



Report to: General Committee

Meeting Date: September 3, 2019

SUBJECT: Appointment of Members to the Markham Mayor's Youth Council for the period of September 3, 2019 to June 30, 2020

PREPARED BY: Portia Lee, Recreation Coordinator, Programs and Outreach Recreation Services

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report Appointment of Members to the Markham Mayor's Youth Council for the period of September 3, 2019 to June 30, 2020 be received; and,
2. That the following Appointments of Members to the Markham Mayor's Youth Council be confirmed for the term September 3, 2019 to June 30, 2020;

Name	High School	Grade	Ward
Karina Florea	Thornhill S.S.	9	1
Marissa Wang	Bayview S.S.	10	2
Evan Qi	Bayview S.S.	12	2
Kelly Hu	Bayview S.S.	12	2
Sidd Mittal	Unionville H.S.	12	2
Justine Lin	Unionville H.S.	10	3
Patrick Ang	St. Brother Andre C.H.S.	11	3
Selina Qiu	Markville S.S.	11	3
Boris Lam	Markville S.S.	12	3
Hana Almofti	Markville S.S.	12	3
Mankaran Pahwa	Unionville H.S.	10	4
Olivia Chan	Unionville H.S.	10	4
Maxine Bisera	St. Brother Andre C.H.S.	11	4
Johnny Wong	Markville S.S.	12	4
Gloria Huang	Bill Hogarth S.S.	9	5
Bryant Zheng	Markville S.S.	10	6
Kara Yang	Markville S.S.	10	6
Ernest Wong	St Robert CHS	11	6
Seethaa Manoharan	Bayview S.S.	11	6
Eddy Guo	Bayview S.S.	12	6
Ashwin Suganthan	Markham District H.S.	10	7
Chloe Vanderlugt	Town Centre P.H.S.	11	7

Anjali Singh	Markham District H.S.	12	7
Richard Chen	Middlefield C.I.	12	7
Ira Chandershekar	Markville S.S.	12	8

; and further, That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the report is to confirm appointments to the Markham Mayor's Youth Council for the term September 3, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

BACKGROUND:

The Markham Mayor's Youth Council (MMYC), formally known as Mayor's Youth Task Force (MYTF), was created in 1994 to address issues that are pertinent to youth in the community. The group's mandate is:

1. To act in an advisory capacity in providing advice on issues of concern to youth.
2. To act in an advocacy role by providing new ideas and views to council and staff.
3. To raise awareness in the community through planned events (e.g. Youth Week, Youth Forums, Youth Job Fair, etc).
4. To encourage youth participation within the community.

The MMYC is a group of high school students from the City of Markham who meet twice a month to plan events and discuss issues facing youth. The purpose of the MMYC is to provide local youth a voice by which they may give input and develop initiative to enhance youth opportunities within the City of Markham. The Recreation Coordinator, Programs and Outreach will act as staff liaison.

Area Youth Councils are also very active in Thornhill, Unionville, Markham and Milliken. These area councils are responsible for providing specific youth events and opportunities within their communities. The Area Youth Councils coordinate with the MMYC to support City wide youth activities. Recreation Coordinators/Supervisors in each of the areas act as staff liaison and mentor to the youth.

Nomination Process

Nominations into the MMYC are conducted in May and June each year. The nomination process includes:

1. Call for community members to join the Markham Mayor's Youth Council
 - Applications and deadlines were advertised on the MMYC social media pages (Facebook and Instagram) and on the City of Markham website;
 - MMYC and Youth Council members promoted applications within their schools and community;
 - Area Youth Councils (Thornhill, Markham, Milliken and Unionville) promoted the MMYC opportunity to the members, and at their Youth Week events.

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2. Markham Mayor's Youth Council received 129 applications to fill 14 positions for the 2019/2020 year.
 3. Ninety-three (93) applicants were selected to move forward to the first screening step (24hr Challenge).
 4. Eleven 24hr Challenge groups were formed with 7-8 members in each group.

Each group is assigned a project from the list below and asked to develop a presentation identifying solutions:

- Markham Expo programming ideas
 - Increase youth political engagement within the City of Markham specifically addressing youth related social issues and environmental sustainability
 - Increase youth community outreach and communication
 - Establish MMYC presence in the City of Markham
 - Increase MMYC relations with other local youth councils
 - Engaging younger youth (Grade 10 and under) to attend events
 - Engaging youth with special needs to participate within the community
 - Promoting youth volunteerism
5. Interview panels included: two (2) Markham Mayor's Youth Council Chairs, two (2) Markham Mayor's Youth Council Members, one (1) Full Time staff member, (Recreation Coordinator, Programs and Outreach)
 - Panels interviewed 38 applicants over a 2-week period
 6. Confirmation of the Markham Mayor's Youth Council members was completed on August 12 2019 for the 2019/2020 term. While staff strive to find equal representation by Ward this is not always possible based on where the applications have been received.
 7. The Markham Mayor's Youth Council has an active volunteer program called the Ambassador program. This program is comprised of 15-20 youth, who are directly overseen by the Markham Mayor's Youth Council Co-Chairs and the staff liaison. The Ambassadors assist in planning and supporting the Markham Mayor's Youth Council on events throughout the year. Many of the youth involved in the Ambassador program are looking to gain experience with the Markham Mayor's Youth Council. The Ambassador program strives to have representation from all Wards.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

No Financial implications are to be considered in this report.

HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS

No Human Resources implications are to be considered in this report.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Not Applicable

BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDED BY:

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