATION**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Staff to develop terms of reference for a Youth Advisory Committee that can be further defined after meeting with the Youth;

AND FURTHER THAT these terms of reference be available at the next meeting for Council's consideration.

**INFORMATION**

From Councillor Shymko, the benefits of a Youth Advisory Committee include

1. Provide our Youth with a better understanding of municipal politics;
2. Present the opportunity for Youth to provide input on Council initiatives;
3. Establish Youth related priorities annually for recommendation to Council;
4. Foster Youth returning to the community after the completion of post-secondary education by giving them real ownership in the future development of the municipality (sense of community);
5. Promote a positive recognition of Youth in the community;
6. Provide an annual report to Council on the state of projects and activities and goals for the longer term;
7. Establish intergenerational and meaningful relationships between our Youth, Staff and Elected Officials;
8. Provide an opportunity to Youth in the community to earn their mandatory volunteer hours; and
9. Provide Staff training opportunities to help facilitate employee transition and departure plans.

Apart from providing advice to Council, a Youth Committee could assume responsibility for certain activities in the Municipality. Whether this be 'Sunday Afternoon Movies' or 'Friday Night Games Night' in the Community Centre, the Municipality could provide the facilities that would provide Youth the freedom to plan and participate in community recreation events. Should some events (trivia night for example) be open to the general public, even better.

While Council would provide the framework and assign responsibilities to the Committee, this should be after the initial 'general interest' meeting where the Youth have the ability to put their thoughts forward as to what they would like to have the responsibility for.

Committees are required to have terms of reference when they are established. Without putting too many obstacles to the Committee's success, it is recommended that loose terms of reference be established with a meeting of the Youth, hosted by the Municipality that would allow for these terms to be more defined. By moving in this way, Council may be pleasantly surprised the thoughts and concepts that our Youth put forward.

**Respectfully Submitted:**  
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**Treasurer/Administrator**